Incorporated: 1854

Origin: This territory was first known as Hurd’s Location or West Lyman. In 1769, James Hurd was granted five islands in the Connecticut River between Lyman and Barnet, Vermont by Governor John Wentworth. Descendants of James Hurd wanted to name the town after him when it was separated from Lyman in 1854, but lost out to the name Monroe. President James Monroe, for whom a mountain in the Presidential Range had been recently named, toured the region during his presidency. Monroe contains part of the Ammonoosuc Gold Fields, extensive mineral deposits that have never been successfully mined.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 619 residents in 1860

Population Trends: Population change for Monroe totaled 417 over 49 years, from 385 in 1970 to 802 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, following a 19 percent increase in the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Monroe was 802 residents, which ranked 200th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 35.8 persons per square mile of land area. Monroe contains 22.4 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.
## Municipal Services

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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
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### Boards and Commissions

- Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning**
- Appointed: **Library**

### Public Library

**Monroe Public**

## Emergency Services

- Police Department: **Covered by State**
- Fire Department: **Volunteer**
- Emergency Medical Service: **Volunteer**

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<th>Nearest Hospital(s)</th>
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<td>Cottage Hospital, Woodsville</td>
<td>11 miles</td>
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<td>Northeastern VT, St. Johnsbury VT</td>
<td>15 miles</td>
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## Utilities

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<td>Natural Gas Supplier</td>
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<td>Water Supplier</td>
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<td>Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant</td>
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<td>Solid Waste Disposal</td>
<td>Curbside Trash Pickup: Municipal</td>
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<td>Pay-As-You-Throw Program</td>
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<td>Recycling Program</td>
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<td>Cable Television Access</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Public Access Television Station</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>High Speed Internet Service:</td>
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<td>Residential Yes</td>
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## Property Taxes

- **NH Dept. of Revenue Administration**
  - 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $11.34
  - 2019 Equalization Ratio: 93.4
  - 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $9.07

- **2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 17.3%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 1.3%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 81.4%

### Housing (ACS 2015-2019)

- Total Housing Units: 402
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 369
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 2
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 16
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 15

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

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<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>802</td>
<td>89,886</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>788</td>
<td>89,118</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>765</td>
<td>81,826</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>734</td>
<td>74,998</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>619</td>
<td>65,806</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>385</td>
<td>54,914</td>
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## Demographics (American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019)

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<th>Population by Gender</th>
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<th>Female</th>
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<td>529</td>
<td>437</td>
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<th>Population by Age Group</th>
<th>Under age 5</th>
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<td>64</td>
<td>166</td>
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<td>Median Age</td>
<td>46.3 years</td>
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| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over | High school graduate or higher | 92.7% |
|                                                      | Bachelor’s degree or higher    | 31.1% |

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

- Per capita income: $33,657
- Median family income: $83,295
- Median household income: $69,531

| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | Male | Female |
|                                              | $61,458 | $37,321 |

| Individuals below the poverty level | 4.6% |

## Labor Force (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average: 2009 - 2019
- Civilian labor force: 433 - 392
- Employed: 407 - 381
- Unemployed: 26 - 11
- Unemployment rate: 6.0% - 2.8%

## Employment & Wages (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009 - 2019
- Goods Producing Industries:
  - Average Employment: n - n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n - n
- Service Providing Industries:
  - Average Employment: n - n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n - n
- Total Private Industry:
  - Average Employment: 95 - 168
  - Average Weekly Wage: $904 - $1,081
- Government (Federal, State, and Local):
  - Average Employment: 10 - 9
  - Average Weekly Wage: $363 - $454

### Total Costs

- Total, Private Industry plus Government: 105 - 177
- Average Employment: $854 - $1,048

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

- **Schools students attend:** Monroe operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to the State of Vermont (St. Johnsbury Academy)
- **Career Technology Center(s):** River Bend Career & Technical Center (VT)
- **District:** SAU 77
- **Region:** 4

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<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
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<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
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<td>Number of Schools</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>PK 1-8</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>77</td>
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- **Nearest Community College:** White Mountains
- **Nearest Colleges or Universities:** Plymouth State University; Lyndon State (VT)

- **2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)**
  - Total Facilities: 0
  - Total Capacity: 0

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<th>LARGEST BUSINESSES</th>
<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
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<td>Pete &amp; Gerry’s</td>
<td>Egg processing, poultry</td>
<td>96</td>
<td>1970</td>
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<td>Monroe Consolidated School</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>43</td>
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**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- Golf Courses
- Swimming: Indoor Facility
- Swimming: Outdoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
- Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
- Bowling Facilities
- Museums
- Cinemas
- Performing Arts Facilities
- Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

- Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon & Burke Mountains
- Other: Outdoor Skating Rink

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

- **Road Access**
  - US Routes
  - State Routes 135
- **Nearest Interstate, Exit**
  - I-91 (VT), Exit 18
  - Distance 3 miles
- **Railroad**
  - No
- **Public Transportation**
  - No

- **Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation**
  - **Dean Memorial, Haverhill**
    - Runway 2,500 ft. asphalt
    - Lighted? Yes
    - Navigation Aids? No

- **Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service**
  - **Lebanon Municipal**
    - Distance 56 miles
    - Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1

- **Driving distance to select cities:**
  - Manchester, NH 123 miles
  - Portland, Maine 131 miles
  - Boston, Mass. 173 miles
  - New York City, NY 318 miles
  - Montreal, Quebec 159 miles

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

- Workers 16 years and over
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van 80.1%
  - Carpoolded, car/truck/van 7.9%
  - Public transportation 0.0%
  - Walked 4.5%
  - Other means 7.4%
  - Worked at home 26.9%
  - Mean Travel Time to Work 35.4 minutes

- **Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**
  - Working in community of residence 23.1%
  - Commuting to another NH community 50.0%
  - Commuting out-of-state 26.9%