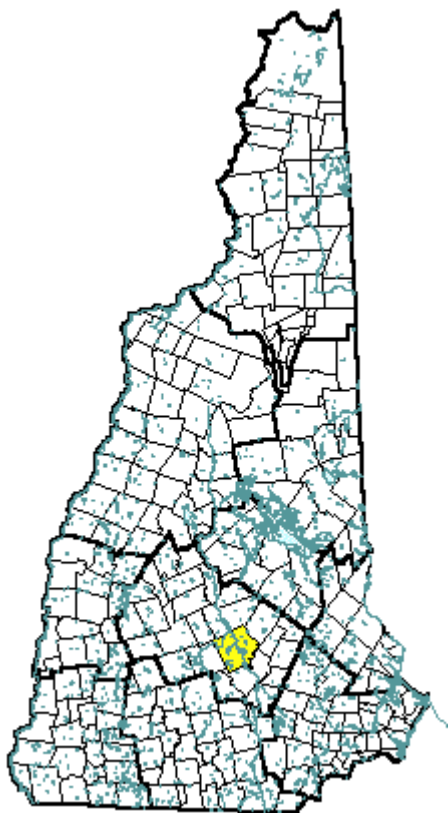


# Concord, NH



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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 (All Wards)  
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 District 15 (All Wards)  
 Merrimack County Districts 10 (Wards 1-3), 11 (Wards 4 and 8-10), and 12 (Wards 5-7)

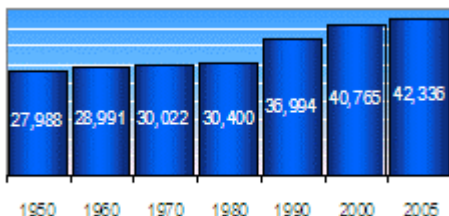
**Incorporated:** 1733

**Origin:** This area's first settlement in 1659 was named Penacook, for the Indian name Pannukog, meaning crooked place or bend in the river. The first land grant was in 1725, and the town was incorporated as Rumford in 1733. The name was changed to Concord in 1765 upon resolution of a bitter boundary dispute between Rumford and Bow. Its central location was the logical choice for state capital, and Concord was so named in 1808. The State House, built in 1818 and first occupied in 1819, is the oldest in continuous use in the country. In 1853, the State granted Concord a city charter. It was in Concord that the Abbotts built the famous Concord Coach, modeled after the coronation coach for King George III. Granite quarrying has been another major industry, and Concord's quarries supplied granite for the US Library of Congress. Concord was home to Franklin Pierce, 14th President of the United States, following his presidency.

**Villages and Place Names:** Concord Heights, East Concord, Penacook, Riverhill, West Concord, Curtisville, Diamond Hill

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,747 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Concord had the tenth largest numeric change in population, totaling 12,777 over 50 years, from 27,988 in 1950 to 40,765 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 22 percent increase between 1980 and 1990; all other decades increased by ten percent or less. The 2005 Census estimate for Concord was 42,336 residents, which ranked third among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density, 2005:** 662.0 persons per square mile of land area. Concord contains 64.0 square miles of land area and 3.2 square miles of inland water area.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Manager &amp; Council</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	<b>\$65,835,507</b>
Budget: School Appropriations	<b>not available</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1930/02</b>
Master Plan	<b>1998</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>City Council</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation</b>

Public Library **Concord Public; NH State Library****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>3/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>

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

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>Concord Electric/Unitil</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>KeySpan</b>
Water Supplier	<b>City of Concord</b>

Sanitation	<b>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>Voluntary</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</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>\$19.77</b>
2005 Equalization Ratio	<b>94.7</b>
2005 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.59</b>

2005 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>65.8%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>31.1%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.0%</b>

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

2005 Total Estimated Housing Units	<b>17,889</b>
2005 Single-Family Units	<b>7,546</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>76</b>
2005 Multi-Family Units	<b>9,276</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>38</b>
2005 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>1,067</b>

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

Total Population	Community	County
2005	<b>42,336</b>	<b>146,881</b>
2000	<b>40,765</b>	<b>136,716</b>
1990	<b>36,994</b>	<b>120,618</b>
1980	<b>30,400</b>	<b>98,302</b>
1970	<b>30,022</b>	<b>80,925</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>20,149</b>	Female	<b>20,538</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>2,373</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>7,959</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>8,596</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>13,052</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>3,143</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>5,564</b>
Median Age	<b>37 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>88.6%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>30.7%</b>

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

Per capita income	<b>\$21,976</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$52,418</b>
Median household income	<b>\$42,447</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$35,504</b>
Female	<b>\$27,348</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>6.2%</b>
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**LABOR FORCE** *(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1995	2005
Civilian labor force	<b>20,901</b>	<b>21,907</b>
Employed	<b>20,347</b>	<b>21,190</b>
Unemployed	<b>554</b>	<b>717</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

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

Annual Average Covered Employment	1995	2005
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>3,218</b>	<b>2,050</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$563</b>	<b>\$816</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>21,606</b>	<b>26,805</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$517</b>	<b>\$699</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>24,824</b>	<b>28,855</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$523</b>	<b>\$707</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>10,877</b>	<b>11,691</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$554</b>	<b>\$742</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>35,701</b>	<b>40,546</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$532</b>	<b>\$717</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

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

Schools students attend:	<b>Concord operates grades K-12; Penacook residents: grades K-12 are part of Merrimack Valley Regional (Boscawen, Loudon, Penacook, Salisbury, Webster)</b>			District: <b>SAU 8</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Concord High School; Pembroke Academy</b>			Region: <b>11</b>
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>K-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>2,271</b>	<b>1,288</b>	<b>1,839</b>	<b>n/a</b>

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004:      Total Facilities: **38**      Total Capacity: **2,233**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce College; Franklin Pierce Law; Hesser College, Concord**

<b>LARGEST EMPLOYERS</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Concord Hospital	Health care	2,811	
Steeplegate Regional Mall	Retail stores	1,100	
Lincoln Financial	Insurance	648	
Genesis Eldercare Network	Health care facility	400	
St. Paul's School	Private prep school	325	
Concord Litho	Offset photo color reproductions	225	
Riverside Millwork (RIVCO)	Home building materials	120	1962
Beede Electrical Instrument Co.	Electrical components	100	

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

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3, 4, 202</b>
	State Routes	<b>3A, 9, 13, 106, 132</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exits 12 - 17; I-393; I-89, Exits 2 - 3</b>	
Distance	<b>Local access</b>	
Railroad	<b>N.E. Southern/B&amp;M</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>Yes</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>24 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>18 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>97 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>68 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>271 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>245 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>10.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.2%</b>
Walked	<b>4.1%</b>
Other means	<b>0.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>3.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>20.5 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>63%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>34%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>3%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
<b>X</b>	YMCA/YWCA
<b>X</b>	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	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
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak, Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Christa McAuliffe Planetarium; Silk Farm Audubon Center; Capitol Center for the Arts; Concord Community Music School; Museum of NH History; Society for the Protection of NH Forests; Franklin Pierce Mansion; State House</b>