

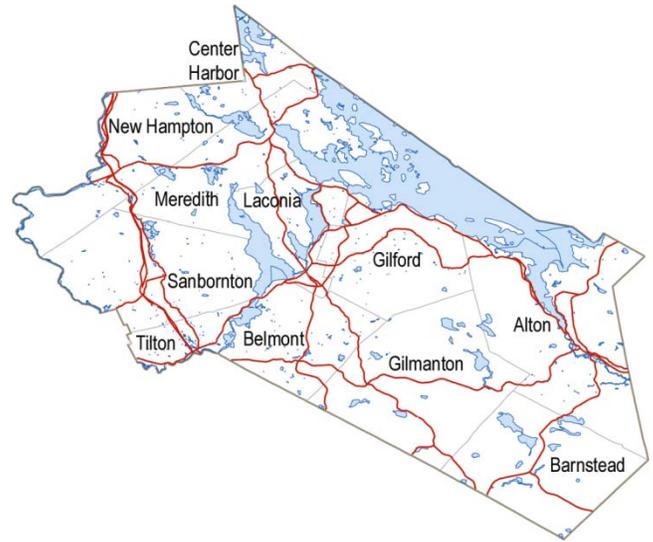
Belknap County

County Offices

34 County Drive
 Laconia, NH 03246
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<https://www.belknapcounty.gov/>

County Services: Administration, Corrections Facility, County Attorney, Human Services, Registry of Deeds, Youth Services, Belknap County Nursing Home, and Sheriff's Department

UNH Cooperative Extension
<https://extension.unh.edu/facility/belknap-county-office>



Located just southeast of the geographic center of the state in New Hampshire's Lakes Region, Belknap County was established in 1840 from portions of Strafford County. The county was named for Dr. Jeremy Belknap, Dover Congregational Church minister and author of *The History of New Hampshire*, which chronicled the early history of the state. Belknap is one of two counties in the state without an interstate border; Merrimack is the other. A large part of Lake Winnepesaukee, all of Lake Winnisquam, and many smaller lakes cover nearly one-sixth of the county, the largest amount of inland water among New Hampshire's counties.

Belknap County contains 402.7 square miles of land area and 67.3 square miles of inland water area. As of the 2020 Census, the population density was 158.5 persons per square mile. Belknap County includes one city, Laconia, and ten towns. The county seat is Laconia.

COUNTY POPULATION				
2021	2010	2000	1990	1980
64,460	60,088	55,325	49,216	42,884

Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial/Annual Population Estimates

DEMOGRAPHICS		
By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	31,232	32,163
18 years and over	25,441	26,282
65 years and over	6,665	7,315
Median Age	46.6 years	48.3 years
By Age Group:		
Under age 5		2,668
Age 5 to 19		9,982
Age 20 to 34		9,446
Age 35 to 54		15,185
Age 55 to 64		10,569
Age 65 and over		13,037
Median Age		47.4 years

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

Due to differing methodologies, Annual Population Estimates and 5-Year Average ACS Demographics data may not match.

LABOR FORCE			
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian Labor Force	32,069	31,024	
Employed	30,286	29,882	
Unemployed	1,783	1,142	
Unemployment Rate	5.6%	3.7%	
2021 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town			
Alton	3.1%	Laconia	4.2%
Barnstead	3.2%	Meredith	3.4%
Belmont	4.0%	New Hampton	2.9%
Center Harbor	2.6%	Sanbornton	3.5%
Gilford	3.6%	Tilton	4.3%
Gilmanston	4.1%		

