

Lancaster, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County

Coös

Labor Market Area

Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part

Tourism Region

Great North Woods

Planning Commission

North Country Council

Regional Development

Coös Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 1

State Senate

District 1

State Representative

Coös County District 1

Incorporated: 1763

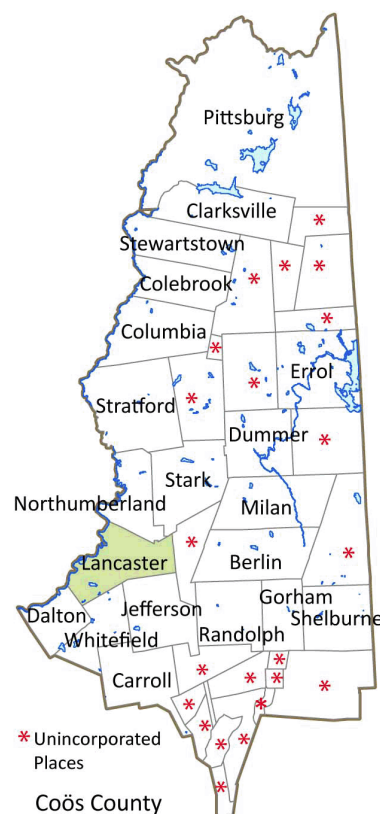
Origin: Lancaster was first granted to Captain David Page and others in 1763, an early settlement on the northern portion of the Connecticut River. The town was subject to many Indian troubles, and a grant renewal was issued in 1769. The town was named for Lancaster, Massachusetts, hometown of Joseph Wilder, an early settler. Reverend Joshua Weeks, also a grantee, was among the group of explorers who named the mountains in the Presidential Range. Another resident was Benjamin Sawyer, who, with Timothy Nash, discovered the "White Mountain Notch," making a shorter route to Portland possible.

Villages and Place Names: Coos Junction, Grange, Lost Nation, South Lancaster

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 161 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Lancaster totaled 27 over 50 years, from 3,166 in 1970 to 3,193 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a nine percent decrease from 2010 to 2020. The town's population increased by less than 100 total residents since 1940. The 2022 Census estimate for Lancaster was 3,241 residents, which ranked 109th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 64.6 persons per square mile of land area. Lancaster contains 50.2 square miles of land area and 1.0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022		\$8,592,866	
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Zoning Ordinance		1908/15	
Master Plan		2011	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Town Clerk		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Tax Collector		
Public Library	Weeks Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster		Local	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Lancaster Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal & private	
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)		\$24.29	
2022 Equalization Ratio		67.8	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.40	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		70.5%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		23.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		5.7%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		1,489	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,032	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		238	
Five or More Units in Structure		86	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		133	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	3,241		31,504
2020	3,218		31,268
2010	3,507		33,055
2000	3,285		33,156
1990	3,532		34,879
1980	3,401		35,014
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	1,602	Female	1,613
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			176
Age 5 to 19			687
Age 20 to 34			625
Age 35 to 54			690
Age 55 to 64			366
Age 65 and over			671
Median Age			38.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 2,116			
High school graduate or higher			92.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher			23.4%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$31,484
Median family income			\$83,393
Median household income			\$61,953
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$60,806
Female			\$41,667
Individuals below the poverty level			8.7%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	1,813		1,725
Employed	1,716		1,682
Unemployed	97		43
Unemployment rate	5.4%		2.5%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	225		304
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 672		\$ 860
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,227		1,149
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 716		\$1,085
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,452		1,452
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 709		\$1,038
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	243		281
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 665		\$ 820
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,695		1,734
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 703		\$1,002
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE					
Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of White Mountains Regional (Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield)			District: SAU 36	
Career Technology Center(s):	Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)				
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1			2	
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			P K 1-12	
Total Enrollment	351			82	
Nearest Community College: White Mountains					
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State; Northern VT - Lyndon (VT)					
2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)		Total Facilities: 2	Total Capacity: 73		
LARGEST BUSINESSES		PRODUCT/SERVICE		EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Weeks Memorial Hospital		Health care services		320	
Country Village Health Care		Health care services		112	
Lancaster School		Education		70	
Pak Solutions		Four color shopping bags		53	1987
Shaw's Supermarket		Supermarket		48	
Town of Lancaster		Municipal services		40	
North Country Ford Sales & Service		Car dealership		21	
Trividia		Pharmaceutical		30	1868
Eversource Energy		Utility		25	
Salmon Press, LLC		Newspaper		6	
Employer Information Supplied by Municipality					
TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS		
Road Access	US Routes	2, 3	X	Municipal Parks	
	State Routes			YMCA/YWCA	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 41		Boys Club/Girls Club	
	Distance	20 miles		Golf Courses	
Railroad		Boston & Maine		Swimming: Indoor Facility	
Public Transportation		NCT	X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility	
				Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility	
Mt Washington Reg, Whitefield	Runway	4,001 ft. asphalt		Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?		Bowling Facilities	
		Yes		Museums	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			X	Cinemas	
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	82 miles		Performing Arts Facilities	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1	X	Tourist Attractions	
Driving distance to select cities:			X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)	
Manchester, NH		116 miles	X	Youth Sports: Baseball	
Portland, Maine		19 miles	X	Youth Sports: Soccer	
Boston, Mass.		166 miles	X	Youth Sports: Football	
New York City, NY		350 miles	X	Youth Sports: Basketball	
Montreal, Quebec		170 miles	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	
				Overnight or Day Camps	
				Nearest Ski Area(s): Bretton Woods	
				Other: Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Lancaster Fair; Weeks Historic Site; Farmers Market	
COMMUTING TO WORK		(ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over					
Drove alone, car/truck/van		76.9%			
Carpooled, car/truck/van		5.2%			
Public transportation		0.3%			
Walked		1.2%			
Other means		5.2%			
Worked at home		11.3%			
Mean Travel Time to Work		20.4 minutes			
Percent of Working Residents					
Working in community of residence		43.1%			
Commuting to another NH community		50.6%			
Commuting out-of-state		6.3%			