

Washington, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-3, Thursday, 9-4, meet Thursdays at 7 pm; Town Clerk: Thursday, 1-7, Friday, 9-3, last Saturday each month, 9-12; Tax Collector: Thursday, 2-7, Friday, 9-3, last Saturday each month, 9-11:45

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Sullivan
Hillsborough, NH LMA
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 5
District 8
Sullivan County Districts 4, 8

Incorporated: 1776

Origin: This territory was first granted in 1735 by the Massachusetts government. It was named Monadnock Number 8, one of the fort towns designated to protect the colonies from Indian attack. In 1752, the Masonian Proprietors issued a new grant to Captain Peter Prescott and others, who called it New Concord. Those settlers forfeited claim, and the territory was granted yet again in 1768 to Reuben Kidder and others, under the name of Camden. In December 1776, residents petitioned the newly established American revolutionary government for incorporation of their town as Washington, in honor of General George Washington.

Villages and Place Names: East Washington, Washington Center

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 545 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Washington totaled 954 over 50 years, from 248 in 1970 to 1,202 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 66 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by seven percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2021 Census estimate for Washington was 1,211 residents, which ranked 178th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 26.6 persons per square mile of land area. Washington contains 45.5 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$2,716,295
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Zoning Ordinance	1974/09
Master Plan	1992
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery
Appointed:	Conservation; Parks & Recreation; Zoning

Public Library **Shedd Free****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Municipal	
Fire Department	Part-time	
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Valley Regional, Claremont	25 miles	25
New London Hospital, New London	28 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Private wells	
Sanitation	Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No	
Recycling Program	Mandatory	
Telephone Company	Granite State	
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited	
Cable Television Access	Yes	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.43
2021 Equalization Ratio	71.4
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.98
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	96.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	1.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.9%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)

Total Housing Units	1,038
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	954
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	31
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	53

POPULATION (Decennial Census/ACS 2017-2021)

Total Population	Community	County
2021	1,107	43,105
2020	1,192	43,063
2010	1,123	43,742
2000	907	40,560
1990	629	38,652

DEMOGRAPHICS (ACS 2017-2021)

Population by Gender		
Male	551	Female
		556
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		14
Age 5 to 19		135
Age 20 to 34		144
Age 35 to 54		241
Age 55 to 64		274
Age 65 and over		299
Median Age		55.6 years
Educational Attainment		
Population age 25 or older		920
High school graduate or higher		95.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher		23.6%

INCOME, INFLATION-ADJUSTED (ACS 2017-2021)

Per capita income	\$41,087
Median family income	\$83,906
Median household income	\$78,542
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$49,485
Female	\$56,087
Percent of individuals below poverty level	3.7%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	509	476
Employed	474	456
Unemployed	35	20
Unemployment rate	6.9%	4.2%

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	n	76
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$ 763
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	n	30
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$1,128
Goods-Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service-Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	49	46
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 436	\$ 527

n = data do not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Department of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Washington operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are tuitioned to Hillsborough- Deering Cooperative (Deering, Hillsborough)** District: **SAU 34**

Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	41			

Nearest NH Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities *(with a physical campus)*: **New England; Colby-Sawyer; Keene State; Antioch New England**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2021 *(DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)* Total Facilities: Capacity:

BUSINESSES <i>(provided by municipality)</i>	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Eccardt Farm	Dairy	8	
Washington General Store	Convenience store	5	
Washington Highway Department	Road maintenance	5	

TRANSPORTATION *(distance estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	31
Nearest Interstate/Exit		I-89, Exit 5
	Distance	25 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Parlin Field, Newport	Runway	3,450 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Commercial Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	44 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, New Hampshire		48 miles
Portland, Maine		140 miles
Boston, Massachusetts		98 miles
New York City, New York		248 miles
Montreal, Quebec, Canada		226 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(ACS 2017-2021)*

Workers 16 years of age and over:	624
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	14.1%
Used public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.1%
Traveled by other means	1.6%
Worked at home	7.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	35.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents Who:	
Work in community of residence	20.7%
Commute to other NH community	76.7%
Commute out-of-state	2.6%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, 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
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
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee, Pat's Peak
	Other: Highland Lake; Pillsbury State Park