

Hampstead, NH



Community Contact

Town of Hampstead

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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen's office: Monday to Thursday, 8-4, Friday, 8-12;
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday to Thursday, 7-4, Friday, 7-12

County
Labor Market Area

Rockingham
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA
Division

Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Seacoast
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 19
Rockingham County Districts 15, 34

Incorporated: 1749

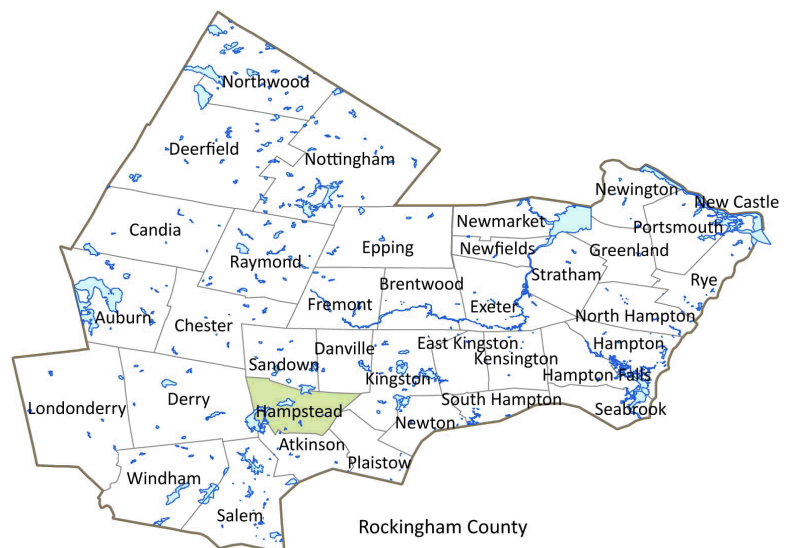
Origin: Hampstead began as a part of Haverhill and Amesbury, Massachusetts, and was formed as a result of the 1739 change in boundary lines between Massachusetts and the new province of New Hampshire. It was originally known as Timberlane Parish, because of the heavy growth of native trees. In 1749, residents of the area voted to petition the governor for incorporation. Governor Benning Wentworth named the town Hampstead, after the English town where William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, lived. Pitt, a close friend of Governor Wentworth, was Prime Minister of England, and a supporter of the American cause.

Villages and Place Names: East Hampstead, West Hampstead

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 724 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Hampstead totaled 6,601 over 50 years, from 2,401 in 1970 to 9,002 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was an 81 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by six percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Hampstead was 9,135 residents, which ranked 34th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 681.2 persons per square mile of land area. Hampstead contains 13.4 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.



| MUNICIPAL SERVICES | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Type of Government | | Selectmen | |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023 | | \$8,258,630 | |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023 | | \$31,671,796 | |
| Zoning Ordinance | | 1952/20 | |
| Master Plan | | 2022 | |
| Capital Improvement Plan | | No | |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | | Planning Board | |
| Boards and Commissions | | | |
| Elected: | Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Budget; School; Trust Funds | | |
| Appointed: | Conservation; Zoning; Cable TV; Historic; Recreation; Recycling-Waste Disposal; Communication; Water Resources; Ethics; Dam; Highway Safety; JLMC; Patriotic; Seniors; Energy Committee | | |
| Public Library | Hampstead Public | | |
| EMERGENCY SERVICES | | | |
| Police Department | | Full-time & part-time | |
| Fire Department | | Full & part-time | |
| Emergency Medical Service | | Full & part-time | |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | | Distance | Staffed Beds |
| Parkland Medical Center, Derry | | 9 miles | 50 |
| UTILITIES | | | |
| Electric Supplier | | Eversource Energy; Unitil | |
| Natural Gas Supplier | | None | |
| Water Supplier | | Hampstead Area Water Company | |
| Sanitation | | Private septic | |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | | No | |
| Solid Waste Disposal | | | |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | | Municipal | |
| 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) | | \$23.68 | |
| 2022 Equalization Ratio | | 69.4 | |
| 2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | | \$16.28 | |
| 2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | | | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | | 88.0% | |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | | 11.2% | |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | | .9% | |
| HOUSING | | (ACS 2017-2021) | |
| Total Housing Units | | 3,807 | |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | | 2,687 | |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | | | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | | 167 | |
| Five or More Units in Structure | | 494 | |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | | 459 | |

| POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) | | (US Census Bureau) | |
|---|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Total Population | | Community | County |
| 2022 | 9,135 | | 319,424 |
| 2020 | 8,998 | | 314,176 |
| 2010 | 8,523 | | 295,223 |
| 2000 | 8,305 | | 278,748 |
| 1990 | 6,848 | | 246,744 |
| 1980 | 3,785 | | 190,345 |
| DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021 | | | |
| Population by Gender | | | |
| Male | 4,358 | Female | 4,590 |
| Population by Age Group | | | |
| Under age 5 | | 583 | |
| Age 5 to 19 | | 1,412 | |
| Age 20 to 34 | | 1,582 | |
| Age 35 to 54 | | 1,927 | |
| Age 55 to 64 | | 1,750 | |
| Age 65 and over | | 1,694 | |
| Median Age | | 44.0 years | |
| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 6,477 | | | |
| High school graduate or higher | | 97.4% | |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | | 39.0% | |
| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ | | (ACS 2017-2021) | |
| Per capita income | | \$51,099 | |
| Median family income | | \$112,202 | |
| Median household income | | \$102,909 | |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | | | |
| Male | | \$78,242 | |
| Female | | \$56,402 | |
| Individuals below the poverty level | | 3.4% | |
| LABOR FORCE | | (NHES – ELMI) | |
| Annual Average | | 2012 | 2022 |
| Civilian labor force | | 4,893 | 5,094 |
| Employed | | 4,595 | 4,947 |
| Unemployed | | 298 | 147 |
| Unemployment rate | | 6.1% | 2.9% |
| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES | | (NHES – ELMI) | |
| Annual Average Covered Employment | | 2012 | 2022 |
| Goods Producing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | | 383 | 454 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 911 | \$1,280 |
| Service Providing Industries | | | |
| Average Employment | | 1,717 | 1,698 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 651 | \$1,112 |
| Total Private Industry | | | |
| Average Employment | | 2,100 | 2,153 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 698 | \$1,148 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | | |
| Average Employment | | 101 | 111 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 594 | \$ 927 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | | |
| Average Employment | | 2,202 | 2,264 |
| Average Weekly Wage | | \$ 693 | \$1,137 |
| If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards. | | | |

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Hampstead operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pinkerton Academy (Derry)** District: **SAU 55**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE**

| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
|---|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Number of Schools | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Grade Levels | P K 1-4 | 5-8 | | P K 1-5 |
| Total Enrollment | 450 | 377 | | 30 |

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Umass-Lowell (MA); UNH Manchester; Southern NH University; MCPHS**

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

Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **354**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Hampstead Hospital | Psychiatric care, services | 130 | 1975 |
| Hannaford Brothers | Supermarket | | |
| East Coast Lumber | Lumber sales | 35 | 1976 |
| Walgreens | Pharmacy | | 2008 |

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

| TRANSPORTATION (<i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i>) | | | |
|---|------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Road Access | US Routes | | |
| | State Routes | 111, 121, 121A | |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit | | I-93, Exit 3 | |
| | Distance | 8 miles | |
| Railroad | | No | |
| Public Transportation | | CART | |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation | | | |
| Lawrence (MA) Municipal | Runway | 5,000 ft. asphalt | |
| Lighted? Yes | Navigation Aids? | Yes | |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service | | | |
| Manchester-Boston Regional | Distance | 17 miles | |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | | 4 | |
| Driving distance to select cities: | | | |
| Manchester, NH | | 27 miles | |
| Portland, Maine | | 87 miles | |
| Boston, Mass. | | 43 miles | |
| New York City, NY | | 245 miles | |
| Montreal, Quebec | | 281 miles | |
| COMMUTING TO WORK (<i>ACS 2017-2021</i>) | | | |
| Workers 16 years and over | | | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | | 81.7% | |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | | 4.5% | |
| Public transportation | | 0.9% | |
| Walked | | 0.2% | |
| Other means | | 0.4% | |
| Worked at home | | 12.3% | |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | | 35.4 minutes | |
| Percent of Working Residents | | | |
| Working in community of residence | | 19.8% | |
| Commuting to another NH community | | 47.5% | |
| Commuting out-of-state | | 32.7% | |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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| X | Municipal Parks |
| | YMCA/YWCA |
| | Boys Club/Girls Club |
| | 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 |
| | Cinemas |
| | 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 |
| X | Campgrounds |
| | Fishing/Hunting |
| | Boating/Marinas |
| | Snowmobile Trails |
| X | Bicycle Trails |
| | Cross Country Skiing |
| X | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area |
| X | Overnight or Day Camps |
| | Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre |
| | Other: Walking/Biking Trail System |