

Merrimack, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Manager: Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday to Friday, 9-4:30

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

**Hillsborough
Nashua, NH-MA NECTA Division
Merrimack Valley
Nashua Regional
Regional Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

**District 1
District 5
District 11
Hillsborough County District 12**

Incorporated: 1746

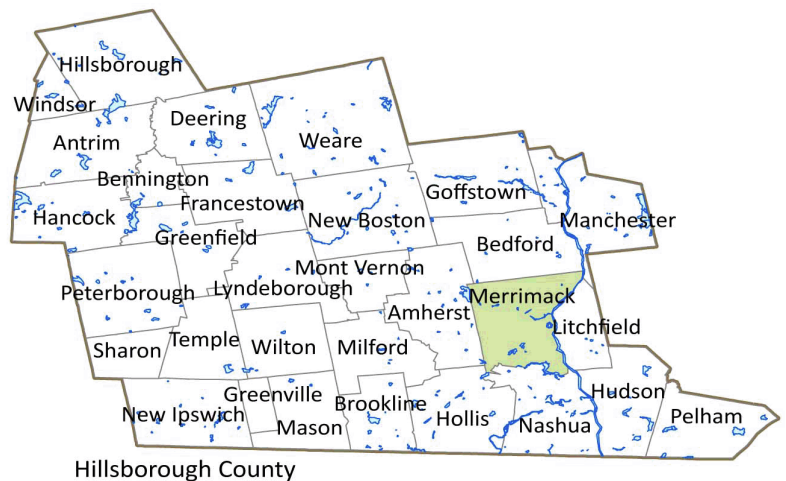
Origin: This territory was part of the 1673 charter of Dunstable, a large Massachusetts grant divided nearly in half with the establishment of the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border in 1741. Though the first log cabin was built here about 1665, settlement did not begin until the 1720s. When the town was separated from Dunstable (Nashua) in 1746, it was incorporated as Merrimack, after the river. In 1766, a ferry concession was granted to Edward Lutwyche, to facilitate trade and traffic between Litchfield and Merrimack. In 1784, the ferry was granted to Revolutionary War patriot Matthew Thornton, an area still known as Thornton's Ferry. Matthew Thornton was a resident of Merrimack until his death in 1803.

Villages and Place Names: Reeds Ferry, Souhegan Village, South Merrimack, Thorntons Ferry

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 819 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Merrimack totaled 18,079 over 50 years, from 8,595 in 1970 to 26,674 in 2020, the fifth-largest 50-year increase among the cities and towns. The largest decennial percent change was a 71 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Merrimack was 28,589 residents, which ranked eighth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 876.4 persons per square mile of land area. Merrimack contains 32.6 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Council/Town Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2024		\$41,770,184	
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Zoning Ordinance		1953/21	
Master Plan		2014	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Town Council; Library; Ethics; School		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Parks & Recreation; Conservation; Heritage		
Public Library	Merrimack Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua		8 miles	163
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua		9 miles	159
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester		10 miles	262
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Liberty Utilities	
Water Supplier		Pennichuck Water Works; Merrimack Village District	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
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)		\$17.38	
2022 Equalization Ratio		83.9	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.46	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		70.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		25.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.5%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		10,063	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		8,393	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		330	
Five or More Units in Structure		1,055	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		285	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	28,589		426,594
2020	26,632		422,937
2010	25,494		400,721
2000	25,267		382,384
1990	22,234		336,549
1980	15,406		276,608
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	13,378	Female	13,384
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		1,389	
Age 5 to 19		5,324	
Age 20 to 34		4,580	
Age 35 to 54		6,900	
Age 55 to 64		4,055	
Age 65 and over		4,514	
Median Age		42.1 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		18,864	
High school graduate or higher		96.5%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		48.1%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$50,525	
Median family income		\$126,152	
Median household income		\$114,737	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$83,140	
Female		\$61,855	
Individuals below the poverty level		3.9%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		15,572	17,106
Employed		14,773	16,718
Unemployed		799	388
Unemployment rate		5.1%	2.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		3,018	3,490
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,799	\$2,238
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		12,141	13,327
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,680	\$2,029
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		15,160	16,817
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,703	\$2,072
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		1,117	1,041
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 830	\$1,071
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		16,277	17,858
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,643	\$2,014
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Merrimack operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 26**
 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	5	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-8	7-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	2,057	542	1,094	244

Nearest Community College: **Nashua; Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Thomas More; Rivier; St. Anselm; UNH Manchester; MCPSH; Southern NH University; Franklin Pierce-Manchester**

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

Total Facilities: **19** Total Capacity: **1,701**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Fidelity Investments	Financial services	7,000	1996
BAE Systems	Defense systems	816	1988
PC Connections, Inc.	Computer resale	1,077	1998
Kollsman/Elbit Systems of America	Electra optics	500	1991
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	Brewery, distribution	531	1991
Brookstone, Inc.	Mail order marketer, retailer	256	
Merrimack School District	Education	800	
St. Gobain	PTFE coated fabrics	253	1984
Merrimack Premium Outlets	Retail stores	900	2012
Atrium Maquet Getinge Group	Sterile medical manufacturing	700	2013

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)				RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
Road Access	US Routes	3		X	Municipal Parks
	State Routes	101A		X	YMCA/YWCA
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Everett Tpk., Exit 11; I-293, Exit 3				Boys Club/Girls Club
Distance	2 miles; 7 miles			X	Golf Courses
Railroad	Boston & Maine			X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
Public Transportation	No			X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation				X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
Boire Field, Nashua	Runway	6,000 ft. asphalt		X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes		X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service				X	Bowling Facilities
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	10 miles			Museums
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4		X	Cinemas
Driving distance to select cities:				X	Performing Arts Facilities
Manchester, NH		11 miles		X	Tourist Attractions
Portland, Maine		105 miles		X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
Boston, Mass.		52 miles		X	Youth Sports: Baseball
New York City, NY		241 miles		X	Youth Sports: Soccer
Montreal, Quebec		268 miles		X	Youth Sports: Football
COMMUTING TO WORK	(ACS 2017-2021)			X	Youth Sports: Basketball
Workers 16 years and over				X	Youth Sports: Hockey
Drove alone, car/truck/van		79.6%			Campgrounds
Carpooled, car/truck/van		4.8%		X	Fishing/Hunting
Public transportation		0.4%		X	Boating/Marinas
Walked		0.6%		X	Snowmobile Trails
Other means		1.9%		X	Bicycle Trails
Worked at home		12.8%		X	Cross Country Skiing
Mean Travel Time to Work		29.0 minutes		X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Percent of Working Residents				X	Overnight or Day Camps
Working in community of residence		32.2%			Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre
Commuting to another NH community		52.3%			Other: Anheuser-Busch Brewery & Tours
Commuting out-of-state		15.5%			