

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

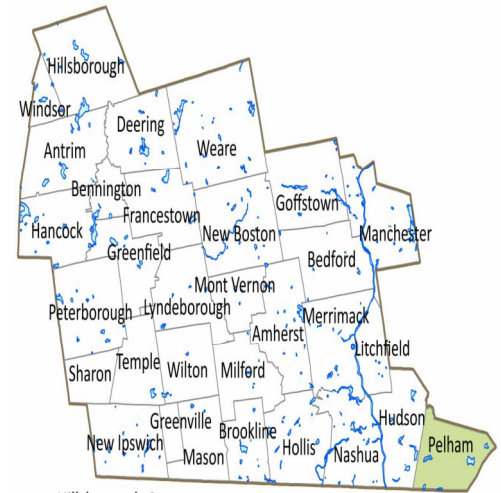
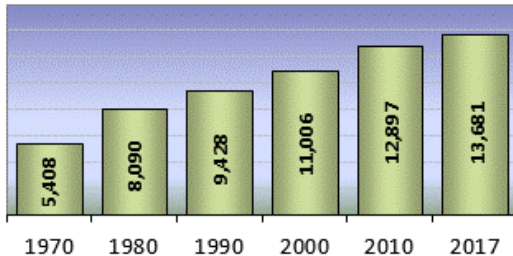
Origin: This territory was settled in 1722, when it was a part of Old Dunstable, which included all or part of what is now 12 towns in two states. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts boundary line was set in 1741, Old Dunstable was split in half, with the northern half retaining the name Dunstable. 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 11,076 over 57 years, from

2,605 in 1960 to 13,681 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 108 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2017 Census estimate for Pelham was 13,681 residents, which ranked 22nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Hillsborough County

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 520.6 persons per square mile of land area. Pelham contains 26.2 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$15,627,163
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$32,706,366
Zoning Ordinance	1956/18
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	None
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 (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.45
2017 Equalization Ratio	95.0
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.37
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	91.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	6.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.7%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)	
Total Housing Units	4,700
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	4,107
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	338
Five or More Units in Structure	245
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	10

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2017	13,681	409,697
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, American Community Survey (ACS) 2012-2016

Population by Gender			
Male	6,441	Female	6,748

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	751
Age 5 to 19	2,725
Age 20 to 34	1,913
Age 35 to 54	4,163
Age 55 to 64	1,896
Age 65 and over	1,741
Median Age	42.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	92.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	29.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)	
Per capita income	\$39,140
Median family income	\$108,297
Median household income	\$94,167
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$67,178
Female	\$54,600
Individuals below the poverty level	5.1%

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	7,080	7,579
Employed	6,735	7,298
Unemployed	345	281
Unemployment rate	4.9%	3.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	500	624
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 865	\$1,177
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,169	1,326
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 631	\$ 778
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,669	1,950
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 701	\$ 905
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	444	489
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 708	\$ 799
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,113	2,438
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 702	\$ 884

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	784	479	651	

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **9** Total Capacity: **522**

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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.6%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	0.7%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	5.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.2 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016

Working in community of residence	15.3
Commuting to another NH community	31.8
Commuting out-of-state	52.9

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: