

# Sharon, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Town Clerk: Tuesday, 5 pm - 7 pm, or by appointment</b>
County	<b>Hillsborough</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Peterborough, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Monadnock</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Southwest Region</b>
Regional Development	<b>Monadnock Economic Development Corp.</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 5</b>
State Senate	<b>District 9</b>
State Representative	<b>Hillsborough County District 25</b>

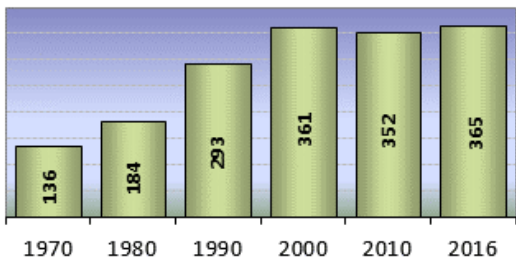
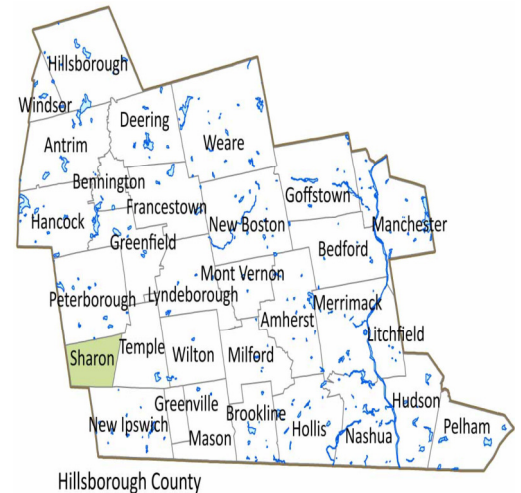
**Incorporated:** 1791

**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 287 over 56 years, from 78 in 1960 to 365 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 74 percent



between 1960 and 1970; population in Sharon increased by at least 20 percent each decade. The 2016 Census estimate for Sharon was 365 residents, which ranked 220th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau):** 23.3 persons per square mile of land area. Sharon contains 15.7 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	<b>\$343,906</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$715,335</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1959/10</b>
Master Plan	<b>2002</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Zoning</b>
Public Library	<b>No Library</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Peterborough - Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Peterborough - Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Peterborough - Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Monadnock Community, Peterborough</b>	<b>6 miles 25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>No</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Yes Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.92</b>
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>99.5</b>
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.85</b>
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.4%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>1.5%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.1%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>171</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>171</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>0</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2016	<b>365</b>	<b>407,761</b>
2010	<b>352</b>	<b>400,721</b>
2000	<b>361</b>	<b>382,384</b>
1990	<b>293</b>	<b>336,549</b>
1980	<b>184</b>	<b>276,608</b>
1970	<b>136</b>	<b>223,941</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY</b> <i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>160</b>	Female	<b>168</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>10</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>43</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>34</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>69</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>65</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>107</b>
Median Age			<b>46.8 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>97.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>60.2%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$39,334</b>
Median family income	<b>\$78,750</b>
Median household income	<b>\$66,250</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	<b>\$100,833</b>
Female	<b>\$40,417</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>1.2%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	<b>204</b>	<b>216</b>	
Employed	<b>197</b>	<b>210</b>	
Unemployed	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>56</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 926</b>	<b>n</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>56</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 926</b>	<b>n</b>	

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, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)** District: **SAU 1**

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

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) Elementary Middle/Junior High High School Private/Parochial

Number of Schools  
Grade Levels  
Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; 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: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Harborside Healthcare	Nursing home management	13	1988
Sharon Arts Center	Art instruction, crafts	5	1947

## 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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van **81.4%**  
Carpooled, car/truck/van **7.0%**  
Public transportation **0.0%**  
Walked **0.0%**  
Other means **0.0%**  
Worked at home **11.6%**

Mean Travel Time to Work **35.6 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016**

Working in community of residence **19.8**  
Commuting to another NH community **62.8**  
Commuting out-of-state **17.4**

**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**