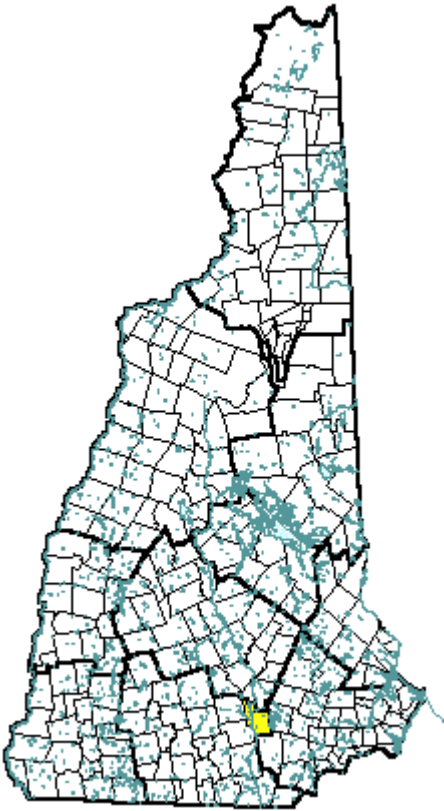


Manchester, NH



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County	Hillsborough
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Southern NH
Regional Development	Capitol Region Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1 (All Wards)
Executive Council	District 4 (All Wards)
State Senate	District 16 (Wards 1, 2, & 12), 18 (Wards 5-9), and 20 (Wards 3, 4, 10, & 11)
State Representative	District 49 (Wards 1 & 12), 50 (Wards 2, 3, 10, & 11), 51 (Ward 4), 52 (Ward 5), 53 (Ward 7), 54 (Ward 6), 55 (Ward 9), and 56 (Ward 8)

Incorporated: 1751

Origin: First known as Harrytown and Tyng's Town, the town was granted as Derryfield in 1751. The name Manchester was suggested by Samuel Blodgett, a businessman who found that the Amoskeag Falls impeded shipping on the Merrimack River. After visiting Manchester, England, he was determined to build a canal like those in England. The canal was first opened in May 1807. Mr. Blodgett's goal was to make the town a great city, and although he died in September 1807, it was renamed Manchester in 1810, and incorporated as a city in 1846.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 362 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Manchester continues to reign as the state's largest city, and was the first to reach 100,000 residents. Population increased by a total of 24,274 residents, the third largest increase, going from 82,732 in 1950 to 107,006 residents in 2000. But decennial growth rates were low, ranging from a one percent decrease between 1960-1970 to a nine percent increase between 1980-1990. The 2003 Census estimate for Manchester was 108,871 residents, which ranked first among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 3,270.3 persons per square mile of land area, the state's highest population density. Manchester contains 33.0 square miles of land area and 1.9 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: Goffs Falls, Massabesic, Youngsville, Bakersville, Bald Hill District, Amoskeag



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Mayor & 14 Aldermen
2004 Annual Budget	\$106,546,576
Zoning Ordinance	1927/01
Master Plan	1993
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	City Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Appointed:	Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Library Trustees; 25 others

Public Library Manchester City; West Side Community

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	2
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal & volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Elliot or Catholic Medical Center, Manchester
Distance: Local Staffed Beds: 244; 225

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Manchester Water Works
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Yard waste-mandatory; Recyclables-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)	\$26.40
2003 Equalization Ratio	65.1
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$16.68
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	60.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	37.2%
Other Property including Utilities	2.2%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	46,271
2002 Single-Family Units	18,980
Building Permits Issued	79
2002 Multi-Family Units	27,130
Building Permits Issued	124
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	161

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	108,871	394,663
2000	107,006	380,841
1990	99,332	336,073
1980	90,936	276,608
1970	87,754	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	52,394	Female	54,612

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	7,162
Age 5 to 19	20,928
Age 20 to 34	25,525
Age 35 to 54	31,468
Age 55 to 64	8,094
Age 65 and over	13,829
Median Age	34.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	80.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.3%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$21,244
Median 4-person family income	\$50,039
Median household income	\$40,774

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$34,287
Female	\$26,584

Families below the poverty level

7.7%

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	52,960	62,761
Employed	49,284	59,921
Unemployed	3,676	2,840
Unemployment rate	6.9%	4.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1993 2003

Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	9,446	9,539	
Average Weekly Wage	\$559	\$833	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	40,254	49,318	
Average Weekly Wage	\$489	\$741	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	49,700	58,857	
Average Weekly Wage	\$503	\$756	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	6,901	7,888	
Average Weekly Wage	\$624	\$811	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	56,602	66,746	
Average Weekly Wage	\$517	\$763	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Manchester operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 37**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Manchester School of Technology** Region: **15**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	15	4	3	12
Grade Levels	P K R 1-5	6-8	9-12	K-12
Total Enrollment	7,201	3,765	6,610	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: **70** Total Capacity: **4,644**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Manchester**

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

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Elliott Hospital	Health care	2,145	
Verizon	Utility	2,100	
Catholic Medical Center	Health care	1,400	
Bank of New Hampshire	Banking	1,260	
PSNH	Utility	1,250	
Citizens Bank	Banking	1,200	
Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield of NH	Insurance	801	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	725	
Osram Sylvania	Electronics	675	
Freudenberg NOK	Electronics	550	

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	3
	State Routes	3A, 28, 101, 114
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-293 & I-93, Exit 6-10	
	Distance	Local access
Railroad	Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation	Yes	
Nearest Airport	Manchester	
Runway	9,250 feet	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport	Manchester	
Distance	Local	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	0 miles	
Portland, Maine	94 miles	
Boston, Mass.	53 miles	
New York City, NY	246 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	259 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van%	81.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.9%
Public transportation	1.4%
Walked	2.9%
Other means	0.7%
Worked at home	2.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	52%
Commuting to another NH community	41%
Commuting out-of-state	7%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	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
	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): **McIntyre**

Other: **Gill Stadium; Currier Gallery of Art; Amoskeag Fishways Learning Center; Verizon Wireless Arena**