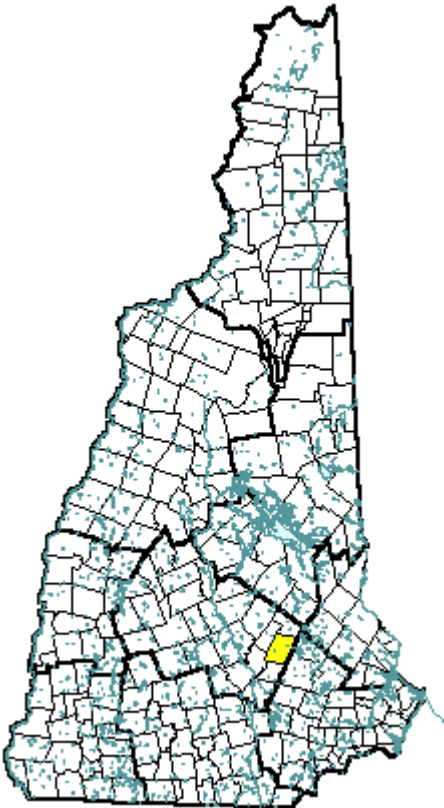


# Epsom, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Monday, 8 am - 1 pm and 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm, Tuesday,  
10 am - 3 pm, Thursday, and Friday, 8 am - 3 pm, and the  
second and last Saturday of the month, 8 am - 12 noon

## 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: 1727

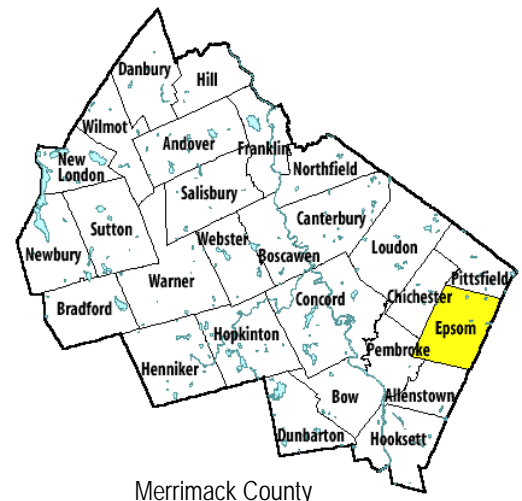
**Origin:** One of seven towns granted by the Governor of Massachusetts before New Hampshire became an independent province. Epsom was named for Epsom, England, home of the Earl of Derby, whose horse racing 'derby' at Epsom Downs was famous. Epsom, England was also known for its mineral springs, the source of Epsom salts. New Hampshire's Epsom includes the village of Gossville.

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 799 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Epsom's population increased above the statewide average rate over each of the last five decades. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 12 percent increase between 1990-2000 to an 87 percent increase between 1970-1980. Overall, Epsom grew more than five times larger, going from 756 in 1950 to 4,021 residents in 2000, a total increase of 3,265 residents. The 2004 Census estimate for Epsom was 4,442 residents, which ranked 81st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2004:** 128.3 persons per square mile of land area. Epsom contains 34.5 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

**Villages and Place Names:** Epsom Circle, Gossville, New Rye, Short Falls, Epsom Four Corners



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$2,272,292
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005	\$6,642,297
Zoning Ordinance	1969/05
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Library Trustees

Public Library      **Epsom Public**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

**Nearest Hospital(s):**

**Concord Hospital, Concord**  
Distance: 12 miles      Staffed Beds: 202

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	NH Electric; Concord Elec; PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Epsom Village District
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	None
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Verizon; Chichester
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)	\$31.14
2004 Equalization Ratio	50.1
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.53
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	83.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	15.1%
Other Property including Utilities	1.3%

**HOUSING**

2003 Total Housing Units	1,771
2003 Single-Family Units	1,208
Building Permits Issued	31
2003 Multi-Family Units	200
Building Permits Issued	1
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	363

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Population	Community	County
2004	4,421	145,542
2000	4,051	136,716
1990	3,547	120,618
1980	2,743	98,302
1970	1,469	80,925

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	1,928	Female	2,093

**Population by Age Group**

Under age 5	241
Age 5 to 19	819
Age 20 to 34	651
Age 35 to 54	1,341
Age 55 to 64	405
Age 65 and over	564
Median Age	38.9 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

High school graduate or higher	88.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.4%

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$22,026
Median 4-person family income	\$56,875
Median household income	\$50,685

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

Male	\$40,995
Female	\$27,106

**Families below the poverty level**

1.9%

**LABOR FORCE**

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,944	2,424
Employed	1,875	2,343
Unemployed	69	81
Unemployment rate	3.5%	3.3%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

1994

2004

<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>			
Average Employment	146	190	
Average Weekly Wage	\$502	\$857	
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>			
Average Employment	610	686	
Average Weekly Wage	\$328	\$492	
<b>Total Private Industry</b>			
Average Employment	757	877	
Average Weekly Wage	\$362	\$571	
<b>Government (Federal, State, and Local)</b>			
Average Employment	91	110	
Average Weekly Wage	\$417	\$533	
<b>Total, Private Industry plus Government</b>			
Average Employment	847	987	
Average Weekly Wage	\$368	\$567	

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## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Epsom 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			2
Grade Levels	K 1-8			K-8
Total Enrollment	494			n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: 2 Total Capacity: 148

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Franklin Pierce Law**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Epsom Health Limited Partnership	Nursing, retirement homes	110	1994
McDonald's	Fast food restaurant	50	
Wendy's	Fast food restaurant	30	1995
Beumac Co., Inc.	Engineering, machining	21	1967
Newstress International, Inc.	Precast concrete structures	15	1978
Dunkin' Donuts	Donut shop	15	1990
M & M Ford	Car dealership	14	
Care Pharmacy of Epsom	Pharmacy	12	
Evans Express Mart	Gas, convenience store	8	
Bank of New Hampshire	Banking	7	

## TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	4, 202
	State Routes	9, 28, 107
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-393, Exit 3
	Distance	7 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Concord
	Runway	6,005 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	23 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	20 miles
	Portland, Maine	84 miles
	Boston, Mass.	80 miles
	New York City, NY	277 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	263 miles

## COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.5%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	2.4%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	2.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	14%
Commuting to another NH community	83%
Commuting out-of-state	3%

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak, Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Popple Island Wildlife Sanctuary</b>