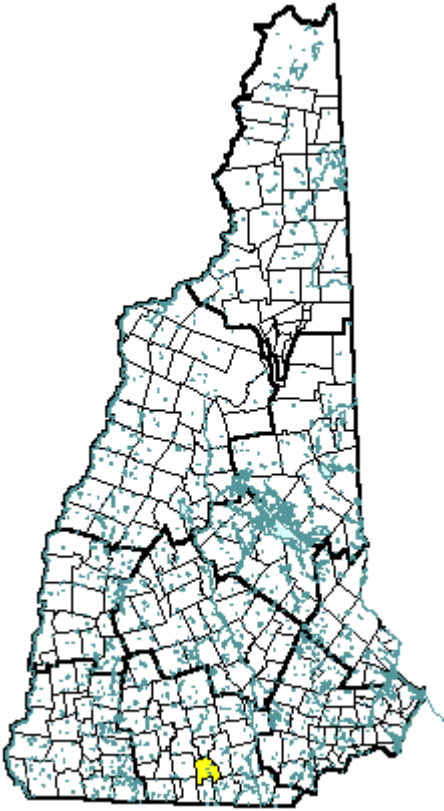


Milford, NH



Community Contact	Town of Milford Board of Selectmen 1 Union Square Milford, NH 03055
Telephone	(603) 673-2257
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Web Site	www.milford.nh.gov/
Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm
County	Hillsborough
Tourism Region	Monadnock
Planning Commission	Nashua Regional
Regional Development	Gateway Industrial Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 5
State Senate	District 11
State Representative	District 47

Incorporated: 1794

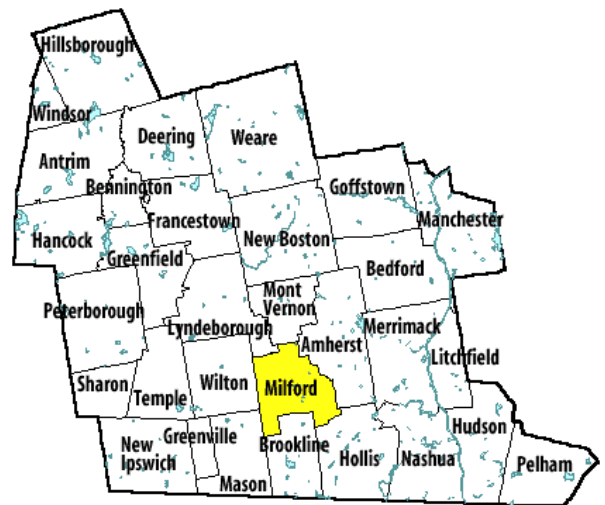
Origin: Incorporated in 1794, the town was probably named for its location near a shallow water crossing on the Souhegan River by an early mill site known as the Mill Ford. It was separated from the town of Monson, which ended up on the Massachusetts side of the border. Milford is also known as the Granite Town, because of extensive high-quality granite quarries.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 939 residents in 1800

Population Trends: Milford grew above the statewide average rate over the last five decades, more than tripling the population. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 15 percent increase between 1990-2000 to a 36 percent increase between both 1960-1970 and 1980-1990. Milford's population increased by a total of 9,376 residents, going from 4,159 in 1950 to 13,535 residents in 2000. The 2003 Census estimate for Milford was 14,235 residents, which ranked 18th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 545.7 persons per square mile of land area. Milford contains 25.4 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: East Milford, South Milford, Richardson



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
2004 Annual Budget	\$16,300,000
Zoning Ordinance	1969/03
Master Plan	1999
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Board of Selectmen; Library Trustees; Checklist Supervisors; Cemetery Advisory Board; Trustees of the Trust Funds**

Appointed: **Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Zoning Board; Recreation Commission; Heritage Commission; Budget Advisory Committee**

Public Library **Wadleigh Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time & volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	4/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

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	Milford Dept. of Public Works
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Verizon; Wilton
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	unknown
Residential	unknown

PROPERTY TAXES

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$31.82
2003 Equalization Ratio	64.1
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$20.45
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	68.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	29.3%
Other Property including Utilities	1.9%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	5,493
2002 Single-Family Units	3,115
Building Permits Issued	64
2002 Multi-Family Units	1,976
Building Permits Issued	0
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	402

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	14,235	394,663
2000	13,535	380,841
1990	11,795	336,073
1980	8,685	276,608
1970	6,622	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	6,642	Female 6,893

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	984
Age 5 to 19	3,068
Age 20 to 34	2,686
Age 35 to 54	4,445
Age 55 to 64	1,055
Age 65 and over	1,297
Median Age	35.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	90.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.7%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$24,425
Median 4-person family income	\$61,682
Median household income	\$52,343

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$42,244
Female	\$28,220

Families below the poverty level

3.1%

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	6,865	7,883
Employed	6,416	7,525
Unemployed	449	358
Unemployment rate	6.5%	4.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1993 2003

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,862	2,572
Average Weekly Wage	\$613	\$825

Service Providing Industries

Average Employment	3,127	3,374
Average Weekly Wage	\$356	\$561

Total Private Industry

Average Employment	4,988	5,946
Average Weekly Wage	\$452	\$675

Government (Federal, State, and Local)

Average Employment	525	679
Average Weekly Wage	\$483	\$685

Total, Private Industry plus Government

Average Employment	5,513	6,625
Average Weekly Wage	\$455	\$676

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Milford operates grades 1-12** District: **SAU 40**
 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	1
Grade Levels	P K R 1-4	5-8	9-12	R-12
Total Enrollment	851	852	837	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: 15 Total Capacity: 376

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Nashua; Manchester**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Daniel Webster; Rivier; Thomas More; St. Anselm**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Hitchiner Manufacturing	Ferrous, non-ferrous castings	750	1946
Milford School District	Education	200	1794
Alene Candles	Candles	185	1995
Hendrix Wire & Cable	High voltage power cables	180	1957
Norton Company	Industrial ceramics	160	1978
Harborside Healthcare	Elder care	145	
Spear	Pressure sensitive labels	90	
Hampshire Paper Corporation	Paper	90	1978
Airmar Technology Corporation	Ultrasonic transducers	80	1981
NPC, Inc.	Diamond tools and coring	80	1972

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	13, 101
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-293, Exit 7 & 8
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Nashua
	Runway	5,501 feet
	Lighted?	Yes
	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	11 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	17 miles
	Portland, Maine	114 miles
	Boston, Mass.	55 miles
	New York City, NY	223 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	278 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
	Drove alone, car/truck/van% 83.9%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van 10.1%
	Public transportation 0.3%
	Walked 2.3%
	Other means 0.5%
	Worked at home 3.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
	Working in community of residence 34%
	Commuting to another NH community 55%
	Commuting out-of-state 11%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
X	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
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre
	Other: Hiking, canoeing