

Plainfield, NH



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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

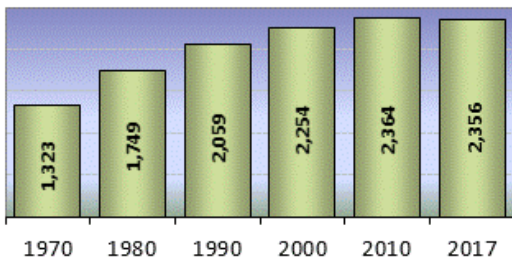
Incorporated: 1761

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
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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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
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 <i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,015
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	921
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	37
Five or More Units in Structure	5
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	52

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
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) 2013-2017			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,236	Female	1,203
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			91
Age 5 to 19			496
Age 20 to 34			284
Age 35 to 54			675
Age 55 to 64			452
Age 65 and over			441
Median Age			46.9 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			94.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher			45.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>	
Per capita income			\$44,422
Median family income			\$85,909
Median household income			\$83,362
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$56,466
Female			\$53,144
Individuals below the poverty level			2.2%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
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				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	88	111			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 438	\$ 700			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	274	333			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 701	\$ 839			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	362	444			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 637	\$ 805			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	32	35			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 426	\$ 660			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	394	480			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 620	\$ 794			

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 2013-2017)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.2%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	2.2%
Other means	1.4%
Worked at home	8.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017

Working in community of residence	21.3
Commuting to another NH community	58.7
Commuting out-of-state	20.0

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