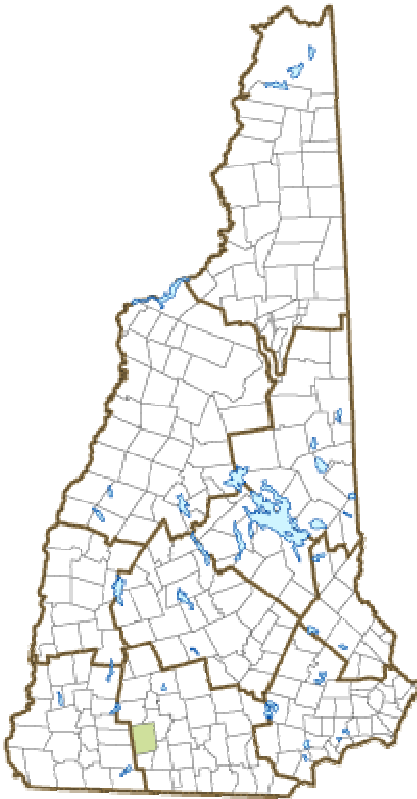


# Peterborough, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Hillsborough**  
**Peterborough, NH LMA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 9**  
**Hillsborough County District 24**

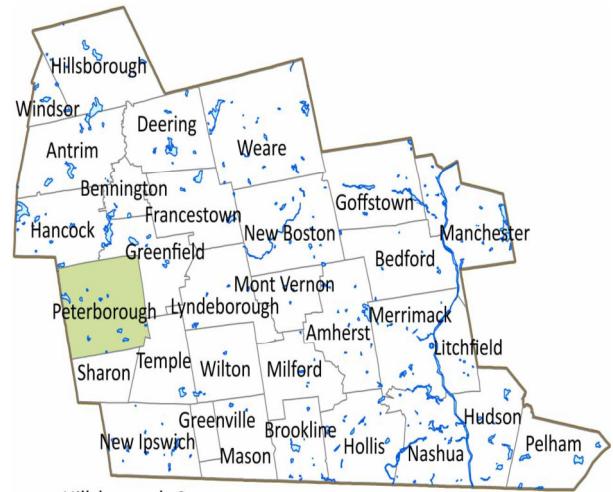
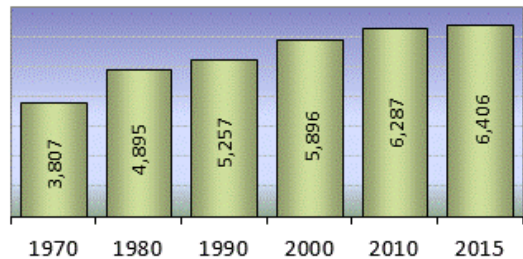
**Incorporated:** 1760

**Origin:** This territory was chartered in 1737 by the Massachusetts legislature, and the first settlers arrived in 1739. The township was probably named from Charles Mordaunt, third Earl of Peterborough. Peterborough was incorporated in 1760 by Governor Benning Wentworth, with "continuance for two years only." The incorporation was renewed in 1762, to continue until disallowed by the King. Peterborough had the first free public library supported by taxation, and the first mill in the state that wove cloth mechanically. It is home to the MacDowell Colony, a retreat for writers, artists, and composers. Guests have included Edward Arlington Robinson, Leonard Bernstein, and Thornton Wilder, whose play "Our Town" was inspired by Peterborough.

**Villages and Place Names:** Drury, Happy Valley, MacDowell Colony, Noone, North Village, West Peterborough

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 861 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Peterborough totaled 3,443 over 55 years, from 2,963 in 1960 to 6,406 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 29 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, which followed a 28 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2015 Census estimate for Peterborough was 6,406 residents, which ranked 51st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Hillsborough County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 168.5 persons per square mile of land area. Peterborough contains 38.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	<b>\$13,975,144</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$11,877,412</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1970/15</b>
Master Plan	<b>2015</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Zoning; Budget; Recreation; Cemetery**  
 Appointed: **Please visit [www.townofpeterborough.com](http://www.townofpeterborough.com) for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.**

Public Library **Peterborough Town**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department			<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department			<b>Full &amp; part-time</b>
Emergency Medical Service			<b>Per Diem</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Monadnock Community, Peterborough</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>25</b>	

<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier			<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier			<b>None</b>
Water Supplier			<b>Peterborough Water Works</b>
Sanitation			<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant			<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup			<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program			<b>Yes</b>
Recycling Program			<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company			<b>Fairpoint; Comcast</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>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$30.84</b>	
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>94.0</b>	
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$28.06</b>	
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>76.9%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>21.4%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.7%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		(ACS 2011-2015)
Total Housing Units	<b>3,364</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>2,030</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>532</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>762</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>40</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2015	<b>6,406</b>	<b>403,972</b>	
2010	<b>6,284</b>	<b>400,721</b>	
2000	<b>5,896</b>	<b>382,384</b>	
1990	<b>5,257</b>	<b>336,549</b>	
1980	<b>4,895</b>	<b>276,608</b>	
1970	<b>3,807</b>	<b>223,941</b>	

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>3,017</b>	Female	<b>3,389</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>37</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>1,057</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>931</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,528</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>1,333</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>1,520</b>
Median Age	<b>51.0 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>97.2%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>54.5%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2011-2015)
Per capita income		<b>\$41,947</b>
Median family income		<b>\$90,321</b>
Median household income		<b>\$60,529</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	<b>\$66,282</b>
Female	<b>\$35,650</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	
	<b>5.8%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>				(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average	2006	2016		
Civilian labor force	<b>2,835</b>	<b>3,626</b>		
Employed	<b>2,738</b>	<b>3,541</b>		
Unemployed	<b>97</b>	<b>85</b>		
Unemployment rate	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>		

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	<b>792</b>	<b>908</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 865</b>	<b>\$1,088</b>		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	<b>3,489</b>	<b>3,000</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 718</b>	<b>\$ 825</b>		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	<b>4,281</b>	<b>3,908</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 745</b>	<b>\$ 886</b>		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	<b>667</b>	<b>547</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 729</b>	<b>\$ 971</b>		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	<b>4,948</b>	<b>4,454</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 743</b>	<b>\$ 896</b>		

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)</b>				District: <b>SAU 1</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Region 14 Applied Technology Center</b>				Region: <b>14</b>
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>	<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-8</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>269</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>136</b>	

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce University; Keene State; Antioch New England**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **253**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Monadnock Community Hospital	Health care services	668	1919
NH Ball Bearings	Precision bearings	550	1946
Peterborough Public School System	Education	272	
Rivermead	Retirement community	160	1995
Pheasant Wood Health Care	Nursing home	100	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

<b>TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)</b>			
Road Access	US Routes		<b>202</b>
	State Routes		<b>101, 123, 136</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Everett Tpk., Exits 7 - 8; I-89, Exit 5</b>		
Distance	<b>27 miles; 33 miles</b>		
Railroad			<b>No</b>
Public Transportation			<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Jaffrey - Silver Ranch</b>	Runway	<b>2,982 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>38 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>38 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>132 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>73 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>233 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>258 miles</b>	

<b>COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)</b>	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>1.1%</b>
Other means	<b>1.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>9.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>27.7 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>43.9</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>49.9</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>6.2</b>

<b>RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS</b>	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee, Crotched Mountain</b>
	Other: <b>Miller State Park; MacDowell Colony; Shieling State Forest; Mount Monadnock</b>