

Holderness, NH



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Grafton

Plymouth, NH LMA

Lakes

Lakes Region

Grafton County Economic Development Council

District 2

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Grafton County District 8

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: Holderness was named in 1751 for Robert Darcy, fourth Earl of Holderness, ambassador to Venice and minister at The Hague under King George III. He opposed the king's policy toward the colonies, and became a friend of Governor Wentworth in efforts to promote friendly trade relations abroad. In 1761, the land was regranted to a group of New England families and named New Holderness. Grantees included Samuel Livermore, who wanted to create a pretentious estate similar to that of the English countryside. In 1816, residents voted to change the name back to Holderness.

Villages and Place Names: Deephaven, East Holderness, Rockywold

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 329 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Holderness totaled 963 over 50 years, from 1,048 in 1970 to 2,011 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 51 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Holderness was 2,040 residents, which ranked 138th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 66.8 persons per square mile of land area. Holderness contains 30.5 square miles of land area and 5.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023-2024		\$4,970,066	
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Zoning Ordinance		1985/23	
Master Plan		2007	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Trust Funds; Library		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Zoning		
Public Library	Holderness		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time Chief & on-call	
Emergency Medical Service		On-Call	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth		10 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Limited	
Public Access Television Station		Share with Plymouth	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$11.22	
2022 Equalization Ratio		73.7	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 8.24	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		87.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		10.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		1,455	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,133	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		59	
Five or More Units in Structure		88	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		175	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	2,040		91,126
2020	2,004		91,118
2010	2,108		89,118
2000	1,939		81,826
1990	1,696		74,998
1980	1,586		65,806
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	874	Female	1,208
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		20	
Age 5 to 19		348	
Age 20 to 34		391	
Age 35 to 54		474	
Age 55 to 64		309	
Age 65 and over		540	
Median Age		47.2 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		1,495	
High school graduate or higher		94.1%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		45.8%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$42,531	
Median family income		\$115,333	
Median household income		\$78,750	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$54,063	
Female		\$51,444	
Individuals below the poverty level		8.2%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		1,374	1,438
Employed		1,322	1,414
Unemployed		52	24
Unemployment rate		3.8%	1.7%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		92	43
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 932	\$1,442
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		476	618
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 609	\$ 773
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		568	660
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 661	\$ 816
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		75	74
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 787	\$ 972
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		642	735
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 676	\$ 832
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Holderness operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)** District: **SAU 48**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	152			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State**

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

Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **121**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Holderness School	Education	80	1879
Resource Management, Inc.	Bioproducts/solids recycling	21	
Holderness Central School	Education	40	
Science Center of New Hampshire	Environmental education	12	1967
Squam Boats	Marina	8	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	25, 113, 175, 175A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 25
Distance		Local access
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Moultonborough Airport	Runway	3,475 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	65 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		58 miles
Portland, Maine		87 miles
Boston, Mass.		109 miles
New York City, NY		308 miles
Montreal, Quebec		216 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.2%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.4%
Other means	4.3%
Worked at home	6.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	22.1%
Commuting to another NH community	75.9%
Commuting out-of-state	2.0%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Waterville Valley**

Other: **Squam Lakes Science Center**