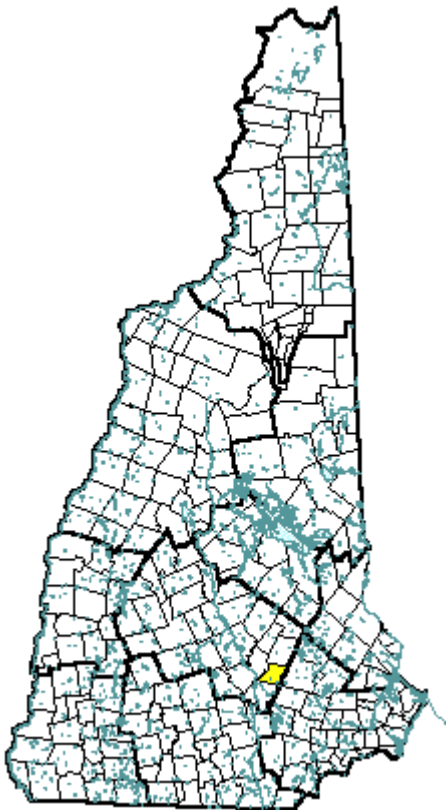


# Allenstown, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, 8:30 am - 2 pm and 3 pm - 7 pm, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 am - 2 pm and 3 pm - 5 pm, Thursday, 8:30 am - 3 pm, and Friday, 8:30 am - 2 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Merrimack**  
**Concord NH Micro-NECTA**  
**Merrimack Valley**  
**Central NH Regional**  
**Capitol Region Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
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**District 17**  
**Merrimack County District 8**

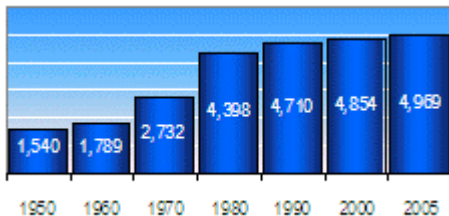
**Incorporated:** 1831

**Origin:** First granted in 1721, Allenstown was named after Samuel Allen, governor of the province while still under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts just prior to 1700. A portion of Bow was annexed to the town in 1815, and a portion of Hooksett in 1853. The area was once known as excellent bear country, and a good hunting ground for wild geese and ducks. Allenstown is home to Bear Brook State Park, the largest developed state park in New Hampshire, according to the NH Division of Parks and Recreation. The park covers nearly 10,000 acres and offers historical museums along with recreational swimming, hiking, biking, camping, and fishing.

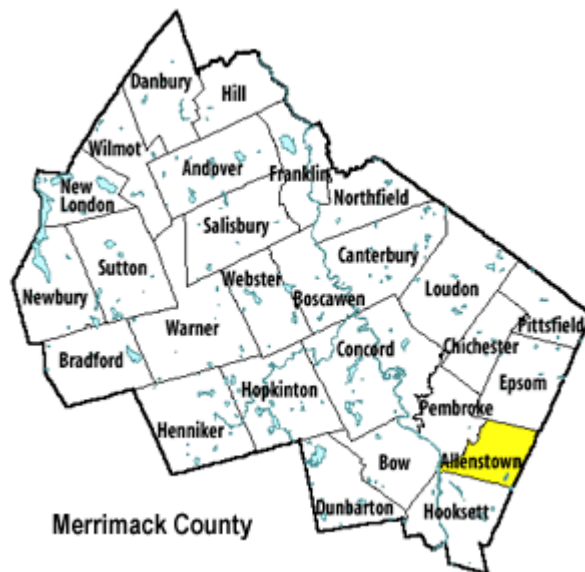
**Villages and Place Names:** Suncook, Blodgett

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 254 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Allenstown totaled 3,314 over 50 years, from 1,540 in 1650 to 4,854 in 2000. The largest decennial



percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, which followed a 53 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2005 Census estimate for Allenstown was 4,969 residents, which ranked 68th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density, 2005:** 242.9 persons per square mile of land area. Allenstown contains 20.5 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	<b>\$4,558,611</b>
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1960/05</b>
Master Plan	<b>2003</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Sewer; Library; Checklist; Trust Funds; Budget; Cemetery</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Parks and Recreation</b>

Public Library **Allenstown Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full &amp; part-time</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>5/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Concord Hospital, Concord</b>	<b>9 miles</b>	<b>295</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSHN; NH Electric Coop.</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>KeySpan; Tenneco</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Pembroke Water Works</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>

Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>None</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2005 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.16</b>
2005 Equalization Ratio	<b>88.4</b>
2005 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.85</b>

2005 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>83.8%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>13.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.6%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** *(NH Office of Energy and Planning)*

2005 Total Estimated Housing Units	<b>2,073</b>
2005 Single-Family Units	<b>866</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>9</b>
2005 Multi-Family Units	<b>512</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2005 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>695</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS***(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2005	<b>4,969</b>	<b>146,881</b>
2000	<b>4,854</b>	<b>136,716</b>
1990	<b>4,710</b>	<b>120,618</b>
1980	<b>4,398</b>	<b>98,302</b>
1970	<b>2,732</b>	<b>80,925</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

## Population by Gender

Male	<b>2,343</b>	Female	<b>2,500</b>
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## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>316</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>1,118</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>945</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,558</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>393</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>513</b>
Median Age	<b>35.5 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>79.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>9.7%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999***(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	<b>\$18,851</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$51,659</b>
Median household income	<b>\$41,958</b>

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

Male	<b>\$35,520</b>
Female	<b>\$25,430</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>2.2%</b>
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**LABOR FORCE***(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1995	2005
Civilian labor force	<b>2,561</b>	<b>2,849</b>
Employed	<b>2,447</b>	<b>2,737</b>
Unemployed	<b>114</b>	<b>112</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES***(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1995	2005
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>18</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$467</b>	<b>n</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>175</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$390</b>	<b>n</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>192</b>	<b>609</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$397</b>	<b>\$542</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>126</b>	<b>173</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$378</b>	<b>\$541</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>318</b>	<b>783</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$389</b>	<b>\$542</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Allenstown operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pembroke**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord High School; Pembroke Academy**

District: **SAU 53**  
 Region: **11**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1		
Grade Levels	K 1-4	5-8		
Total Enrollment	273	268		

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2006: Total Facilities: 3 Total Capacity: 139

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord**

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

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Thomas Hodgson & Sons, Inc.	Novelty yarns	100	1880
Suncook Business Park	Offices	35	
Tuff Crete	Concrete	10	2000
Mailways	Distribution	10	2001
Casco Food Services	Restaurant Equipment	10	2001
15 Retail Stores	Retail merchandise		
Spruce Pond Camp	Camping activities		
Bear Brook Campground	Camping		

**TRANSPORTATION** *(distances estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	28
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exit 11</b>	
	Distance	<b>5 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Concord Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>6,005 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>16 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>11 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>95 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>62 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>265 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>253 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK***(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.7%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>15.2%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.8%</b>
Other means	<b>0.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>2.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>27.6 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>8%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>90%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>2%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
<b>X</b>	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps

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

Other: **Bear Brook State Park; Bear Brook Museum Complex**