

2000 Population in New Hampshire

New Hampshire led the region in population growth over the decade. With an 11.4 percent increase, the state's population reached 1,235,786 in 2000. The rest of New England saw single digit increases ranging from 3.6 percent in Connecticut to 8.2 percent in Vermont. New England's entire population increased only 5.4 percent over the decade, the slowest growth of the nine Census areas. The Middle Atlantic region grew only slightly faster, 5.5 percent. The Mountain region saw the fastest growth of all the regions, 33 percent over the decade. Nevada

and Arizona, the two fastest growing states in the nation, drove the increase for this region. Overall, population for the U.S. increased 13.2 percent from 1990 to 2000.

Every state in the nation saw population growth from 1990 to 2000. Growth rates ranged from a high of 66.3 percent in Nevada to a low of 0.5 percent in North Dakota. The District of Columbia registered a loss of 5.7 percent over the decade.

| 2000 Population by Census Area | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Area | Census Population | | Change | |
| | 1990 | 2000 | Number | Percent |
| New England | 13,206,943 | 13,922,517 | 715,574 | 5.4% |
| Maine | 1,227,928 | 1,274,923 | 46,995 | 3.8% |
| New Hampshire | 1,109,252 | 1,235,786 | 126,534 | 11.4% |
| Vermont | 562,758 | 608,827 | 46,069 | 8.2% |
| Massachusetts | 6,016,425 | 6,349,097 | 332,672 | 5.5% |
| Connecticut | 3,287,116 | 3,405,565 | 118,449 | 3.6% |
| Rhode Island | 1,003,464 | 1,048,319 | 44,855 | 4.5% |
| Middle Atlantic | 37,602,286 | 39,671,861 | 2,069,575 | 5.5% |
| New York | 17,990,455 | 18,976,457 | 986,002 | 5.5% |
| New Jersey | 7,730,188 | 8,414,350 | 684,162 | 8.9% |
| Pennsylvania | 11,881,643 | 12,281,054 | 399,411 | 3.4% |
| East South Central | 15,176,284 | 17,022,810 | 1,846,526 | 12.2% |
| Kentucky | 3,685,296 | 4,041,769 | 356,473 | 9.7% |
| Tennessee | 4,877,185 | 5,689,283 | 812,098 | 16.7% |
| Alabama | 4,040,587 | 4,447,100 | 406,513 | 10.1% |
| Mississippi | 2,573,216 | 2,844,658 | 271,442 | 10.5% |
| East North Central | 42,008,942 | 45,155,037 | 3,146,095 | 7.5% |
| Illinois | 11,430,602 | 12,419,293 | 988,691 | 8.6% |
| Indiana | 5,544,159 | 6,080,485 | 536,326 | 9.7% |
| Michigan | 9,295,297 | 9,938,444 | 643,147 | 6.9% |
| Ohio | 10,847,115 | 11,353,140 | 506,025 | 4.7% |
| Wisconsin | 4,891,769 | 5,363,675 | 471,906 | 9.6% |
| Mountain | 13,658,776 | 18,172,295 | 4,513,519 | 33.0% |
| Arizona | 3,665,228 | 5,130,632 | 1,465,404 | 40.0% |
| Colorado | 3,294,394 | 4,301,261 | 1,006,867 | 30.6% |
| Idaho | 1,006,749 | 1,293,953 | 287,204 | 28.5% |
| New Mexico | 1,515,069 | 1,819,046 | 303,977 | 20.1% |
| Montana | 799,065 | 902,195 | 103,130 | 12.9% |
| Utah | 1,722,850 | 2,233,169 | 510,319 | 29.6% |
| Nevada | 1,201,833 | 1,998,257 | 796,424 | 66.3% |
| Wyoming | 453,588 | 493,782 | 40,194 | 8.9% |

