Milford, NH

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County
Hillsborough

Labor Market Area
Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division

Tourism Region
Monadnock

Planning Commission
Nashua Regional

Regional Development
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
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.

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.
### Municipal Services

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

### Emergency Services

- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Full-time & volunteer
- Emergency Medical Service: Municipal & volunteer

**Nearest Hospital(s)**
- Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua: 12 miles, 162 Staffed Beds
- St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua: 12 miles, 135 Staffed Beds

### Utilities

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

### Property Taxes

- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $25.97
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 90.0
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $23.19
- 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type:
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 82.0%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 16.5%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 1.6%

### Housing

- Total Housing Units: 6,661
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 3,863
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 1,022
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 1,442
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 334

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial) (US Census Bureau)

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>16,411</td>
<td>417,025</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>15,115</td>
<td>400,721</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>13,606</td>
<td>382,384</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>11,828</td>
<td>336,549</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>8,685</td>
<td>276,608</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>6,622</td>
<td>223,941</td>
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### Demographics

**Population by Gender**
- Male: 7,435
- Female: 8,297

**Population by Age Group**
- Under age 5: 836
- Age 5 to 19: 3,087
- Age 20 to 34: 2,236
- Age 35 to 54: 4,918
- Age 55 to 64: 2,181
- Age 65 and over: 2,474
- Median Age: 41.8 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
- High school graduate or higher: 92.8%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 36.1%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $38,220
- Median family income: $101,047
- Median household income: $79,647

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $65,364
  - Female: $50,199

- Individuals below the poverty level: 4.4%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average: 2009, 2019
- Civilian labor force: 9,109, 9,623
- Employed: 8,567, 9,397
- Unemployed: 542, 226
- Unemployment rate: 6.0%, 2.3%

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009, 2019
- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 1,912, 2,474
  - Average Weekly Wage: $936, $1,244
- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 3,588, 3,714
  - Average Weekly Wage: $564, $754
- Total Private Industry
  - Average Employment: 5,501, 6,188
  - Average Weekly Wage: $694, $950
- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 791, 686
  - Average Weekly Wage: $792, $937

- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 6,291, 6,874
  - Average Weekly Wage: $706, $949

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**Educational and Child Care**

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

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

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<th>Employer Information Supplied by Municipality</th>
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<td>Hitchiner Manufacturing</td>
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<td>Ferrous, non-ferrous castings</td>
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<td>Milford School District</td>
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<td>Education</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hampshire Hills Sports and Fitness</td>
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<td>Health &amp; Fitness Club</td>
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<td>Cirtronics</td>
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<td>Electromechanical Assemblies</td>
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<td>Airmar Technology Corporation</td>
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<td>Ultrasonic transducers</td>
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<td>Alene Candles</td>
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<td>Hendrix Wire &amp; Cable</td>
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<td>High voltage power cables</td>
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<td>Coorstek</td>
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<td>Industrial ceramics</td>
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<td>Health Care - Genesis</td>
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<td>Elder care services</td>
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**Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Nearest Interstate, Exit</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</th>
<th>Runway</th>
<th>Lighted?</th>
<th>Navigation Aids?</th>
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<td>13, 101</td>
<td>Everett Tpk., Exits 7 - 8; I-293, Exit 3</td>
<td>9 miles; 14 miles</td>
<td>Boire Field, Nashua</td>
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<td>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service</td>
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<td>Manchester-Boston Regional</td>
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**Commuting to Work**  
*(ACS 2015-2019)*

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
<th>82.9%</th>
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<td>Public transportation</td>
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<td>Walked</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>12.1%</td>
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**Mean Travel Time to Work**  
*(ACS 2015-2019)*

| Mean Travel Time to Work | 30.1 minutes |

**Percent of Working Residents**  
*(ACS 2015-2019)*

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<th>Working in community of residence</th>
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<tr>
<td>Commuting to another NH community</td>
<td>60.7</td>
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<td>Commuting out-of-state</td>
<td>12.1</td>
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**Recreation, Attractions, and Events**

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