

# Fracestown, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Town Administrator: Monday to Thursday, 8-12; Town  
Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday to Thursday, 8-12, Tuesday, 5:30-  
7:30 by appointment

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Hillsborough  
Peterborough, NH LMA  
Monadnock  
Southern NH  
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 5  
District 8  
Hillsborough County District 27

## Incorporated: 1772

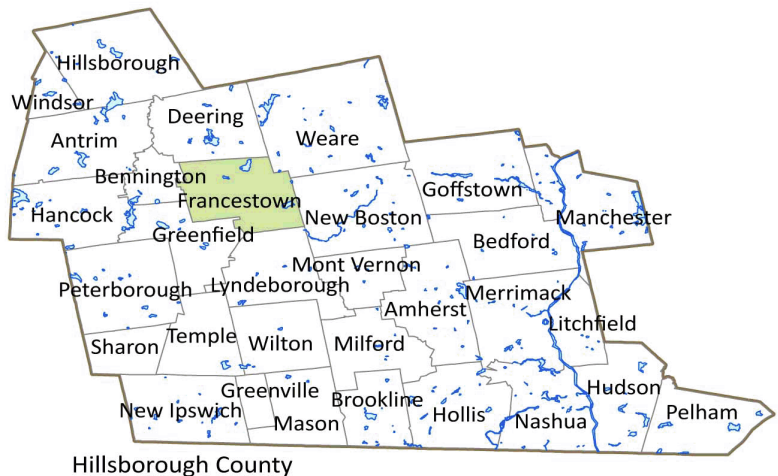
**Origin:** Incorporated in 1772, Fracestown was named for Frances Deering Wentworth, wife of Governor John Wentworth. She was the source of some scandal, marrying John just ten days after the death of her first husband, Theodore Atkinson. Three years after Fracestown was incorporated, the Wentworths fled to exile. Situated on the Second New Hampshire Turnpike, the only through route between Boston and Vermont, the town collected a toll of one cent per mile from travelling coaches and wagons. Fracestown was also the site of a high-quality soapstone quarry, which was mined until the 1890s.

## Villages and Place Names: unknown

## Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 982 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Fracestown totaled 1,087 over 50 years, from 525 in 1970 to 1,612 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase from 1970 to 1980; followed by a 47 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Fracestown was 1,640 residents, which ranked 160th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 54.9 persons per square mile of land area. Fracestown contains 29.9 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$3,327,726	
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Zoning Ordinance		1937/22	
Master Plan		2018	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Trust Funds; Cemetery; Library		
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Budget Advisory; Recreation; Waste Disposal; Patriotic; Heritage		
Public Library	George Holmes Bixby Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough		10 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells & Francestown Village Water Co.	
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; Comcast; TDS	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Limited
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.84	
2022 Equalization Ratio		61.8	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$15.93	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		92.1%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		6.0%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.0%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		729	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		641	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		56	
Five or More Units in Structure		8	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		24	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,640		426,594
2020	1,610		422,937
2010	1,562		400,721
2000	1,490		382,384
1990	1,220		336,549
1980	830		276,608
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	753	Female	806
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		93	
Age 5 to 19		315	
Age 20 to 34		204	
Age 35 to 54		318	
Age 55 to 64		346	
Age 65 and over		283	
Median Age		48.1 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		1,083	
High school graduate or higher		96.1%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		46.2%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$48,593	
Median family income		\$104,500	
Median household income		\$99,620	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$71,827	
Female		\$54,821	
Individuals below the poverty level		7.5%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		995	976
Employed		951	959
Unemployed		44	17
Unemployment rate		4.4%	1.7%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		25	24
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 946	\$1,301
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		79	81
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 616	\$1,070
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		103	105
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 695	\$1,122
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		24	29
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 505	\$ 605
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		128	134
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 658	\$1,012
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)** District: **SAU 1**

Career Technology Center(s): **Region 14 Applied Technology Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-4</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>42</b>			

Nearest Community College: **Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England; St. Anselm; UNH-Manchester; Franklin Pierce-Manchester; MCPHS; Southern NH University**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Crotched Mountain Resort & Spa	Golf course, restaurant, & time share resort	45	1991
Town of Francestown	Municipal services	40	1772
Francestown Elementary School	Education	12	
Francestown Sand & Gravel	Excavation work	20	
Country Brokers Real Estate	Real estate services	3	
Miller's Construction	Construction services	2	
Francestown Village Store	Convenience store	8	2020

#### Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>47, 136</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-293, Exit 4</b>
	Distance	<b>22 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim</b>	Runway	<b>3,260 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>26 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>23 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>119 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>73 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>239 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>254 miles</b>

##### COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>71.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>3.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Other means	<b>1.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>23.7%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>39.2 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>27.3%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>68.3%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4.4%</b>

##### RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Crotched Mountain, Bennington**

Other: **FIHS Labor Day**