| 2000 Population by Census Area, continued | | | | |
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| Area | Census Population | | Change | |
| | 1990 | 2000 | Number | Percent |
| South Atlantic | 43,566,853 | 51,769,160 | 8,202,307 | 18.8% |
| West Virginia | 1,793,477 | 1,808,344 | 14,867 | 0.8% |
| Maryland | 4,781,468 | 5,296,486 | 515,018 | 10.8% |
| Delaware | 666,168 | 783,600 | 117,432 | 17.6% |
| District of Columbia | 606,900 | 572,059 | -34,841 | -5.7% |
| Virginia | 6,187,358 | 7,078,515 | 891,157 | 14.4% |
| North Carolina | 6,628,637 | 8,049,313 | 1,420,676 | 21.4% |
| South Carolina | 3,486,703 | 4,012,012 | 525,309 | 15.1% |
| Georgia | 6,478,216 | 8,186,453 | 1,708,237 | 26.4% |
| Florida | 12,937,926 | 15,982,378 | 3,044,452 | 23.5% |
| West South Central | 26,702,793 | 31,444,850 | 4,742,057 | 17.8% |
| Arkansas | 2,350,725 | 2,673,400 | 322,675 | 13.7% |
| Louisiana | 4,219,973 | 4,468,976 | 249,003 | 5.9% |
| Oklahoma | 3,145,585 | 3,450,654 | 305,069 | 9.7% |
| Texas | 16,986,510 | 20,851,820 | 3,865,310 | 22.8% |
| Pacific | 39,127,306 | 45,025,637 | 5,898,331 | 15.1% |
| Alaska | 550,043 | 626,932 | 76,889 | 14.0% |
| California | 29,760,021 | 33,871,648 | 4,111,627 | 13.8% |
| Hawaii | 1,108,229 | 1,211,537 | 103,308 | 9.3% |
| Oregon | 2,842,321 | 3,421,399 | 579,078 | 20.4% |
| Washington | 4,866,692 | 5,894,121 | 1,027,429 | 21.1% |
| West North Central | 17,659,690 | 19,237,739 | 1,578,049 | 8.9% |
| North Dakota | 638,800 | 642,200 | 3,400 | 0.5% |
| South Dakota | 696,004 | 754,844 | 58,840 | 8.5% |
| Nebraska | 1,578,385 | 1,711,263 | 132,878 | 8.4% |
| Kansas | 2,477,574 | 2,688,418 | 210,844 | 8.5% |
| Minnesota | 4,375,099 | 4,919,479 | 544,380 | 12.4% |
| Iowa | 2,776,755 | 2,926,324 | 149,569 | 5.4% |
| Missouri | 5,117,073 | 5,595,211 | 478,138 | 9.3% |
| United States | 248,709,873 | 281,421,906 | 32,712,033 | 13.2% |

Population by Race

New Hampshire's population is becoming more diverse. The concept of race as used by the Census Bureau reflects self-identification by people according to the race or races with which they most closely identify. The Census Bureau states these categories are sociopolitical constructs and should not be interpreted as being scientific or anthropological in nature. Given

this definition, the number of people claiming other than white for race more than doubled from 1990 to 2000. This increase was driven by the Asian population, which increased 75 percent during the decade. The nearly 16,000 Asians in the state in 2000 made up almost one-third of the total non-white population.

| 2000 Population by Race | | | | | | |
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| | New Hampshire | | New England | | United States | |
| | Population | % of total | Population | % of total | Population | % of total |
| Total population | 1,235,786 | 100.0% | 13,922,517 | 100.0% | 281,421,906 | 100.0% |
| White | 1,186,851 | 96.0% | 12,050,905 | 86.6% | 211,460,626 | 75.1% |
| Black or African American | 9,035 | 0.7% | 719,063 | 5.2% | 34,658,190 | 12.3% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 2,964 | 0.2% | 42,257 | 0.3% | 2,475,956 | 0.9% |
| Asian | 15,931 | 1.3% | 374,361 | 2.7% | 10,242,998 | 3.6% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 371 | 0.0% | 5,316 | 0.0% | 398,835 | 0.1% |
| Some other race | 7,420 | 0.6% | 448,315 | 3.2% | 15,359,073 | 5.5% |
| Two or more races | 13,214 | 1.1% | 282,300 | 2.0% | 6,826,228 | 2.4% |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Census 2000*, <www.census.gov>

Census 2000 allowed people to choose more than one race, if applicable. Just about one percent of the total population (13,214 people) in New Hampshire chose two or more races. Of those, about 90 percent chose white as one of the races. The *American Indian and Alaskan Native* category was chosen by about 37 percent of those claiming more than one race. About one-quarter chose *Black or African American* and

one-quarter chose *Asian* as another race, while less than one percent chose *Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander*.

