Sharon, NH

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County
Hillsborough

Labor Market Area
Peterborough, NH LMA

Tourism Region
Monadnock

Planning Commission
Southwest Region

Regional Development
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
District 2
District 5
District 9
Hillsborough County District 25

Incorporated: 1791

Origin: This territory was first settled in 1738 as part of Peterborough, known as Peterborough Slip or Sliptown, a name it retained when the eastern portion was incorporated as Temple. In 1777 residents petitioned for annexation to Peterborough, which was denied. In 1786, they petitioned for a separate township, and asked for a mile of land from the east end of Jaffrey and the south end of Peterborough. The request was granted, and it was incorporated as Sharon in 1791, after a Connecticut town from which many settlers had come. Sharon is home to the Sharon Arts Center, founded in 1947 to offer courses in arts and crafts, and provide a gallery for exhibitions by local artists.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 259 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Sharon totaled 233 over 49 years, from 136 in 1970 to 369 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 59 percent between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Sharon was 369 residents, which ranked 220th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 [US Census Bureau]: 23.6 persons per square mile of land area. Sharon contains 15.7 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.
## Municipal Services

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type of Government</th>
<th>Elected: Selectmen</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020</td>
<td>$453,940</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019</td>
<td>$824,148</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1959/19</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2002</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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**Boards and Commissions**

- Elected: Selectmen
- Appointed: Planning; Conservation; Zoning

**Public Library**

- No Library

## Emergency Services

- Police Department: Peterborough - Full-time
- Fire Department: Peterborough - Volunteer
- Emergency Medical Service: Peterborough - Volunteer

**Nearest Hospital(s)**

- Distance: 6 miles
- Staffed Beds: 25

**Monadnock Community, Peterborough**

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## Utilities

- **Electric Supplier**: Eversource Energy
- **Natural Gas Supplier**: None
- **Water Supplier**: Private wells
- **Sanitation**: Private septic
- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**: No
- **Solid Waste Disposal**: No
- **Curbside Trash Pickup**: Private
- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**: Yes
- **Recycling Program**: Mandatory

**Telephone Company**: Fairpoint
- **Cellular Telephone Access**: Limited
- **Cable Television Access**: No
- **Public Access Television Station**: No
- **High Speed Internet Service**: Business Yes, Residential Yes

## Property Taxes

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<th>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</td>
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<td>2019 Equalization Ratio</td>
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<td>2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</td>
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**2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**

- Residential Land and Buildings: 95.3%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 1.8%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.9%

## Housing

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<th>(ACS 2015-2019)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Housing Units</td>
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<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
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**Units in Multiple-Family Structures:**

- Two to Four Units in Structure: 0
- Five or More Units in Structure: 0
- Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 2

## Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

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<td>Total Population</td>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
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<td>1990</td>
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<td>1980</td>
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<td>1970</td>
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## Demographics

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<tr>
<th>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>Population by Gender</td>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
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**Population by Age Group**

- Under age 5: 16
- Age 5 to 19: 60
- Age 20 to 34: 41
- Age 35 to 54: 108
- Age 55 to 64: 66
- Age 65 and over: 117
  - Median Age: 50.3 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 99.3%
- High school graduate or higher: 63.4%

## Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)

| Per capita income | $45,467 |
| Median family income | $81,667 |
| Median household income | $78,750 |

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

- Male: $92,321
- Female: $52,500

**Individuals below the poverty level**: 3.9%

## Labor Force (NHES – ELM)

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<th>Annual Average</th>
<th>2009</th>
<th>2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>Civilian labor force</td>
<td>203</td>
<td>222</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employed</td>
<td>191</td>
<td>217</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unemployed</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate</td>
<td>5.9%</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
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## Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

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<th>Annual Average Covered Employment</th>
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<th>2019</th>
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<td>Goods Producing Industries</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td>Average Employment</td>
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<td>Average Weekly Wage</td>
<td>$769</td>
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<td>18</td>
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<td>Average Weekly Wage</td>
<td>$823</td>
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<td>Total Private Industry</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>Average Employment</td>
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<td>Average Weekly Wage</td>
<td>$806</td>
<td>n</td>
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<td>Government (Federal, State, and Local)</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Average Employment</td>
<td>50</td>
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**Total, Private Industry plus Government**

- Average Employment: 27
- Average Weekly Wage: $806

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.
EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)

Career Technology Center(s): Region 14 Applied Technology Center

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

- Number of Schools
- Grade Levels
- Total Enrollment

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

- Total Facilities: 0
- Total Capacity: 0

LARGEST BUSINESSES

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<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>ESTABLISHED</th>
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<td>Harborside Healthcare</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>1988</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

- Road Access
  - US Routes
  - State Routes 123, 124
- Nearest Interstate, Exit Everett Tpk., Exits 7 - 8; I-293, Exit 4
  - Distance 26 miles; 33 miles
- Railroad No
- Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

- Jaffrey - Silver Ranch
  - Runway 2,982 ft. asphalt
  - Lighted? Yes
  - Navigation Aids? Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

- Manchester-Boston Regional
  - Distance 39 miles
  - Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 4

Driving distance to select cities:

- Manchester, NH 39 miles
- Portland, Maine 133 miles
- Boston, Mass. 74 miles
- New York City, NY 229 miles
- Montreal, Quebec 262 miles

COMmutING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>百分比</th>
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<td>Drove alone, car/truck/van</td>
<td>73.9%</td>
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<td>Carpooled, car/truck/van</td>
<td>8.0%</td>
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<td>Public transportation</td>
<td>1.0%</td>
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<td>Walked</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
<td>17.1%</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>15.6%</td>
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Mean Travel Time to Work 37.2 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

- Working in community of residence 22.1
- Commuting to another NH community 62.3
- Commuting out-of-state 15.6

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
  - Museums
  - Cinemas
  - Performing Arts Facilities
  - Tourist Attractions
  - Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
  - Youth Sports: Baseball
  - Youth Sports: Soccer
  - Youth Sports: Football
  - Youth Sports: Basketball
  - Youth Sports: Hockey
  - Campgrounds
  - Fishing/Hunting
  - Boating/Marinas
  - Snowmobile Trails
  - Bicycle Trails
  - Cross Country Skiing
  - Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
  - Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Crotched Mountain

Other: Hiking Trails; Sharon Arts Center