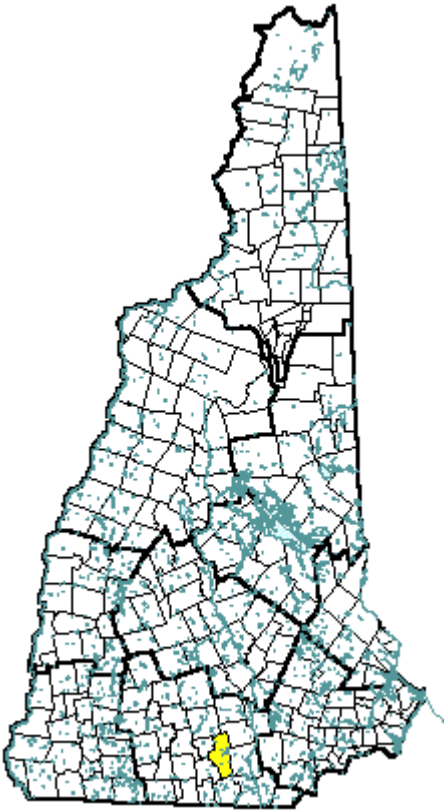


Amherst, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, 9 am - 3 pm and 5:30 pm - 8 pm, and Tuesday through Friday, 9 am - 3 pm

County
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Hillsborough
Merrimack Valley
Nashua Regional
Gateway Industrial Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 5
District 11
District 47

Incorporated: 1760

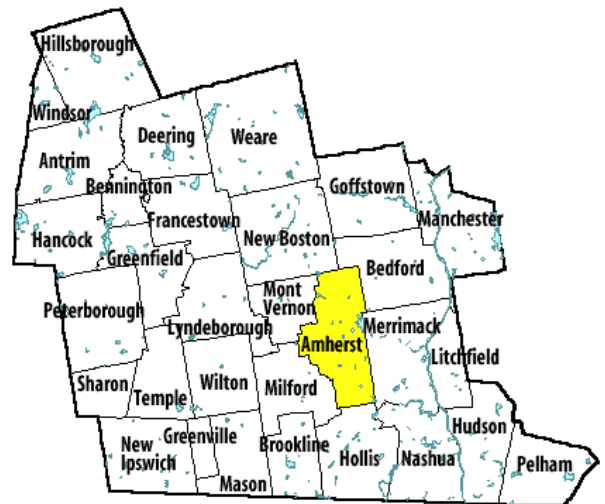
Origin: First granted in 1728 as Narragansett Number 3, the town was named after Lord Jeffrey Amherst, commander-in-chief of the colonials in the French and Indian War. Amherst was the birthplace of Horace Greeley, founder of the New York Tribune. The town is home to Baboosic Lake.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,369 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population growth in Amherst was very fast—the town ranked 15th in total percent increase and 17th in total numeric increase between 1950 and 2000. Decennial growth rates ranged from ten percent between 1980-1990 to 125 percent between 1960-1970. Amherst's population increased from 1,461 residents in 1950 to 10,769 in 2000, a total increase of 9,308 residents. The Census 2003 estimate for Amherst was 11,413 residents, which ranked 26th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 324.9 persons per square mile of land area. Amherst contains 33.9 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: Cricket Corner, Ponemah, Baboosic Lakee



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
2004 Annual Budget	\$7,249,780
Zoning Ordinance	1946/04
Master Plan	1998
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Board of Selectmen; Cemetery Trustees; Library Trustees; Trustees of Trust Funds; Zoning Board
Appointed:	Planning Board; Communications Infrastructure Committee; Conservation Commission; Heritage Commission; Historic District Commission; Recreation Commission; Road Commission

Public Library **Amherst Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time & volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Southern NH Regional or St. Joseph, Nashua
 Distance: 14 miles Staffed Beds: 178; 135

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Pennichuck Water Works
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$21.99
2003 Equalization Ratio	85.4
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$18.60
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	88.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.3%
Other Property including Utilities	1.1%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	3,875
2002 Single-Family Units	3,637
Building Permits Issued	50
2002 Multi-Family Units	167
Building Permits Issued	0
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	71

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	11,413	394,663
2000	10,769	380,841
1990	9,068	336,073
1980	8,243	276,608
1970	4,605	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	5,418	Female	5,351
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			664
Age 5 to 19			2,996
Age 20 to 34			1,057
Age 35 to 54			4,150
Age 55 to 64			1,118
Age 65 and over			784
Median Age			38.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	96.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	55.6%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$35,531
Median 4-person family income	\$97,913
Median household income	\$89,384

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$73,432
Female	\$35,250

Families below the poverty level

1.0%

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	5,032	6,152
Employed	4,757	5,892
Unemployed	275	260
Unemployment rate	5.5%	4.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1993 2003

Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,041		862
Average Weekly Wage	\$674		\$867
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,863		2,834
Average Weekly Wage	\$530		\$666
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,905		3,696
Average Weekly Wage	\$582		\$713
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	400		630
Average Weekly Wage	\$510		\$658
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,304		4,326
Average Weekly Wage	\$573		\$705

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Amherst operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Souhegan Cooperative (Amherst, Mont Vernon)** District: **SAU 39**

Career Technology Center(s): **Nashua, Alvirne & Milford High Schools** Region: **16**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1	1	2
Grade Levels	K 1-4	5-8	9-12	K-12
Total Enrollment	792	913	1,014	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: **12** Total Capacity: **706**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Manchester; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Rivier; Daniel Webster**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Department store	200	1992
H & M Metals, Inc.	Steel metal fabrication	130	1970
Diacom Corporation	Fabric-elastomer diaphragms	93	1983
Resin System Corporation	Custom cast thermoset plastic	52	1972
Nashua Redimix	Ready mixed concrete	25	
Rontex America, Inc.	Nonwoven fabrics	23	1976
Vibrac Corporation	Torque test instruments	15	1971

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access Federal Routes
State Routes **13, 101, 101A, 122**
Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-293, Exit 8**
Distance **14 miles**

Railroad **Boston & Maine**
Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Airport **Manchester**
Runway **9,250 feet**
Lighted? **Yes** Navigational Aids? **Yes**
Nearest Commercial Airport **Manchester**
Distance **14 miles**

Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH **14 miles**
Portland, Maine **110 miles**
Boston, Mass. **48 miles**
New York City, NY **241 miles**
Montreal, Quebec **274 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over
Drove alone, car/truck/van% **82.5%**
Carpooled, car/truck/van **7.1%**
Public transportation **0.5%**
Walked **0.3%**
Other means **1.1%**
Worked at home **8.6%**
Mean Travel Time to Work **29.3 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents:
Working in community of residence **23%**
Commuting to another NH community **60%**
Commuting out-of-state **17%**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
YMCA/YWCA
Boys Club/Girls Club
X Golf Courses
Swimming: Indoor Facility
X Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X 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
X Youth Sports: Football
X Youth Sports: Basketball
Youth Sports: Hockey
Campgrounds
Fishing/Hunting
Boating/Marinas
Snowmobile Trails
Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

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

Other: **Youth Lacrosse; Camps; Ponemah Bog Sanctuary; Peabody Mill Env. Center**