In New England, two percent of the region's total population chose more than one race. The nation saw a slightly higher percent of its population (2.4) claiming more than one race.

| 2000 Population by Race in Combination Only | | | | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Race | New Hampshire | | New England | | United States | |
| | Population Indicating More than one race | Percent of total population | Population Indicating More than one race | Percent of total population | Population Indicating More than one race | Percent of total population |
| Total population | 1,235,786 | 100.0% | 13,922,517 | 100.0% | 281,421,906 | 100.0% |
| Two or more races | 13,214 | 1.1% | 282,300 | 2.0% | 6,826,228 | 2.4% |
| White | 12,076 | 1.0% | 211,290 | 1.5% | 5,470,349 | 1.9% |
| Black or African American | 3,183 | 0.3% | 102,808 | 0.7% | 1,761,244 | 0.6% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 4,921 | 0.4% | 58,443 | 0.4% | 1,643,345 | 0.6% |
| Asian | 3,288 | 0.3% | 51,779 | 0.4% | 1,655,830 | 0.6% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 406 | 0.0% | 11,124 | 0.1% | 475,579 | 0.2% |
| Some other race | 3,475 | 0.3% | 146,677 | 1.1% | 3,162,413 | 1.1% |

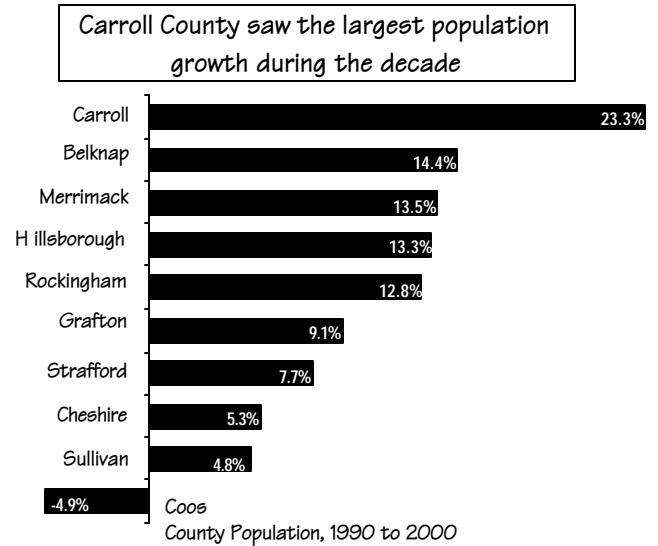
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Population by County

Coos, Carroll, and Grafton Counties, combined, make up about half of the state's roughly 9,000 square miles of land. These three counties, however, were home to only about one-eighth of the state's total population in 2000. This calculates to about 35 people per square mile.

Belknap, Cheshire, Hillsborough, Merrimack, Rockingham, Strafford, and Sullivan counties make up the remaining 4,500 square miles of land. Combined, these counties were home to nearly 1.08 million people in 2000, about 237 people per square mile. Almost seven times as many people per square mile live in these counties as live in the top half of the state.

A county-by-county comparison shows Coos county, the largest county by land area, had the lowest population of all the counties in 2000. On the other end of the scale, Hillsborough County, fifth largest in terms of land area, claimed more people as residents than any other New Hampshire county in 2000.

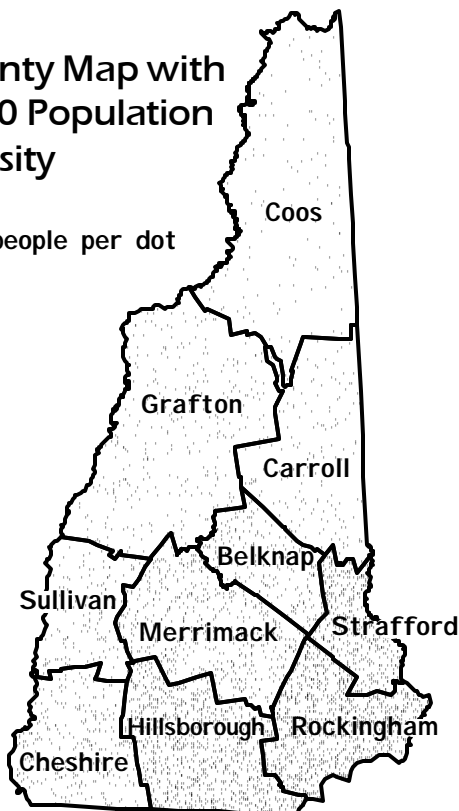


Historically, Carroll County was the least populous county in the state for each of the ten Census years during the 20th century. This county experienced a population surge from 1980 to 2000, increasing more than 56 percent. This increase brought the population total to 43,666 and moved Carroll County to third least populous in 2000 above Sullivan and Coos.

