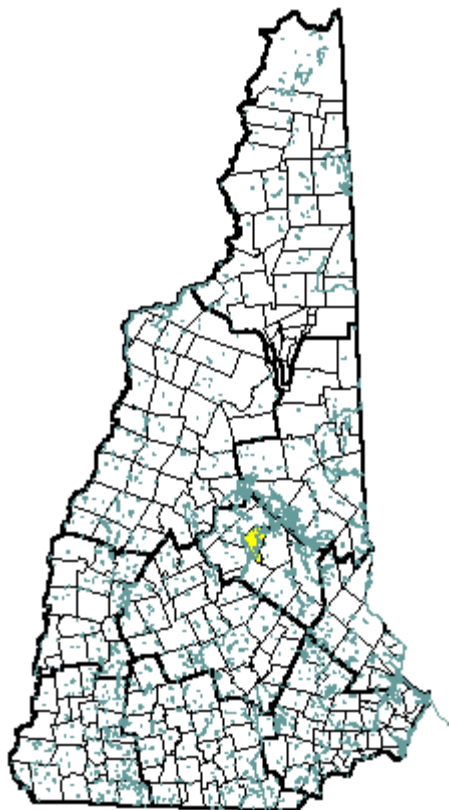


Laconia, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
County	Belknap
Labor Market Area	Laconia NH Micro-NECTA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Belknap County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1 (All Wards)
Executive Council	District 1 (All Wards)
State Senate	District 4 (All Wards)
State Representative	Belknap County District 4 (All Wards)

Incorporated: 1855

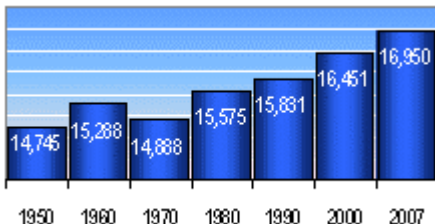
Origin: The name Laconia was first used in documents granting the land between the Merrimack and Sagadahock Rivers to Captain John Mason and Sir Ferdinando Gorges. Some documents call the grant the Province of Maine, others call it the Province of Laconia, named after a region of Greece. In the 1620s explorers had hoped to follow the Piscataqua River north to Lake Champlain, in search of the great lakes and rivers of Canada told of in Indian lore. These explorers were known as the Laconia Adventurers. The town was originally a portion of Meredith and Gilford named Meredith Bridge, and was incorporated as Laconia in 1855. Incorporated as a city in 1893, Laconia includes Weirs Beach, which bears the name of primitive fishing devices discovered at the outlet of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Villages and Place Names: Lakeport, Weirs Beach

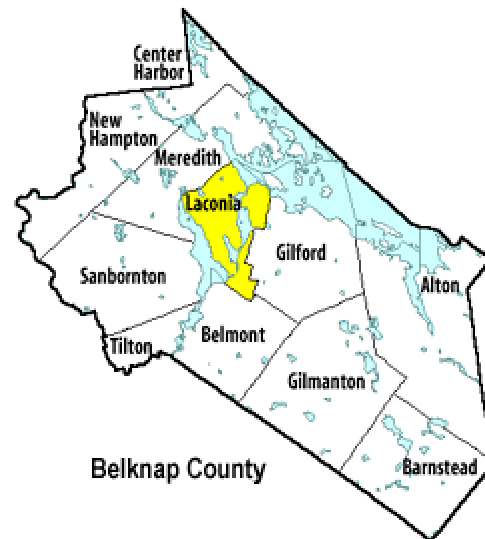
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,806 residents in 1860

Population Trends: Population change for Laconia totaled 1,706 over 50 years, from 14,745 in 1950 to 16,451 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was five percent between 1970 and 1980, and the city's population increased just 12 percent over five

decades. The 2007 Census estimate for Laconia was 16,950 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 852.6 persons per square mile of land area. Laconia contains 20.1 square miles of land area and 6.0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007-2008	\$54,293,000
Budget: School Appropriations,	included with
	Municipal
	appropriations
Zoning Ordinance	1948/05
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	City Planner
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	City Council; Police
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Assessors; Building Code; Housing; Parks & Recreation; Putnam Fund; Trust Funds; Water; Personnel
Public Library	Laconia Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	3/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia	Local 137

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Laconia Water Works
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.20
2007 Equalization Ratio	95.2
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.26
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	83.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	15.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.1%

HOUSING SUPPLY *(NH Office of Energy and Planning)*

2007 Total Housing Units	9,398
2007 Single-Family Units	
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	51
2007 Multi-Family Units	4,282
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	14
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	265

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2007	16,950	61,048
2000	16,451	56,576
1990	15,831	49,294
1980	15,575	42,884
1970	14,888	32,367

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	7,969	Female	8,442
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			869
Age 5 to 19			3,186
Age 20 to 34			3,203
Age 35 to 54			4,746
Age 55 to 64			1,579
Age 65 and over			2,828
Median Age			38.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			81.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher			19.6%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999*(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$19,540
Median 4-person family income	\$45,307
Median household income	\$37,796
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$31,714
Female	\$22,818
Families below the poverty level	7.5%

LABOR FORCE*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	8,867	8,434
Employed	8,600	8,089
Unemployed	267	345
Unemployment rate	3.0%	4.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	3,274	2,334
Average Weekly Wage	\$580	\$865
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	6,717	6,507
Average Weekly Wage	\$434	\$660
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	9,991	8,841
Average Weekly Wage	\$482	\$714
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,355	1,526
Average Weekly Wage	\$549	\$781
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	11,346	10,367
Average Weekly Wage	\$490	\$724

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Laconia operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 30**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,006	445	818	232

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **20** Total Capacity: **988**

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Aavid Engineering Corp.	Semiconductor heat sinks	620	1966
NH Ball Bearings, Inc.	Spherical bearings	478	1968
Lewis & Sanders, Inc.	Metal tubular assemblies	130	1956
Wilcom Products, Inc	Telecommunications test equipment	85	
Baron Machine Co., Inc.	Machine parts, heat treating	70	1957
Freudenberg-NOK	Elastomeric seals and custom molded products		1999
Lakes Region General Hospital	Medical care services		

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	106, 107, 11, 11A, 11B
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	8 miles
Railroad		State owned line
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	50 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		45 miles
Portland, Maine		89 miles
Boston, Mass.		95 miles
New York City, NY		298 miles
Montreal, Quebec		235 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (US Census Bureau)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.1%
Public transportation	0.8%
Walked	3.7%
Other means	1.6%
Worked at home	3.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	52%
Commuting to another NH community	45%
Commuting out-of-state	2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
X	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	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
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	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): Gunstock
	Other: Mount Washington Cruises; Weirs Beach; Scenic Railroad; Prescott Farm Audubon Center