Source: NHES/ELMI

LARGEST BUSINESSES	COMMUNITY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Gunstock Recreation Area	Gilford	Ski, recreation area	550
j.jill	Tilton	Contact & distribution-women's apparel	325
Gilford School District	Gilford	Education	260
Interlakes School System	Meredith	Education	228
Meredith Village Savings Bank	Meredith	Banking services	210
Hannaford Brothers	Gilford	Supermarket	200
Wal-Mart	Gilford	Retail store	200
Tanger Outlet Stores	Tilton	Retail outlet stores	200
New Hampton School	New Hampton	Secondary education	174
Home Depot	Tilton	Home improvement center	150
Town of Alton	Alton	Municipal services	140
Hannaford Brothers	Alton	Supermarket	38 FT/94 PT
Golden View	Meredith	Nursing home	130
Alton School Department	Alton	Education	116
Hampshire Hospitality Holdings	Meredith	Inn, spa, marketplace	115
Bank of New Hampshire	Gilford	Banking services	115
Winnisquam Regional School District	Tilton	Education	114
Shaws Supermarket	Gilford	Supermarket	113
Wal-Mart	Tilton	Retail store	110
NuCar	Tilton	Car dealership	110
Barnstead Elementary School/SAU 86	Barnstead	Education/administrative	106
Town of Gilford	Gilford	Municipal services	101
The Tilton School	Tilton	Education	99
Town of Barnstead	Barnstead	Municipal services	96
Shaw's Supermarket	Belmont	Supermarket	95
Lowe's	Tilton	Home improvement center	94
Steele Hill Resort	Sanbornton	Restaurant, time share resort	85
First Student	Belmont	Bus transportation	80
All Metals Industries, Inc.	Belmont	Metal product supplier	80
Town of Meredith	Meredith	Municipal Services	78

Source: Employer data were provided by individual municipalities; not all municipalities provided data.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT & WAGES – ANNUAL AVERAGE			
	2011	2021	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Annual Average Employment	24,953	24,938	
Average Weekly Wage	\$706	\$965	
Total Private Industry			
Annual Average Employment	20,748	21,021	
Average Weekly Wage	\$697	\$969	
Private Goods-Producing Establishments			
Annual Average Employment	3,411	3,619	
Average Weekly Wage	\$959	\$1,288	
Private Service-Providing Establishments			
Annual Average Employment	17,337	17,402	
Average Weekly Wage	\$646	\$903	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Annual Average Employment	4,205	3,917	
Average Weekly Wage	\$750	\$944	

Source: NHES/ELMI. 'n' = data do not meet disclosure standards. Data represent workers covered by unemployment insurance.

INCOME AND POVERTY	
Per Capita Income	\$39,639
Median Family Income	\$75,035
Median Household Income	\$92,871
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	
Male	\$62,448
Female	\$45,052
Percent of individuals below the poverty level	8.0%
Persons under 18 years of age	11.0%
Persons 65 years of age or older	6.3%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

NEAREST HOSPITALS	STAFFED BEDS
Concord Hospital, Concord	245
Concord Hospital-Franklin, Franklin	31
Concord Hospital-Laconia, Laconia	45
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	23
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	25
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	25

Source: NH Hospital Association

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population, age 25 and over	47,422
Less than 9th grade	717
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,342
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	13,873
Some college, no degree	9,900
Associate's degree	5,791
Bachelor's degree	8,642
Graduate or professional degree	6,157

Percent of age 25 and over population:

High school graduate or higher	93.5%
With a Bachelor's degree or higher	31.2%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year 2017-2021

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

School Districts Serving Belknap County Municipalities

- Alton (grades K-8)
- Barnstead (grades K-8)
- Prospect Mountain JMA: Alton, Barnstead (grades 9-12)
- Gilford (grades K-12)
- Gilmanton (grades K-8)
- Inter-Lakes Cooperative: Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich (grades K-12)
- Laconia (grades K-12)
- Newfound Area: Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton (grades K-12)
- Shaker Regional: Belmont, Canterbury (grades K-12)
- Winnisquam Regional: Northfield, Tilton Sanbornton (grades K-12)

Career Technology Centers

J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia)
Winnisquam Agricultural Programs (Tilton)
Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfboro)
Plymouth Applied Technology Center (Plymouth)

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Nearest Community Colleges

Lakes Region Community College, Laconia
New Hampshire Technical Institute, Concord

Nearest Colleges and Universities

Plymouth State University
Franklin Pierce University
Colby-Sawyer College (New London)
University of New Hampshire School of Law (Concord)
University of New Hampshire (Durham)

