

# Milford, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Tuesday, 8 am - 6:30 pm; Tax Collector: Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Hillsborough**  
**Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division**  
**Monadnock**  
**Nashua Regional**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts  
 US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 11**  
**Hillsborough County Districts 23, 40**

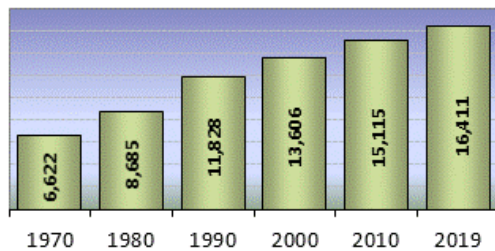
**Incorporated:** 1794

**Origin:** This town was incorporated in 1794 from portions of Hollis, Amherst, and the Mile Slip, a strip of land that fell between the Dunstable grant and the Raby (Brookline) grant. A section of Milford was known as the Duxbury School Farm, a thousand acres of land intended to support Duxbury, Massachusetts schools. The town was probably named for its location near a shallow water crossing on the Souhegan River by an early mill site known as the Mill Ford. Milford bears the nickname of the Granite Town in the Granite State, because of its extensive high-quality granite quarries. At one time, Milford was a prime stop on the Underground Railroad.

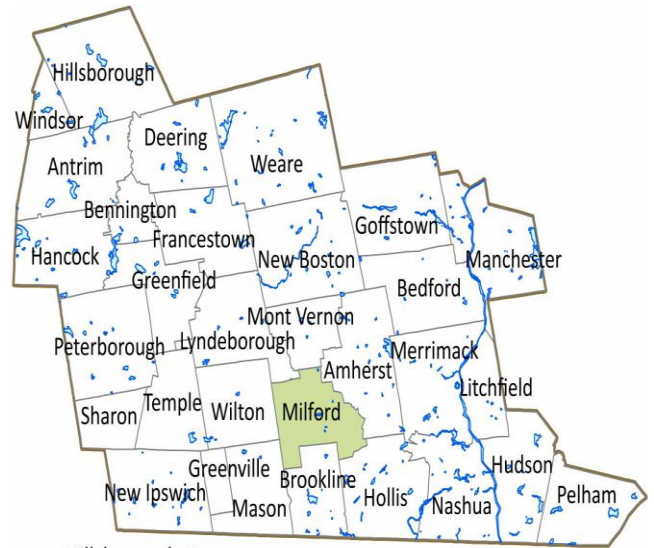
**Villages and Place Names:** East Milford, South Milford, Richardson

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 939 residents in 1800

**Population Trends:** Population change for Milford totaled 9,789 over 49 years, from 6,622 in 1970 to 16,411 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a



36 percent increase between 1980 to 1990; population increased 31 percent the previous decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Milford was 16,411 residents, which ranked 16th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 645.6 persons per square mile of land area. Milford contains 25.4 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$22,458,845</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020	<b>\$42,134,551</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1969/10</b>
Master Plan	<b>2010</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Checklist; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water; Wastewater; Town Clerk**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recreation; Heritage; Budget; Economic Development; CIP**

Public Library **Wadleigh Memorial**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department		<b>Full-time &amp; volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Municipal &amp; volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua</b>	<b>12 miles</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua</b>	<b>12 miles</b>	<b>135</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Milford Water Utilities</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$25.97</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>90.0</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.19</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>82.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>16.5%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.6%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>6,661</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>3,863</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>1,022</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>1,442</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>334</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>16,411</b>	<b>417,025</b>	
2010	<b>15,115</b>	<b>400,721</b>	
2000	<b>13,606</b>	<b>382,384</b>	
1990	<b>11,828</b>	<b>336,549</b>	
1980	<b>8,685</b>	<b>276,608</b>	
1970	<b>6,622</b>	<b>223,941</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>7,435</b>	Female	<b>8,297</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>836</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>3,087</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>2,236</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>4,918</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>2,181</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>2,474</b>		
Median Age	<b>41.8 years</b>		

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>36.1%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$38,220</b>
Median family income	<b>\$101,047</b>
Median household income	<b>\$79,647</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$65,364</b>
Female	<b>\$50,199</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>4.4%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>9,109</b>	<b>9,623</b>
Employed	<b>8,567</b>	<b>9,397</b>
Unemployed	<b>542</b>	<b>226</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,912</b>	<b>2,474</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 936</b>	<b>\$1,244</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>3,588</b>	<b>3,714</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 564</b>	<b>\$ 754</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>5,501</b>	<b>6,188</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 694</b>	<b>\$ 950</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>791</b>	<b>686</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 792</b>	<b>\$ 937</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>6,291</b>	<b>6,874</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 706</b>	<b>\$ 949</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Milford operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 40**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Milford HS & Applied Technology Center; Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Tech Ed Center (Hudson); Nashua Technology Center** Region: **16**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>940</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>809</b>	

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Daniel Webster; Rivier; Thomas More; St. Anselm; Southern NH University; UNH-Manchester**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **8** Total Capacity: **354**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Hitchiner Manufacturing	Ferrous, non-ferrous castings	512	1946
Milford School District	Education	431	1794
Hampshire Hills Sports and Fitness	Health & Fitness Club	210	1973
Cirtronics	Electromechanical Assemblies	170	1979
Airmar Technology Corporation	Ultrasonic transducers	168	1981
Alene Candles	Candles	130	1995
Hendrix Wire & Cable	High voltage power cables	120	1957
Coorstek	Industrial ceramics	103	1978
Health Care - Genesis	Elder care services	65	
Hampshire Paper Corporation	Paper	55	1978

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>13, 101</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Everett Tpk., Exits 7 - 8; I-293, Exit 3</b>	
Distance		<b>9 miles; 14 miles</b>
Railroad	<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Boire Field, Nashua</b>	Runway	<b>6,000 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>18 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>18 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>112 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>55 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>225 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>263 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>4.0%</b>
Other means	<b>5.9%</b>
Worked at home	<b>12.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>30.1 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>27.2</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>60.7</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>12.1</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
<b>X</b>	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>McIntyre, Pat's Peak, Crotched Mtn.</b>
	Other: <b>Hiking; Canoeing; Kayaking; Historic Sites; Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Pumpkin Festival; Art Shows; Concerts</b>