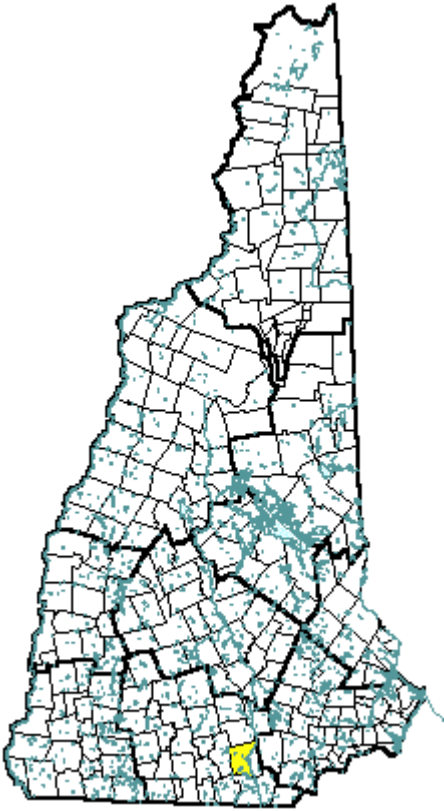


Merrimack, NH



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County	Hillsborough
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Nashua Regional
Regional Development	Gateway Industrial Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 5
State Senate	District 9
State Representative	District 58

Incorporated: 1746

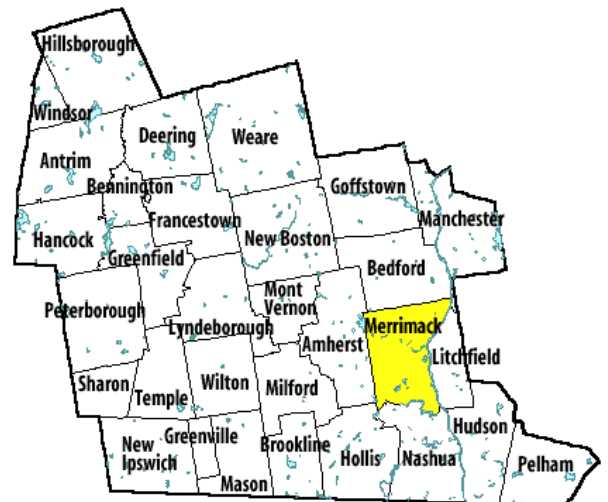
Origin: Although first occupied in 1665, settlement did not begin until 1722, when the establishment of Brenton's Farm (Litchfield) presented the need of a ferry across the river to reach new settlements. The ferry concession was owned by Edward Lutwyche. When the town was separated from Nashua (then Dunstable) in 1746, it was given the name of the river, Merrimack. In 1774, Lutwyche's Ferry was sold to Revolutionary War patriot Matthew Thornton, giving it the current name of Thornton's Ferry.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 819 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Merrimack ranked fifth in both numeric and percent of population increase over fifty years, growing more than 13 times larger. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 13 percent increase between 1990-2000 to a 188 percent increase between 1960-1970. Merrimack's population increased by a total of 23,211 residents, going from 1,908 in 1950 to 25,119 residents in 2000. The 2003 Census estimate for Merrimack was 26,394 residents, which ranked eighth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 791.7 persons per square mile of land area. Merrimack contains 32.6 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: Reeds Ferry, Souhegan Village, South Merrimack, Thorntons Ferry



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager
2005 Annual Budget	\$24,793,327
Zoning Ordinance	1953/03
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Board of Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning Board; Zoning Board; Library Trustees; Conservation Commission

Public Library **Merrimack Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

Nearest Hospital(s):

Southern NH Regional or St. Joseph, Nashua
 Distance: **11 miles** Staffed Beds: **178; 135**

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Pennichuck Water Works, Merrimack Village District

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

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)	\$20.24
2003 Equalization Ratio	95.1
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$19.07

2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	79.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	19.4%
Other Property including Utilities	0.9%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	9,398
2002 Single-Family Units	7,920
Building Permits Issued	83
2002 Multi-Family Units	1,270
Building Permits Issued	156
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	208

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	26,394	394,663
2000	25,119	380,841
1990	22,156	336,073
1980	15,406	276,608
1970	8,595	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	12,514	Female	12,605

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	1,731
Age 5 to 19	6,110
Age 20 to 34	4,219
Age 35 to 54	9,183
Age 55 to 64	2,275
Age 65 and over	1,601
Median Age	36 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	92.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	35.0%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$27,748
Median 4-person family income	\$72,011
Median household income	\$68,817

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$51,725
Female	\$31,528

Families below the poverty level	1.2%
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LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	13,874	15,598
Employed	12,945	14,839
Unemployed	929	759
Unemployment rate	6.7%	4.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1993 2003

Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	6,056	3,293	
Average Weekly Wage	\$911	\$1,240	

Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	3,878	9,710	
Average Weekly Wage	\$410	\$1,135	

Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	9,934	13,004	
Average Weekly Wage	\$715	\$1,162	

Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	785	1,073	
Average Weekly Wage	\$556	\$687	

Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	10,719	14,077	
Average Weekly Wage	\$704	\$1,125	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Merrimack operates grades 1-12** District: **SAU 26**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Nashua, Alvirne & Milford High Schools** Region: **16**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P R 1-5	6-8	9-12	K-12
Total Enrollment	1,922	1,254	1,597	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: **18** Total Capacity: **1,164**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Nashua**

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

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Fidelity	Financial services	3,500	1996
Sanders Associates, Inc.	Defense systems	816	1988
Merrimack School District	Education	800	
PC Connections, Inc.	Computer resale	700	1998
Anheuser-Busch, Inc.	Malt beverages	531	1991
Kollsman Instrument Company	Electra optics	500	1991
Nashua Corporation	Makes office papers & computer disks	450	1973
St. Gobain	PTFE coated fabrics	253	1984
Amherst Technologies	Technology product & services provider	238	1999
Town of Merrimack	Municipal services	215	1746

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	3
	State Routes	Everett Turnpike, 101A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-293, Exit 3
	Distance	11 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Nashua
	Runway	5,501 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	11 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	14 miles
	Portland, Maine	108 miles
	Boston, Mass.	51 miles
	New York City, NY	236 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	272 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van%	87.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.8%
Public transportation	0.2%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	3.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	24%
Commuting to another NH community	61%
Commuting out-of-state	16%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	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
	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
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre
	Other: Anheuser-Busch Tours