

# Barnstead, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen meet Tuesdays, 5-7; Town Hall hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:30-4:30, Tuesday, 8:30-7, closed third Wednesday monthly; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Belknap**  
**Belmont, NH LMA**  
**Lakes**  
**Lakes Region**  
**Belknap County Economic Development Council**

Election Districts  
US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 1**  
**District 4**  
**District 17**  
**Belknap County District 7**

**Incorporated: 1727**

**Origin:** Granted in 1727, this community was one of several established to deal with rapidly expanding population in the seacoast area. The majority of new settlers came from either Barnstable on Cape Cod or Hampstead on Long Island, and the name Barnstead is a conjunction of the two. Barnstead Parade, the town's central highway, was located on the Province Road, which ran between Portsmouth and the Governor's summer house in Wolfeboro.

**Villages and Place Names:** Barnstead Parade, Center Barnstead, South Barnstead, North Barnstead

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 807 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Barnstead totaled 3,795 over 50 years, from 1,119 in 1970 to 4,914 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 105 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, more than doubling the population. The town's population increased by seven percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Barnstead was 5,004 residents, which ranked 73rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 116.5 persons per square mile of land area. Barnstead contains 42.9 square miles of land area and 2.0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019		\$5,202,443	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$14,566,555	
Zoning Ordinance		1971/22	
Master Plan		2015	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Fire & Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Library; Checklist		
Appointed:	Zoning; Parks & Recreation; Conservation		
Public Library	Oscar Foss Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Full-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord		21 miles	236
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester		19 miles	27
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private; Locke Lake Colony; Pennichuck	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal		Private	
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated; Northern NE; TDS	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$21.60	
2022 Equalization Ratio		58.6	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$12.62	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		95.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		2.3%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,552	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,373	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		68	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		111	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	5,004		64,781
2020	4,915		63,705
2010	4,593		60,088
2000	3,914		56,576
1990	3,105		49,294
1980	2,292		42,884
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	2,193	Female	2,709
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		170	
Age 5 to 19		914	
Age 20 to 34		728	
Age 35 to 54		1,341	
Age 55 to 64		853	
Age 65 and over		896	
Median Age		43.0 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		3,567	
High school graduate or higher		93.8%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		24.6%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$35,958	
Median family income		\$82,024	
Median household income		\$77,097	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$65,327	
Female		\$39,650	
Individuals below the poverty level		3.2%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		2,702	2,732
Employed		2,573	2,670
Unemployed		129	62
Unemployment rate		4.8%	2.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		19	59
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 569	\$ 835
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		137	190
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 459	\$ 805
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		157	249
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 473	\$ 812
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		159	157
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 658	\$ 794
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		316	406
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 566	\$ 805
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Barnstead operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are jointly managed with Alton (JMA)** District: **SAU 86**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	469			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region; NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; UNH School of Law; Granite State**

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

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **44**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Barnstead Elementary School/SAU 86	Education/administrative	106	
Bosco Bell	Convenience store, gas	14	
Town of Barnstead	Municipal services	96	
OSG	Outdoor games, paintball	14	1991
Blueberry Station	Convenience store, gas	7	2005
Barnstead Business Park	Auto/small engine repair, Pellet Construction Co., and Child Care	15	2013
Hampstead Stage Company	Theatre group	28	

#### Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)				RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
Road Access	US Routes			Municipal Parks	
	State Routes	28, 107, 126		YMCA/YWCA	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 15		Boys Club/Girls Club	
	Distance	21 miles		Golf Courses	
Railroad		No		Swimming: Indoor Facility	
Public Transportation		No		Swimming: Outdoor Facility	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation				Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility	
<b>Concord Municipal</b>	Runway	6,005 ft. asphalt		Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility	
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	Yes		Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service				Bowling Facilities	
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	36 miles		Museums	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4		Cinemas	
Driving distance to select cities:				Performing Arts Facilities	
Manchester, NH		37 miles		Tourist Attractions	
Portland, Maine		71 miles		X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
Boston, Mass.		87 miles		X	Youth Sports: Baseball
New York City, NY		284 miles		X	Youth Sports: Soccer
Montreal, Quebec		255 miles		X	Youth Sports: Football
				X	Youth Sports: Basketball
				X	Youth Sports: Hockey
				X	Campgrounds
				X	Fishing/Hunting
				X	Boating/Marinas
				X	Snowmobile Trails
					Bicycle Trails
					Cross Country Skiing
				X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
				X	Overnight or Day Camps
				Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>	
				Other: <b>Outdoor Hockey; Outdoor Skating Rink; Outdoor Basketball Courts</b>	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)					
Workers 16 years and over					
Drove alone, car/truck/van		76.6%			
Carpooled, car/truck/van		9.0%			
Public transportation		0.5%			
Walked		0.0%			
Other means		0.6%			
Worked at home		13.4%			
Mean Travel Time to Work		36.2 minutes			
Percent of Working Residents					
Working in community of residence		19.4%			
Commuting to another NH community		76.4%			
Commuting out-of-state		4.2%			