

Tilton, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Hall: Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:15; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30-4:15, Thursday, 8:30-5:30

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Belknap
Franklin, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 7
Belknap County District 3, 8

Incorporated: 1869

Origin: This territory was settled long before it became a town, the southern part of Sanbornton known as Sanbornton Bridge or Bridge Village. It was incorporated as a separate town in 1869 and named Tilton, in honor of Nathaniel Tilton, one of the first settlers. Nathaniel Tilton established an iron foundry and the area's first hotel, the Dexter House. His grandson Charles was a prominent citizen of the town when it was incorporated, prompting the choice of name. Charles Tilton made a considerable fortune in the 1849 California Gold Rush. He donated many statues to the town, including the Tilton Arch, and his estate is now part of the Tilton School.

Villages and Place Names: East Tilton, The Plains, Winnisquam, Belmont Junction, Tilton Arch, Downtown Tilton Statues

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,147 residents in 1870

Population Trends: Population change for Tilton totaled 1,384 over 50 years, from 2,579 in 1970 to 3,963 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 31 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by 11 percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Tilton was 4,067 residents, which ranked 96th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 356.4 persons per square mile of land area. Tilton contains 11.4 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Meeting
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$6,337,761
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/23
Master Plan	2013
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget; Library; Sewer; Check List; Trust Funds
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Parks; Recycling
Public Library	No Library

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Municipal
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital - Franklin	3 miles	31

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier	Lochmere Village District; Tilton-Northfield Water District
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.07
2022 Equalization Ratio	69.6
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$11.10
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	47.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	46.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.9%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,971
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,229
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	196
Five or More Units in Structure	228
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	318

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	4,067	64,781	
2020	3,962	63,705	
2010	3,567	60,088	
2000	3,478	56,576	
1990	3,239	49,294	
1980	3,387	42,884	

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,994	Female	1,935
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			226
Age 5 to 19			440
Age 20 to 34			792
Age 35 to 54			1,143
Age 55 to 64			458
Age 65 and over			870
Median Age			46.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 3,083			
High school graduate or higher			95.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher			24.8%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income			\$32,745
Median family income			\$70,982
Median household income			\$58,588
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$52,935
Female			\$43,495
Individuals below the poverty level			7.0%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELM I)</i>	
Annual Average	2012	2022		
Civilian labor force	1,903	1,798		
Employed	1,796	1,749		
Unemployed	107	49		
Unemployment rate	5.6%	2.7%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELM I)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	185	205			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 871	\$1,558			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	3,699	3,779			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 491	\$ 768			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	3,885	3,983			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 509	\$ 809			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	716	537			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 697	\$1,094			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	4,600	4,520			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 538	\$ 843			

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Winnisquam Regional (Northfield, Sanbornton, Tilton)** District: **SAU 59**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P	5-8	9-12	9-12 PG
Total Enrollment	13	398	411	187

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; Colby-Sawyer; Granite State College; UNH School of Law**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **268**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
j.jill	Contact & distribution center of women's apparel		1998
Wal-Mart	Retail store	110	1994
NuCar	Car dealership	110	1997
Tanger Outlet Stores	Retail outlet stores		1994
The Tilton School	Education	99	1845
3M	Power transmission products	70	1976
Home Depot	Home improvement center		2001
Lowes	Home improvement center	94	2005
Winnisquam Regional School District	Education	114	1936
Hobby Lobby	Retail arts, crafts, & home furnishings	35	2017

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	132, 140
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		WTS
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	41 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		35 miles
Portland, Maine		127 miles
Boston, Mass.		85 miles
New York City, NY		282 miles
Montreal, Quebec		236 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
X	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Senior Center; Merrimack Valley Railroad; Lakes; Summer Concert Series; Old Home Day; Highland Mountain Bike Park; Christmas Parade; Winnipesaukee River Trail; Kayaking

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	76.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	13.3%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	1.6%
Worked at home	8.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	28.5%
Commuting to another NH community	71.0%
Commuting out-of-state	0.5%