

Washington, NH



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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 2011 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	None	
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 – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2012	2022	
Civilian labor force	505	489	
Employed	473	474	
Unemployed	32	15	
Unemployment rate	6.3%	3.1%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
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	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	52			

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

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	14.1%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.1%
Other means	1.6%
Worked at home	7.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	35.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	20.7%
Commuting to another NH community	76.7%
Commuting out-of-state	2.6%

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

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Sunapee, Pat's Peak**

Other: **Highland Lake; Pillsbury State Park**