Source: NH Department of Education

NH LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, 2021

Total Licensed Facilities	35
Total Capacity	2,087

Source: NH DHHS, Bureau of Child Care Licensing

COMMUTING TO WORK

Total Workers, 16 years and over	31,796
Car, truck or van: drove alone	24,706
Car, truck or van: carpooled	3,424
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	78
Walked	754
Other means	293
Worked at home	2,541
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.0

Percent of working residents who:

Work in county of residence	62.1%
Commute to some other NH county	34.8%
Commute out of the state or the country	3.0%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	25, 25B, 28, 28A, 104, 106, 107, 126, 127, 129, 132, 140
Nearest Interstate/Exits		I-93, Exit 15E (Concord); Exit 20 (Tilton); Exit 22 (Sanbornton); Exit 23 (New Hampton)

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines
Manchester-Boston Regional	4

Source: Local mapping data

HOUSING UNITS

Total Housing Units	38,267
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	29,203
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,738
Five or More Units in Structure	3,078
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	3,248

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year 2017-2021

CURRENT HOUSING MARKET

New Hampshire Association of Realtors¹

YTD Dec 2022 Median Sale Price, Residential	\$425,000
YTD Dec 2022 Average Days on Market Until Sale	27

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey²

2022 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom	\$1,275
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Source: see footnotes

2021 LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY PROPERTY TYPE

Property Type	Share of Total Valuation
Residential Land and Buildings	87.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.6%

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

PROPERTY TAX RATES, 2021

Town	Total Tax Rate per \$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate per \$1000
Alton	\$11.38	83.0	\$9.42
Barnstead	\$21.96	74.9	\$16.38
Belmont	\$26.67	66.1	\$17.44
Center Harbor	\$15.27	61.2	\$9.33
Gilford	\$12.28	88.8	\$10.88
Gilmanton	\$23.50	76.8	\$17.97
Laconia	\$18.86	79.0	\$14.57
Meredith	\$13.43	70.9	\$9.46
New Hampton	\$18.74	67.9	\$12.52
Sanbornton	\$18.38	71.8	\$13.14
Tilton	\$16.36	70.2	\$11.38

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

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² Source: 2022 NH Residential Rental Cost Survey, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. Copyright NHHFA 2022. <www.nhfa.org>

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Belknap County Community Contacts

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<i>web site</i>	www.alton.nh.gov	www.barnstead.org	http://belmontnh.org
<i>office hours</i>	Town Office: M-F 8-4:30	Selectmen: meet T 5-7; Town Hall: MWThF 8:30-4:30, T 8:30-7, closed 3rd W monthly; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 8:30-4:30	Town Hall: M-F 7:30-4
	Center Harbor Board of Selectmen	Town of Gilford	Town of Gilmanton
<i>address</i>	PO Box 140 Center Harbor NH 03226	47 Cherry Valley Road Gilford NH 03249	PO Box 550 Gilmanton NH 03237
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<i>web site</i>	www.centerharbornh.org	www.gilfordnh.org	www.gilmantonnh.org
<i>office hours</i>	Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTThF 8-11:30 & 12:15-3, W 8-12 & 5-7	Town Hall: M-F 8-4:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTWF 8-4:30, Th 8-6	Selectmen: MWThF 9-4:30; Town Clerk: M-Th 9-4
	City of Laconia	Town of Meredith	Town of New Hampton
<i>address</i>	45 Beacon Street East Laconia NH 03246	41 Main Street Meredith NH 03253	6 Pinnacle Hill Road New Hampton NH 03256
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<i>office hours</i>	City Hall: M-F 8:30-4:30	Town Hall: M-F 8:30-5	Selectmen: MTF 8:30-4, WTh 10-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTF 8-4, W 10-4, Th 10-7
	Town of Sanbornton	Town of Tilton	
<i>address</i>	PO Box 124 Sanbornton NH 03269	257 Main Street Tilton NH 03276	
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<i>web site</i>	www.sanborntonnh.org	http://tiltonnh.org	
<i>office hours</i>	Selectmen: M-F 8-4; Town Clerk: W 8-12:30 & 1-6:30, TThF 8-12:30 & 1-4, closed M	Town Hall: 8:30-4:15; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTWF 8:30-4:15, Th 8:30-5:30	

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