

# Washington, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 9-3, Thursday, 9-4, meet Thursdays at 7pm; 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 2022 Census estimate for Washington was 1,211 residents, which ranked 178th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (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	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$3,134,675	
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 Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$21.84	
2022 Equalization Ratio		56.4	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$12.30	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		96.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		1.6%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.7%	
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 (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,211		43,958
2020	1,192		43,063
2010	1,123		43,742
2000	907		40,560
1990	629		38,652
1980	411		36,063
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (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 25 years and over:		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
Individuals below the poverty level			3.7%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		505	489
Employed		473	474
Unemployed		32	15
Unemployment rate		6.3%	3.1%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		n	17
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 511
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		n	14
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$1,278
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		n	31
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 854
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		47	47
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 460	\$ 538
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		n	77
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 663
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**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	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-5</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>52</b>			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England; Colby-Sawyer; Keene State; Antioch New England**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Eccardt Farm	Dairy	8	
Washington Highway Department	Road maintenance	5	
Washington General Store	Convenience store	5	

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>75.3%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>14.1%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>1.1%</b>
Other means	<b>1.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>7.9%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>35.8 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>20.7%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>76.7%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>2.6%</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
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee, Pat's Peak</b>
	Other: <b>Highland Lake; Pillsbury State Park</b>