

Pelham, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Hillsborough
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, MA-NH NECTA Division
Merrimack Valley
Nashua Regional
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 3
District 22
Hillsborough County District 37

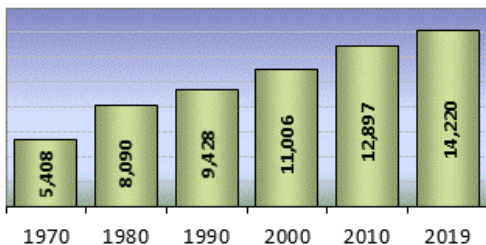
Incorporated: 1746

Origin: This territory was settled in 1722, when it was a part of Old Dunstable, which included all or part of what is now 12 towns in two states. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts boundary line was set in 1741, Old Dunstable was split in half, with the northern half retaining the name Dunstable. Pelham was incorporated in 1746 from parts of Dunstable and Dracut, Massachusetts. The town takes its name from Henry Pelham, Prime Minister of England, a relation of Governor Benning Wentworth, and younger brother of Thomas Pelham-Holles.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 791 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Pelham totaled 8,812 over 49 years, from 5,408 in 1970 to 14,220 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, the next three decades had 16 and 17 percent increases, respectively. The 2019 Census estimate for Pelham was 14,220 residents, which ranked 22nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 541.1 persons per square mile of land area. Pelham contains 26.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	\$16,421,227
Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019	\$32,387,970
Zoning Ordinance	1956/19
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Consultant

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning
Appointed:	Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Zoning
Public Library	Pelham Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department			Full-time
Fire Department			Full-time
Emergency Medical Service			Full-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Saints Campus - Lowell General Hospital, Lowell MA	7 miles	157	
Lowell General, Lowell MA	7 miles	239	
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua	10 miles	162	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Liberty Utilities; Eversource Energy		
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities		
Water Supplier	Pennichuck East Utilities/Williamsburg		
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
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		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$19.40	
2019 Equalization Ratio		96.9	
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$18.68	
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		90.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		6.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.9%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Total Housing Units		5,089	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		4,591	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		204	
Five or More Units in Structure		278	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		16	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	14,220	417,025	
2010	12,897	400,721	
2000	11,006	382,384	
1990	9,428	336,549	
1980	8,090	276,608	
1970	5,408	223,941	

DEMOGRAPHICS				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	6,811	Female		6,987	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				668	
Age 5 to 19				2,591	
Age 20 to 34				2,062	
Age 35 to 54				4,002	
Age 55 to 64				2,256	
Age 65 and over				2,219	
Median Age				45.0 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher					93.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher					35.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income			\$45,142
Median family income			\$119,716
Median household income			\$106,686
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$76,722
Female			\$55,475
Individuals below the poverty level			1.8%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES - ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2009	2019		
Civilian labor force	7,314	8,175		
Employed	6,713	7,912		
Unemployed	601	263		
Unemployment rate	8.2%	3.2%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES - ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	499	643			
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,032	\$1,443			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	1,117	1,401			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 633	\$ 822			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	1,615	2,044			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 756	\$1,017			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	466	509			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 742	\$ 856			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	2,082	2,553			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 753	\$ 985			

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Pelham operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 28**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE** Region: **17**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	772	488	617	

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Daniel Webster; Rivier**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **464**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wakefield Engineering	Aluminum extrusion	300	1997
Pelham School District	Education	258	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	85	1996
Quality Assured Cable	Cabling	70	1997
Chunky's Cinema Pub	Cinema, restaurant	50	1997
JT Manufacturing	Fabrication	30	2008
Yarde Metals	Metal stock wholesaler	25	2000

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	38, 111A, 128
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exits 1 - 2
	Distance	6 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Boire Field, Nashua	Runway	6,000 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	25 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		27 miles
Portland, Maine		97 miles
Boston, Mass.		34 miles
New York City, NY		229 miles
Montreal, Quebec		281 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.4%
Public transportation	0.8%
Walked	0.6%
Other means	6.1%
Worked at home	53.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	34.4 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

Working in community of residence	15.1
Commuting to another NH community	31.8
Commuting out-of-state	53.1

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **McIntyre**

Other: