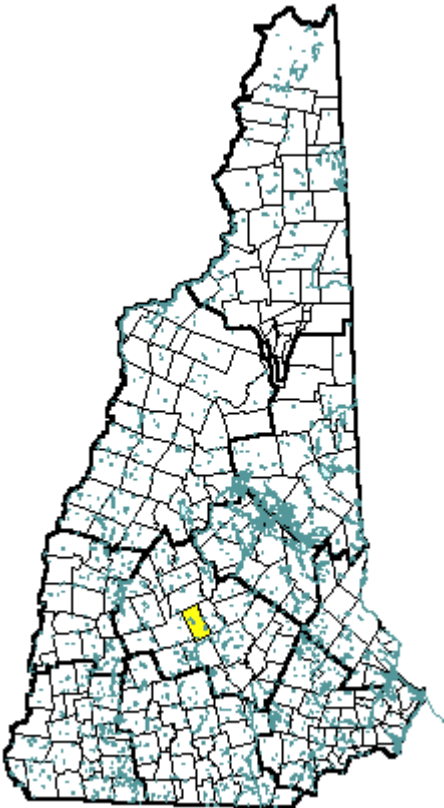


# Webster, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 am - 12 noon and  
1 pm - 4 pm

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Merrimack  
Concord NH Micro-NECTA  
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee  
Central NH Regional  
Capitol Region Economic Development Council

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 2  
District 7  
Merrimack County District 4

Incorporated: 1860

**Origin:** Originally a part of Boscawen, this town was named for Daniel Webster, famous American lawyer and statesman. Webster served as Secretary of State during the administrations of Presidents Harrison, Tyler, and Fillmore. Mount Webster and Webster Lake were also named for him.

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 689 residents in 1870

**Population Trends:** Webster's population grew above the statewide average rate over the last five decades, growing over four times larger. Decennial growth rates reached a high of 61 percent between 1970-1980; the lowest was a 12 percent increase between 1990-2000. Webster's population increased by a total of 1,193 residents, going from 386 in 1950 to 1,579 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Webster was 1,777 residents, which ranked 145th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2004:** 62.9 persons per square mile of land area. Webster contains 28.3 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

**Villages and Place Names:** Dingit Corner, Gerrish Corner, Snyders Hill, Swetts Mills, Courser Hill



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Type of Government                     | Selectmen      |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2004 | \$1,303,714    |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2004    | \$1,807,298    |
| Zoning Ordinance                       | 1974/05        |
| Master Plan                            | 1992           |
| Capital Improvement Plan               | No             |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By           | Planning Board |

**Boards and Commissions**

|            |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| Elected:   | Selectmen; Library; Cemetery   |
| Appointed: | Zoning; Conservation; Planning |

Public Library      Webster Free Public

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Police Department          | Full & part-time |
| Fire Department            | Volunteer        |
| Town Fire Insurance Rating | 9/9              |
| Emergency Medical Service  | Volunteer        |

**Nearest Hospital(s):**

**Concord Hospital, Concord**  
Distance: 17 miles      Staffed Beds: 202

**UTILITIES**

|                      |                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Electric Supplier    | PSNH; Concord Electric        |
| Natural Gas Supplier | None                          |
| Water Supplier       | Private wells; Pillsbury Lake |

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sanitation                           | Private septic |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | No             |
| Solid Waste Disposal                 | None           |
| Curbside Trash Pickup                | None           |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program             | No             |
| Recycling Program                    | Voluntary      |

|                                  |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|
| Telephone Company                | TDS     |
| Cellular Telephone Access        | Yes     |
| Cable Television Access          | No      |
| Public Access Television Station | No      |
| High Speed Internet Service:     | Yes     |
| Business                         | Yes     |
| Residential                      | Partial |

**PROPERTY TAXES**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| 2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)      | \$16.50 |
| 2004 Equalization Ratio                        | 87.3    |
| 2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$14.67 |

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| 2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type |       |
| Residential Land and Buildings             | 89.9% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings              | 1.5%  |
| Other Property including Utilities         | 8.7%  |

**HOUSING**

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| 2003 Total Housing Units        | 740 |
| 2003 Single-Family Units        | 678 |
| Building Permits Issued         | 23  |
| 2003 Multi-Family Units         | 19  |
| Building Permits Issued         | 0   |
| 2003 Manufactured Housing Units | 43  |

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

|                  |           |         |
|------------------|-----------|---------|
| Total Population | Community | County  |
| 2004             | 1,777     | 145,542 |
| 2000             | 1,591     | 136,716 |
| 1990             | 1,274     | 120,618 |
| 1980             | 1,095     | 98,302  |
| 1970             | 680       | 80,925  |

**Census 2000 Demographics**

|                      |     |            |
|----------------------|-----|------------|
| Population by Gender |     |            |
| Male                 | 765 | Female 814 |

**Population by Age Group**

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Under age 5     | 95         |
| Age 5 to 19     | 338        |
| Age 20 to 34    | 257        |
| Age 35 to 54    | 579        |
| Age 55 to 64    | 164        |
| Age 65 and over | 146        |
| Median Age      | 38.7 years |

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

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| High school graduate or higher | 92.6% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher    | 23.4% |

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(Census 2000)

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Per capita income             | \$20,852 |
| Median 4-person family income | \$57,396 |
| Median household income       | \$54,052 |

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

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| Male   | \$35,449 |
| Female | \$24,250 |

Families below the poverty level      3.6%

**LABOR FORCE**

1994

2004

|                      |      |       |
|----------------------|------|-------|
| Annual Average       |      |       |
| Civilian labor force | 822  | 1,010 |
| Employed             | 802  | 982   |
| Unemployed           | 20   | 28    |
| Unemployment rate    | 2.4% | 2.8%  |

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

1994

2004

|                            |       |       |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|
| Goods Producing Industries |       |       |
| Average Employment         | 50    | 58    |
| Average Weekly Wage        | \$567 | \$825 |

**Service Providing Industries**

|                     |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Average Employment  | 26    | 58    |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$335 | \$374 |

**Total Private Industry**

|                     |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Average Employment  | 76    | 116   |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$489 | \$599 |

**Government (Federal, State, and Local)**

|                     |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Average Employment  | 31    | 36    |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$243 | \$423 |

**Total, Private Industry plus Government**

|                     |       |       |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Average Employment  | 107   | 152   |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$418 | \$557 |

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## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

|  |  |                    |                    |                   |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Schools students attend:                 | Grades K-12 are part of Merrimack Valley Regional (Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster) |                    |                    | District: SAU 46  |
| 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  |                    |                    |                   |
| Grade Levels                             | K 1-5  |                    |                    |                   |
| Total Enrollment                         | 111  |                    |                    |                   |
| NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: | Total Facilities: 2  |                    | Total Capacity: 26 |                   |
| Nearest Community/Technical College:     | Concord  |                    |                    |                   |
| Nearest Colleges or Universities:        | New England; Colby-Sawyer; Magdalen  |                    |                    |                   |

| LARGEST EMPLOYERS      | PRODUCT/SERVICE                          | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|------------------------|--|-----------|-------------|
| White Mountain Imaging | Photochemical process for x-rays         | 14        | 1982        |
| Santa-Cruz Associates  | Supplier of Gunlocks for Law Enforcement | 5         | 2000        |
| Kimball Sheet Metal    | Heating, air conditioning                | 1         | 1985        |

## TRANSPORTATION

|                                    |                           |            |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|
| Road Access                        | Federal Routes            |            |
|                                    | State Routes              | 127        |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit           | I-93/1-89, Exit 17/6 or 7 |            |
| Distance                           | 6 mi./5 mi.               |            |
| Railroad                           |                           | No         |
| Public Transportation              |                           | No         |
| Nearest Airport                    |                           | Concord    |
| Runway                             |                           | 6,005 feet |
| Lighted? Yes                       | Navigational Aids? Yes    |            |
| Nearest Commercial Airport         |                           | Manchester |
| Distance                           |                           | 35 miles   |
| Driving distance to select cities: |                           |            |
| Manchester, NH                     |                           | 31 miles   |
| Portland, Maine                    |                           | 116 miles  |
| Boston, Mass.                      |                           | 88 miles   |
| New York City, NY                  |                           | 285 miles  |
| Montreal, Quebec                   |                           | 237 miles  |

## COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Workers 16 years and over         |              |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van        | 79.6%        |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van          | 13.0%        |
| Public transportation             | 0.3%         |
| Walked                            | 0.7%         |
| Other means                       | 0.9%         |
| Worked at home                    | 5.5%         |
| Mean Travel Time to Work          | 28.8 minutes |
| Percent of Working Residents:     |              |
| Working in community of residence | 12%          |
| Commuting to another NH community | 86%          |
| Commuting out-of-state            | 2%           |

## 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              |
| X | Tourist Attractions                     |
| X | Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H) |
| X | Youth Sports: Baseball                  |
| X | Youth Sports: Soccer                    |
|   | Youth Sports: Football                  |
|   | Youth Sports: Basketball                |
|   | Youth Sports: Hockey                    |
| X | Campgrounds                             |
| X | Fishing/Hunting                         |
|   | Boating/Marinas                         |
| X | Snowmobile Trails                       |
|   | Bicycle Trails                          |
| X | Cross Country Skiing                    |
|   | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area     |
|   | Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak         |
|   | Other: Youth field hockey               |