

Mason, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Hillsborough
Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division
Monadnock
Nashua Regional
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 5
District 12
Hillsborough County Districts 36, 45

Incorporated: 1768

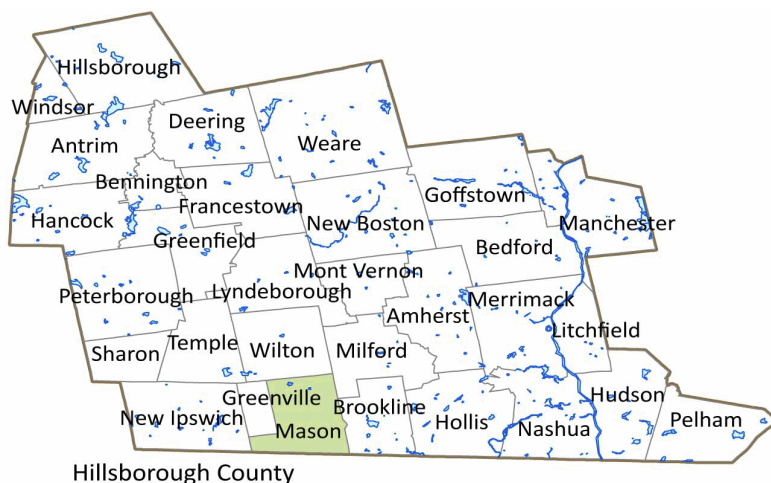
Origin: This territory was first known as Number 1, the first in a line of border towns including area allotted to this state by Massachusetts upon establishment of New Hampshire as a separate province in 1741. The initial charter was granted in 1749 to William Lawrence and others. In 1768, Governor John Wentworth named it in honor of Captain John Mason, even though residents had voted to name their town Sharon a couple of months earlier. Captain Mason was the holder of patent with title to the land that became New Hampshire. Mason was the boyhood home of "Uncle Sam," Samuel Wilson.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 922 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Mason totaled 931 over 50 years, from 518 in 1970 to 1,449 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 73 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Mason was 1,453 residents, which ranked 167th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 60.6 persons per square mile of land area. Mason contains 24.0 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$2,274,291	
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Zoning Ordinance		1967/16	
Master Plan		2020	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Treasurer; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Checklist		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Recreation; Conservation; Financial Advisory; Forestry		
Public Library	Mason Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	15 miles	25	
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua	20 miles	159	
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua	21 miles	163	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal		Private	
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Consolidated; Wilton	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		No	
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)		\$20.33	
2022 Equalization Ratio		78.0	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$15.80	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		94.5%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		1.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.6%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		598	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		561	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		14	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		23	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,453		426,594
2020	1,448		422,937
2010	1,382		400,721
2000	1,155		382,384
1990	1,369		336,549
1980	792		276,608
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	805	Female	669
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			99
Age 5 to 19			315
Age 20 to 34			212
Age 35 to 54			337
Age 55 to 64			310
Age 65 and over			201
Median Age			42.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		988	
High school graduate or higher			95.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher			35.3%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$44,103
Median family income			\$119,583
Median household income			\$103,824
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$78,021
Female			\$49,643
Individuals below the poverty level			3.3%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	757		795
Employed	716		774
Unemployed	41		21
Unemployment rate	5.4%		2.6%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	26		47
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 566		\$1,107
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	102		107
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 402		\$ 602
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	128		155
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 435		\$ 756
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	44		41
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 539		\$ 835
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	172		196
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 462		\$ 773
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Mason operates grades K-5; grade 6-12 are tuitioned to Milford or Mascenic Regional (Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich)** District: **SAU 89**

Career Technology Center(s): **Milford HS & Applied Technology Center; Wilbur H. Palmer Career & Tech Ed Center (Hudson); Nashua Technology Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	103			

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce; Rivier; 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
Parkers Maple Barn Restaurant & Gift Shops	Food, gifts		
Pickity Place	Food, gifts, herb plants		
The Driving Range	Golf, food		
Barrett Hill Farm	Farmstand, PYO fruit		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access US Routes
State Routes **31, 123, 124**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **Everett Tpk., Exit 6; I-495 (MA), Exit 31**
Distance **18 miles; 22 miles**

Railroad **No**

Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Jaffrey - Silver Ranch Runway **2,982 ft. asphalt**
Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **32 miles**
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH **33 miles**
Portland, Maine **127 miles**
Boston, Mass. **57 miles**
New York City, NY **220 miles**
Montreal, Quebec **274 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.3%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	1.3%
Worked at home	9.3%

Mean Travel Time to Work **40.6 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents

Working in community of residence	17.0%
Commuting to another NH community	46.6%
Commuting out-of-state	36.4%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**

Other: **Driving Range; Samuel "Uncle Sam" Wilson's Boyhood Home**