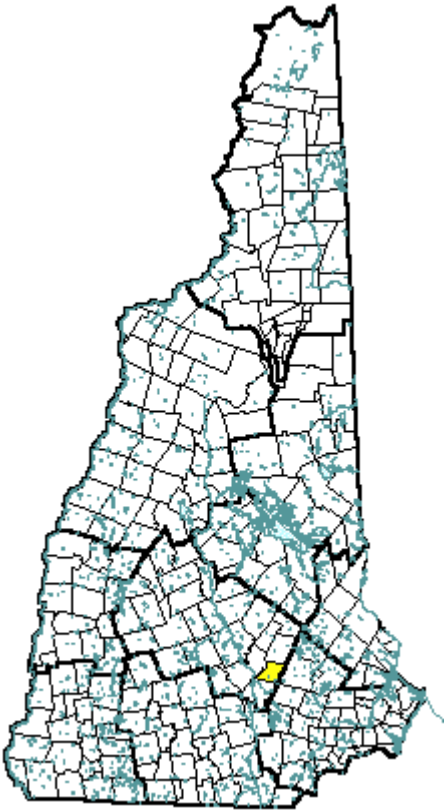


# Allenstown, NH



Community Contact	Town of Allenstown Kelley Collins, Administrative Assistant 16 School Street Allenstown, NH 03275
Telephone	(603) 485-4276
Fax	(603) 485-8669
E-mail	aa@Allenstown.org
Web Site	www.allenstown.org
Municipal Office Hours	Monday, 8:30 am - 2 pm and 3 pm - 7 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 am - 2 pm and 3 pm - 5 pm, Thursday, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm, and Friday, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
County	Merrimack
Labor Market Area	Concord NH Micro-NECTA
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Central NH Regional
Regional Development	Capitol Region Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 17
State Representative	Merrimack County District 8

Incorporated: 1831

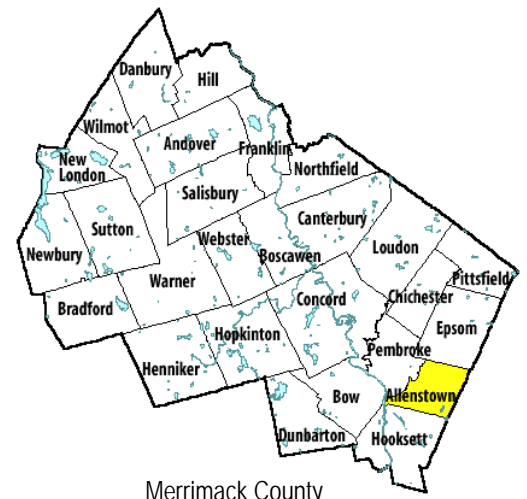
**Origin:** First granted in 1721, the town was named after Samuel Allen, governor of the province in the late 1600's. A portion of Bow was annexed in 1815, and a portion of Hooksett in 1853. Home of Bear Brook State Park, the area was once known as excellent bear country, and a good hunting ground for wild geese and ducks.

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 254 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Allenstown's population more than tripled over fifty years, going from 1,540 residents in 1950 to 4,843 in 2000, increasing by a total of 3,303 residents. Population growth rates in Allenstown hit a high of 61 percent between 1970-1980, but have sharply dropped since, posting six percent growth between 1980-1990, and only four percent between 1990-2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Allenstown was 4,970 residents, which ranked 65th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2004:** 242.9 persons per square mile of land area. Allenstown contains 20.5 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

**Villages and Place Names:** Suncook, Blodgett



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2004	\$4,558,611
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005	\$8,179,847
Zoning Ordinance	1960/05
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Sewer; Library Trustees; Supvs of the Checklist; Trustees of Trust Funds; Budget; Cemetery Trustees
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Parks and Recreation
Public Library	Allenstown Public

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full & part-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Private
Nearest Hospital(s):	
Concord Hospital, Concord	
Distance: 8 miles	Staffed Beds: 202

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	PSHN; NH Electric Coop.
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan; Tenneco
Water Supplier	Pembroke Water Works
Sanitation	Private septic & Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	None
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

**PROPERTY TAXES**

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.00
2004 Equalization Ratio	95.3
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.01
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	83.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.2%
Other Property including Utilities	1.9%

**HOUSING**

2003 Total Housing Units	2,048
2003 Single-Family Units	848
Building Permits Issued	1
2003 Multi-Family Units	512
Building Permits Issued	2
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	688

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Population	Community	County
2004	4,970	145,542
2000	4,854	136,716
1990	4,710	120,618
1980	4,398	98,302
1970	2,732	80,925

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	2,343	Female 2,500
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		316
Age 5 to 19		1,118
Age 20 to 34		945
Age 35 to 54		1,558
Age 55 to 64		393
Age 65 and over		513
Median Age		35.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	79.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.7%

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999 (Census 2000)**

Per capita income	\$18,851
Median 4-person family income	\$51,659
Median household income	\$41,958
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$35,520
Female	\$25,430
Families below the poverty level	2.2%

**LABOR FORCE 1994 2004**

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	2,491	2,902
Employed	2,369	2,792
Unemployed	122	110
Unemployment rate	4.9%	3.8%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES 1994 2004**

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	43	79
Average Weekly Wage	\$426	\$714
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	125	335
Average Weekly Wage	\$354	\$537
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	168	414
Average Weekly Wage	\$373	\$571
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	124	167
Average Weekly Wage	\$395	\$531
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	291	580
Average Weekly Wage	\$382	\$559

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Allenstown operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pembroke** District: **SAU 53**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord High School; Pembroke Academy** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1		
Grade Levels	K 1-4	5-8		
Total Enrollment	273	268		

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **139**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Southern NH University; Hesser; UNH-Manchester**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Thomas Hodgson & Sons, Inc.	Novelty yarns	300	1880
Suncook Business Park	Offices	35	
15 Retail Stores	Retail merchandise		
Tuff Crete	Concrete	10	2000
Spruce Pond Camp	Camping activities		
Bear Brook Campground	Camping		
Mailways	Distribution	10	2001
Casco Food Services	Restaurant Equipment	10	2001

## TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	28
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 11
Distance		8 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Concord
Runway		6,005 feet
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
Distance		12 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		13 miles
Portland, Maine		91 miles
Boston, Mass.		65 miles
New York City, NY		263 miles
Montreal, Quebec		256 miles

## COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	15.2%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	0.6%
Worked at home	2.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	8%
Commuting to another NH community	90%
Commuting out-of-state	2%

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	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
	Museums
	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
	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

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

Other: **Bear Brook State Park; Bear Brook Museum Complex**