

Pelham, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Hillsborough
Lowell-Billerica-Chelmsford, MA-NH NECTA Division
Merrimack Valley
Nashua Regional
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 3
District 22
Hillsborough County District 1

Incorporated: 1746

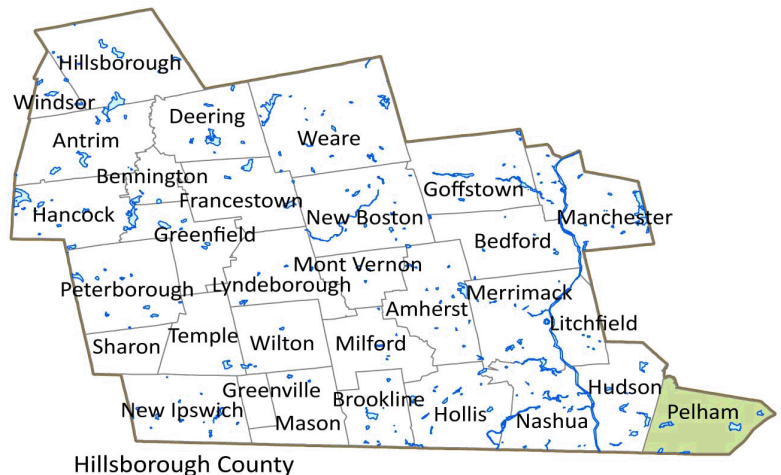
Origin: This territory was settled in 1722, when it was a part of Old Dunstable, which included all or part of what is now 12 towns in two states. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts boundary line was set in 1741, Old Dunstable was split in half, with the northern half retaining the name Dunstable. Pelham was incorporated in 1746 from parts of Dunstable and Dracut, Massachusetts. The town takes its name from Henry Pelham, Prime Minister of England, a relation of Governor Benning Wentworth, and younger brother of Thomas Pelham-Holles.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 791 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Pelham totaled 8,846 over 50 years, from 5,408 in 1970 to 14,254 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by 11 percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Pelham was 14,473 residents, which ranked 23rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 550.7 persons per square mile of land area. Pelham contains 26.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022		\$21,636,276	
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Zoning Ordinance		1956/22	
Master Plan		2002	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Consultant	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Budget; Cemetery; Library; Planning; Trustee of the Trust Funds		
Appointed:	Agricultural; Capital Improvement; Conservation; Forestry; Zoning; Water		
Public Library	Pelham Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Full-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Saints Campus - Lowell General Hospital, Lowell MA		7 miles	157
Lowell General, Lowell MA		7 miles	390
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua		10 miles	163
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Liberty Utilities; Eversource Energy		
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities		
Water Supplier	Pennichuck East Utilities/Williamsburg		
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		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)		\$17.42	
2022 Equalization Ratio		87.6	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$15.19	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		92.1%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		5.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.8%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		5,165	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		4,682	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		163	
Five or More Units in Structure		274	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		46	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	14,473		426,594
2020	14,222		422,937
2010	12,897		400,721
2000	11,006		382,384
1990	9,428		336,549
1980	8,090		276,608
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	6,872	Female	7,227
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		571	
Age 5 to 19		3,062	
Age 20 to 34		2,143	
Age 35 to 54		4,145	
Age 55 to 64		2,166	
Age 65 and over		2,012	
Median Age		43.5 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		9,750	
High school graduate or higher		95.7%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		36.9%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$47,566	
Median family income		\$127,472	
Median household income		\$111,333	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$75,139	
Female		\$58,216	
Individuals below the poverty level		2.2%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		7,253	8,348
Employed		6,756	8,063
Unemployed		497	285
Unemployment rate		6.9%	3.4%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		595	888
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,038	\$2,835
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		1,237	1,583
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 692	\$1,068
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		1,832	2,471
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 804	\$1,703
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		468	474
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 812	\$1,002
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		2,300	2,945
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 806	\$1,590
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Pelham operates grades K-12**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE**

District: **SAU 28**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	756	355	574	158

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Rivier**

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

Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **361**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wakefield Engineering	Aluminum extrusion	300	1997
Pelham School District	Education	425	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	85	1996
Quality Assured Cable	Cabling	70	1997
Chunky's Cinema Pub	Cinema, restaurant	50	1997
Yarde Metals	Metal stock wholesaler	25	2000
JT Manufacturing	Fabrication	30	2008
Town of Pelham	Government	125	1746

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	38, 111A, 128
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exits 1 - 2
	Distance	6 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Boire Field, Nashua	Runway	6,000 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	25 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		27 miles
Portland, Maine		97 miles
Boston, Mass.		34 miles
New York City, NY		229 miles
Montreal, Quebec		281 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	2.7%
Public transportation	0.6%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	13.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	24.5%
Commuting to another NH community	27.3%
Commuting out-of-state	48.2%

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
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	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): **McIntyre**

Other: