

# Plainfield, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Manager: 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  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Sullivan**  
**Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part**  
**Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**  
**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
**District 5**  
**Sullivan County Districts 1, 9**

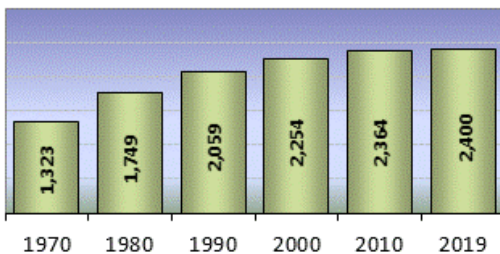
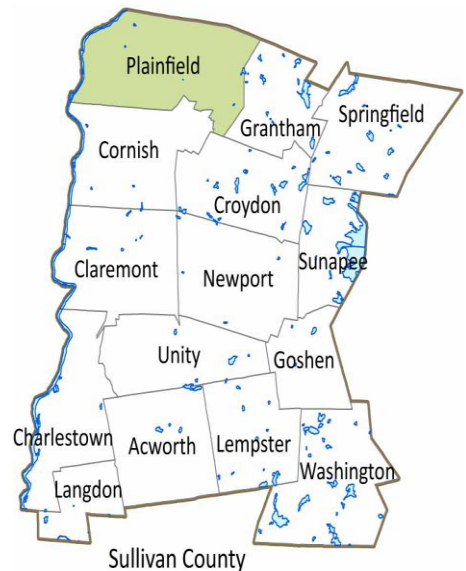
**Incorporated:** 1761

**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 1,077 over 49 years, from 1,323 in 1970 to 2,400 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 32 percent between 1970 and 1980, following an 18 percent increase over the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Plainfield was 2,400 residents, which ranked 127th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 46.0 persons per square mile of land area. Plainfield contains 52.2 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$2,449,621</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$6,880,509</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1959/16</b>
Master Plan	<b>2013</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

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

Public Library **Meriden; Philip Read Memorial**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department		<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon</b>	<b>13 miles</b>	<b>406</b>
<b>Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

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

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.00</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>97.1</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.89</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>91.6%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>5.0%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.4%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,076</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>969</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>39</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>22</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>46</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>2,400</b>	<b>43,146</b>	
2010	<b>2,364</b>	<b>43,742</b>	
2000	<b>2,254</b>	<b>40,560</b>	
1990	<b>2,059</b>	<b>38,652</b>	
1980	<b>1,749</b>	<b>36,063</b>	
1970	<b>1,323</b>	<b>30,949</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			<b>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</b>	
Population by Gender				
Male	<b>1,278</b>	Female	<b>1,277</b>	
Population by Age Group				
Under age 5	<b>82</b>			
Age 5 to 19	<b>570</b>			
Age 20 to 34	<b>386</b>			
Age 35 to 54	<b>629</b>			
Age 55 to 64	<b>413</b>			
Age 65 and over	<b>475</b>			
Median Age	<b>45.2 years</b>			
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over				
High school graduate or higher	<b>96.4%</b>			
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>45.6%</b>			

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	<b>\$46,456</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$91,550</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$85,313</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$61,875</b>		
Female	<b>\$56,638</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>5.5%</b>		

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average	2009	2019		
Civilian labor force	<b>1,670</b>	<b>1,440</b>		
Employed	<b>1,618</b>	<b>1,414</b>		
Unemployed	<b>52</b>	<b>26</b>		
Unemployment rate	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>		

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	<b>72</b>	<b>112</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 467</b>	<b>\$ 745</b>		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	<b>296</b>	<b>376</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 762</b>	<b>\$ 922</b>		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	<b>369</b>	<b>488</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 704</b>	<b>\$ 882</b>		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	<b>32</b>	<b>34</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 486</b>	<b>\$ 716</b>		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	<b>400</b>	<b>521</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 687</b>	<b>\$ 871</b>		

**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	<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>			<b>K 1-12 PG</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>208</b>			<b>349</b>

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **40**

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

**COMMUTING TO WORK***(ACS 2015-2019)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.5%</b>
Walked	<b>3.2%</b>
Other means	<b>8.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>14.5%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>25.2 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

Working in community of residence	<b>20.6</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>64.9</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>14.5</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
	Museums
	Cinemas
	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
	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
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee, Whaleback</b>
	Other: <b>Meriden Covered Bridge; Annual 4th of July Parade; Maxfield Parrish Stage Set</b>