

# Pelham, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm;**  
**Town Clerk: extended hours Tuesday, until 7 pm**

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

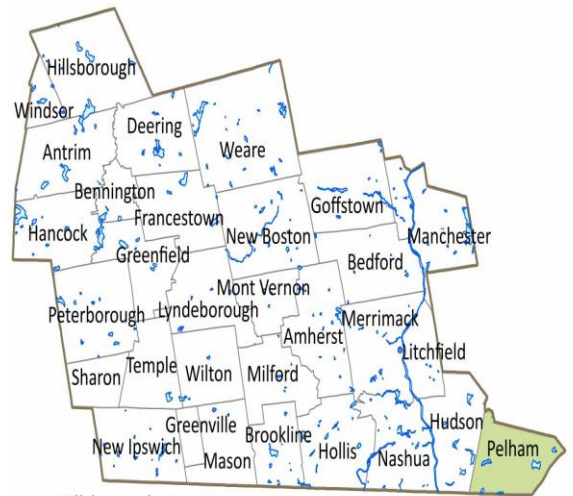
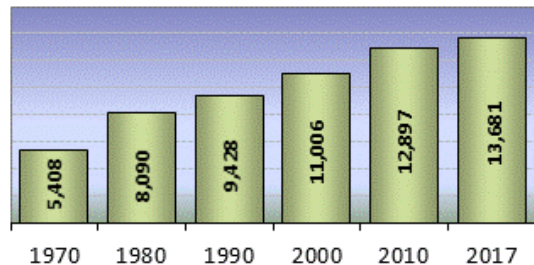
**Origin:** This territory was settled in 1722, when it was a part of Old Dunstable, which included all or part of what is now 12 towns in two states. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts boundary line was set in 1741, Old Dunstable was split in half, with the northern half retaining the name Dunstable.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



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**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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	<b>\$15,627,163</b>		
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1956/18</b>		
Master Plan	<b>2002</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Consultant</b>		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Zoning</b>		
Public Library	<b>Pelham Public</b>		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Full-time</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Saints Campus - Lowell General Hospital, Lowell MA</b>	<b>7 miles</b>	<b>157</b>	
<b>Lowell General, Lowell MA</b>	<b>7 miles</b>	<b>239</b>	
<b>Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>162</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities; Eversource Energy</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Pennichuck East Utilities/Williamsburg</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>		
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 (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</b>			
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.45</b>		
2017 Equalization Ratio	<b>95.0</b>		
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.37</b>		
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>91.1%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>6.4%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.7%</b>		
<b>HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)</b>			
Total Housing Units	<b>4,866</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>4,280</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>335</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>233</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>18</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	<b>13,681</b>	<b>409,697</b>	
2010	<b>12,897</b>	<b>400,721</b>	
2000	<b>11,006</b>	<b>382,384</b>	
1990	<b>9,428</b>	<b>336,549</b>	
1980	<b>8,090</b>	<b>276,608</b>	
1970	<b>5,408</b>	<b>223,941</b>	
<b>Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017</b>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>6,365</b>	Female	<b>6,958</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>708</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>2,710</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>1,807</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>4,201</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>1,949</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>1,948</b>		
Median Age	<b>43.5 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.8%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>32.6%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$40,888</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$111,875</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$102,577</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$71,068</b>		
Female	<b>\$60,139</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>3.5%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	<b>7,080</b>	<b>7,579</b>	
Employed	<b>6,735</b>	<b>7,298</b>	
Unemployed	<b>345</b>	<b>281</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>571</b>	<b>643</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 988</b>	<b>\$1,241</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,357</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 651</b>	<b>\$ 813</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>1,716</b>	<b>2,000</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 763</b>	<b>\$ 950</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>486</b>	<b>502</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 682</b>	<b>\$ 805</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>2,201</b>	<b>2,502</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 745</b>	<b>\$ 921</b>	

**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	<b>1</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>784</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>651</b>	

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	<b>38, 111A, 128</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exits 1 - 2</b>
	Distance	<b>6 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</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>25 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>27 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>97 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>34 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>229 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>281 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>87.7%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>5.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.2%</b>
Walked	<b>0.8%</b>
Other means	<b>0.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.0%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>31.7 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>16.3</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>33.1</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>50.6</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	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
	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
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>McIntyre</b>
	Other: