

**One in twelve  
New Hampshire  
lived in Manchester  
in 2003**

The Granite State's largest city keeps getting bigger. Another 600 people called Manchester home in 2003 compared to the previous year. Although this net increase calculated to only a 0.6 percent rate of growth, the end result was a total of 108,871 people living in Manchester in 2003.

Overall, the state's population increased 1.0 percent from 2002 to 2003, adding 13,282 residents. The growth was rather widespread, as only nine cities/towns saw their population decrease by ten or more people.

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Although the state's list of top 10 most populous towns remained unchanged over-the-year, not all cities/towns saw their population increase. Nashua, the second largest city in the state, recorded the largest population decline with 318 fewer residents in 2003 compared to the previous year. Rounding out the top ten, Derry and Merrimack also saw minimal population decreases over the year.

**New Hampshire's Ten Largest Cities/Towns, 2003**

City/Town	Population (July)		Change	
	2003	2002	Net	%
Manchester	108,871	108,273	598	0.6%
Nashua	87,285	87,603	-318	-0.4%
Concord	41,823	41,501	322	0.8%
Derry	34,471	34,499	-28	-0.1%
Rochester	29,654	29,363	291	1.0%
Salem	29,115	28,951	164	0.6%
Dover	28,216	27,795	421	1.5%
Merrimack	26,394	26,419	-25	-0.1%
Londonderry	24,201	24,194	7	0.0%
Hudson	23,839	23,449	390	1.7%
<b>New Hampshire</b>	<b>1,287,687</b>	<b>1,274,405</b>	<b>13,282</b>	<b>1.0%</b>

Source: Population Division, US Census Bureau

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