Hillsborough County was the most populous county for every Census year during the 20th century and maintained that position into the next century. In 1900 Merrimack County was the second most populous county in the state with just over 52,000 people. During the first half of the 20th century, Merrimack and Rockingham counties toggled back and forth as the second most populous county. With an increase of nearly 29,000 people between 1950 and 1960, Rockingham County claimed the second most populous position and maintained it right through the next century.

County Map with 2000 Population Density

250 people per dot



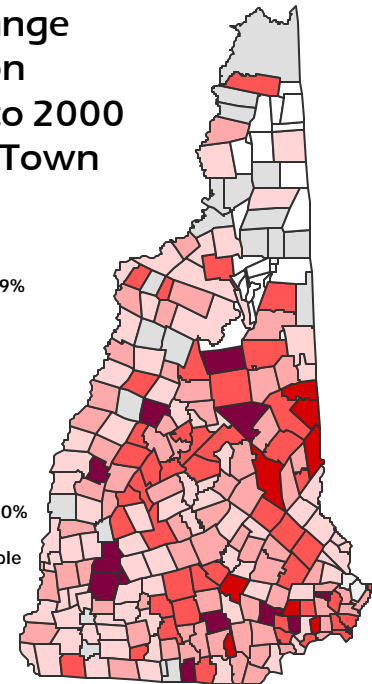
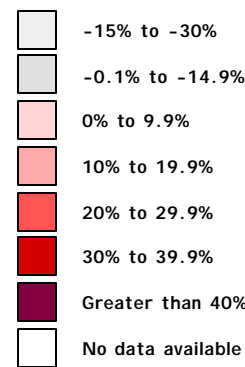
Population by City and Town

Manchester, with a population of 107,006, was the only municipality in the state to break 100,000 in 2000. Nashua, the second largest, gained almost 7,000 people, bringing its 2000 population to 86,605. Not surprisingly, four of the top ten cities and towns in the state are in Hillsborough County and three are in Rockingham County.

Hart's Location and Ellsworth were the only towns in the state with fewer than 100 people in 2000. The next eight smallest towns ranged from 201 to 299 people in 2000. Eight of the ten smallest towns are located in the northern part of the state (Grafton, Carroll, or Coos Counties). Only Windsor (Hillsborough County) and Roxbury (Cheshire County) are located in southern New Hampshire.

Of the cities or towns with at least 10,000 people, Bedford showed the fastest growth, 45.5 percent over the decade. Londonderry was a distant second with a growth of 33.7 percent from 1990 to 2000. Of these populous areas, only Berlin and Portsmouth showed losses, decreasing 12.6 percent and 19.8 percent, re-

Percent Change in Population from 1990 to 2000 by City and Town



spectively. Much of the loss in Portsmouth can probably be attributed to the closing of Pease Air Force Base. The base closing also affected the neighboring town of Newington, which lost more than 20 percent of its population during the decade.

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| New Hampshire's Smallest Towns | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 1990 Population | 2000 Population |
| Hart's location | 36 | 37 |
| Ellsworth | 74 | 87 |
| Windsor | 107 | 201 |
| Roxbury | 248 | 237 |
| Easton | 223 | 256 |
| Waterville | 151 | 257 |
| Chatham | 268 | 260 |
| Clarksville | 232 | 294 |
| Errol | 292 | 298 |
| Orange | 237 | 299 |

Note: excludes the 25 unincorporated places

| New Hampshire's Largest Cities and Towns | | |
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| | 1990 Population | 2000 Population |
| Manchester City | 99,567 | 107,006 |
| Nashua City | 79,662 | 86,605 |
| Concord City | 36,006 | 40,687 |
| Derry Town | 29,603 | 34,021 |
| Rochester City | 26,630 | 28,461 |
| Salem Town | 25,746 | 28,112 |
| Dover City | 25,042 | 26,884 |
| Merrimack Town | 22,156 | 25,119 |
| Londonderry Town | 19,781 | 23,236 |
| Hudson Town | 19,530 | 22,928 |