

Plainfield, NH



Community Contact

Town of Plainfield
Steve Halleran, Town Administrator
PO Box 380
Meriden, NH 03770

Telephone
Fax
E-mail
Web Site

(603) 469-3201
(603) 469-3642
plainfield.ta@plainfieldnh.org
www.plainfieldnh.org

Municipal Office Hours

Town Administrator, Town Clerk: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8-4, Wednesday, 8-6, Friday, 7-12; Tax Collector: Monday, 8-4, Wednesday, 2-6

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Sullivan
Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 5
Sullivan County Districts 2, 7

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: Settled by a group from Plainfield, Connecticut, Plainfield is one of the towns chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth in 1761 at the beginning of the reign of King George III. A part of Plainfield with a portion of Grantham was separated into Meriden Parish in 1780. Meriden became the site of Kimball Union Academy, established in 1813. Daniel Kimball donated a large collection of books to the town for a library in 1797, along with \$6,000 for a school, to which his widow added \$40,000. The entire Meriden Parish was annexed to Plainfield in 1856.

Villages and Place Names: East Plainfield, Hell Hollow, Meriden, Mill Village, Coryville, Plainfield Village

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,024 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Plainfield totaled 1,107 over 50 years, from 1,323 in 1970 to 2,430 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Plainfield was 2,541 residents, which ranked 124th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 48.7 persons per square mile of land area. Plainfield contains 52.2 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.



| MUNICIPAL SERVICES | | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Type of Government | | Selectmen | |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021 | | \$2,630,252 | |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022 | | \$7,394,647 | |
| Zoning Ordinance | | 1959/16 | |
| Master Plan | | 2013 | |
| Capital Improvement Plan | | Yes | |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | | Planning Board | |
| Boards and Commissions | | | |
| Elected: | Selectmen; Library | | |
| Appointed: | Planning; Zoning; Conservation | | |
| Public Library | Meriden; Philip Read Memorial | | |
| EMERGENCY SERVICES | | | |
| Police Department | | Full-time | |
| Fire Department | | Volunteer | |
| Emergency Medical Service | | Volunteer | |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | | Distance | Staffed Beds |
| Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon | | 13 miles | 419 |
| Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon | | 10 miles | 23 |
| UTILITIES | | | |
| Electric Supplier | Eversource Energy; Granite State; NH Electric Coop | | |
| Natural Gas Supplier | None | | |
| Water Supplier | Plainfield/Meriden Village District | | |
| Sanitation | | Private septic | |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | | Yes | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | Municipal | |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | | Municipal | |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program | | Yes | |
| Recycling Program | | Voluntary | |
| Telephone Company | Consolidated Communications | | |
| Cellular Telephone Access | | Yes | |
| 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) | | \$24.90 | |
| 2022 Equalization Ratio | | 65.4 | |
| 2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | | \$16.04 | |
| 2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | | | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | | 92.2% | |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | | 4.9% | |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | | 3.0% | |
| HOUSING | | (ACS 2017-2021) | |
| Total Housing Units | | 1,078 | |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | | 964 | |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | | | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | | 66 | |
| Five or More Units in Structure | | 19 | |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | | 29 | |

| POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) | | (US Census Bureau) | |
|---|-------|---|---------|
| Total Population | | Community | County |
| 2022 | 2,541 | | 43,958 |
| 2020 | 2,459 | | 43,063 |
| 2010 | 2,364 | | 43,742 |
| 2000 | 2,254 | | 40,560 |
| 1990 | 2,059 | | 38,652 |
| 1980 | 1,749 | | 36,063 |
| DEMOGRAPHICS | | AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021 | |
| Population by Gender | | | |
| Male | 1,317 | Female | 1,377 |
| Population by Age Group | | | |
| Under age 5 | | 204 | |
| Age 5 to 19 | | 466 | |
| Age 20 to 34 | | 540 | |
| Age 35 to 54 | | 534 | |
| Age 55 to 64 | | 412 | |
| Age 65 and over | | 538 | |
| Median Age | | 41.2 years | |
| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,873 | | | |
| High school graduate or higher | | 97.5% | |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | | 46.9% | |
| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ | | (ACS 2017-2021) | |
| Per capita income | | \$48,028 | |
| Median family income | | \$108,953 | |
| Median household income | | \$105,057 | |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | | | |
| Male | | \$65,224 | |
| Female | | \$63,479 | |
| Individuals below the poverty level | | 5.3% | |
| LABOR FORCE | | (NHES – ELMI) | |
| Annual Average | | 2012 | 2022 |
| Civilian labor force | | 1,422 | 1,417 |
| Employed | | 1,378 | 1,392 |
| Unemployed | | 44 | 25 |
| Unemployment rate | | 3.1% | 1.8% |
| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES | | (NHES – ELMI) | |
| Annual Average Covered Employment | | 2012 | 2022 |
| Goods Producing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | | 86 | 137 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 471 | \$ 918 |
| Service Providing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | | 300 | 406 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 703 | \$1,060 |
| Total Private Industry | | | |
| Average Employment | | 386 | 543 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 651 | \$1,024 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | | |
| Average Employment | | 35 | 34 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 459 | \$ 831 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | | |
| Average Employment | | 421 | 577 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 635 | \$1,013 |
| If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards. | | | |

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Plainfield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Lebanon**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT)**

District: **SAU 32**

| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Number of Schools | 1 | | | 1 |
| Grade Levels | K 1-8 | | | 9-12 PG |
| Total Enrollment | 206 | | | 336 |

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Upper Valley Educators Institute**

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

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **19**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|-----------------------|--|-----------|-------------|
| Kimball Union Academy | Private school | | |
| North Country Door | Cabinet, door manufacturing | | |
| Town Line Equipment | Heavy equipment dealer | | |
| McNamara Dairy | Glass bottle milk | | |
| Taylor Farm | Maple & cheese products | | |
| Garfield's Smokehouse | Smoked products | | |
| Edgewater Farm | Farmstand, greenhouses, & PYO strawberries | | |
| Riverview Farm | PYO apples & berries | | |
| Olde Village Haunt | Restaurant | | |
| Poor Thoms Tavern | Pub restaurant | | |

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

| | | |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|
| Road Access | US Routes | |
| | State Routes | 12A, 120 |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit | | I-89, Exit 15 |
| | Distance | 7 miles |
| Railroad | | No |
| Public Transportation | | No |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation | | |
| Lebanon Municipal | Runway | 5,496 ft. asphalt |
| Lighted? Yes | Navigation Aids? | Yes |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service | | |
| Lebanon Municipal | Distance | 10 miles |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | | 1 |
| Driving distance to select cities: | | |
| Manchester, NH | | 74 miles |
| Portland, Maine | | 166 miles |
| Boston, Mass. | | 124 miles |
| New York City, NY | | 262 miles |
| Montreal, Quebec | | 191 miles |

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Workers 16 years and over | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | 72.0% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | 8.4% |
| Public transportation | 0.0% |
| Walked | 3.5% |
| Other means | 0.6% |
| Worked at home | 15.6% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | 22.3 minutes |
| Percent of Working Residents | |
| Working in community of residence | 33.7% |
| Commuting to another NH community | 55.6% |
| Commuting out-of-state | 10.7% |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND 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 |
| | Campgrounds |
| X | Fishing/Hunting |
| | Boating/Marinas |
| X | Snowmobile Trails |
| X | Bicycle Trails |
| X | Cross Country Skiing |
| | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area |
| | Overnight or Day Camps |

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Sunapee, Whaleback**Other: **Meriden Covered Bridge; Annual 4th of July Parade; Maxfield Parrish Stage Set**