

Plainfield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours **Town Administrator: Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm;**
Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,
8 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, 8 am - 6 pm, Friday 7 am - 12 noon

County **Sullivan**
 Labor Market Area **Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part**
 Tourism Region **Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**
 Planning Commission **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee**
 Regional Development **Capital Regional Development Council**

Election Districts

US Congress **District 2**
 Executive Council **District 1**
 State Senate **District 5**
 State Representative **Sullivan County Districts 1, 9**

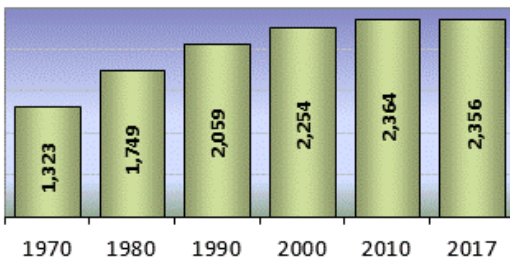
Incorporated: 1761

Origin: Settled by a group from Plainfield, Connecticut, Plainfield is one of the towns chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth in 1761 at the beginning of the reign of King George III. A part of Plainfield with a portion of Grantham was separated into Meriden Parish in 1780. Meriden became the site of Kimball Union Academy, established in 1813. Daniel Kimball donated a large collection of books to the town for a library in 1797, along with \$6,000 for a school, to which his widow added \$40,000. The entire Meriden Parish was annexed to Plainfield in 1856.

Villages and Place Names: East Plainfield, Hell Hollow, Meriden, Mill Village, Coryville, Plainfield Village

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,024 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Plainfield totaled 1,285 over 57 years, from 1,071 in 1960 to 2,356 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 32 percent between 1970 and 1980, following a 24 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2017 Census estimate for Plainfield was 2,356 residents, which ranked 127th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 45.1 persons per square mile of land area. Plainfield contains 52.2 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$2,429,118
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$6,448,252
Zoning Ordinance	1959/16
Master Plan	2013
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Library**
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation**

Public Library **Meriden; Philip Read Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	13 miles	404	
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	10 miles	25	

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Granite State; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Plainfield/Meriden Village District
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.25
2017 Equalization Ratio	100.1
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.79
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	93.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.5%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)	
Total Housing Units	1,035
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	932
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	45
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	58

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2017	2,356	43,077
2010	2,364	43,742
2000	2,254	40,560
1990	2,059	38,652
1980	1,749	36,063
1970	1,323	30,949

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2012-2016

Population by Gender			
Male	1,270	Female	1,314
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			93
Age 5 to 19			558
Age 20 to 34			317
Age 35 to 54			678
Age 55 to 64			485
Age 65 and over			453
Median Age			45.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			95.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher			49.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)	
Per capita income	\$43,048
Median family income	\$90,781
Median household income	\$84,700
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$52,173
Female	\$53,603
Individuals below the poverty level	.8%

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	1,624	1,385
Employed	1,596	1,364
Unemployed	28	21
Unemployment rate	1.7%	1.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	77	97
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 426	\$ 665
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	289	339
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 646	\$ 787
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	366	436
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 600	\$ 760
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	30	34
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 370	\$ 634
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	396	470
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 582	\$ 751

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Plainfield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Lebanon			District: SAU 32
Career Technology Center(s):	Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT)			Region: 7
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			2
Grade Levels	K 1-8			R K 1-12 PG
Total Enrollment	204			348

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Colby-Sawyer**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **32**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Edgewater Farm	Farmstand, greenhouses, & PYO strawberries		
Garfield's Smokehouse	Smoked products		
Kimball Union Academy	Private school		
McNamara Dairy	Glass bottle milk		
North Country Door	Cabinet, door manufacturing		
Olde Village Haunt	Restaurant		
Poor Thoms Tavern	Pub restaurant		
Riverview Farm	PYO apples & berries		
Taylor Farm	Maple & cheese products		
Town Line Equipment	Heavy equipment dealer		
Employer Information Supplied by Municipality			

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12A, 120
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 15
	Distance	7 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lebanon Municipal	Runway	5,496 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	10 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		74 miles
Portland, Maine		166 miles
Boston, Mass.		124 miles
New York City, NY		262 miles
Montreal, Quebec		191 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.9%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	2.7%
Other means	1.9%
Worked at home	8.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	19.6
Commuting to another NH community	65.6
Commuting out-of-state	14.8

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	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
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	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
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee, Whaleback
	Other: Meriden Covered Bridge; Annual 4th of July Parade; Maxfield Parrish Stage Set