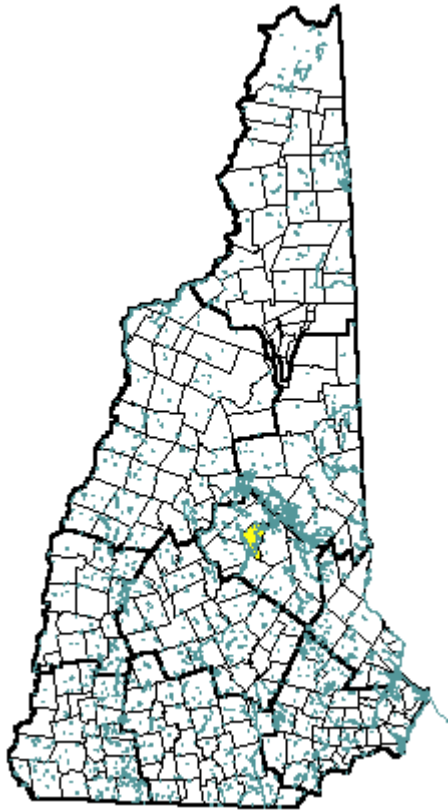


Laconia, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Belknap
Laconia NH Micro-NECTA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1 (All Wards)
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District 4 (All Wards)
Belknap County District 4 (All Wards)

Incorporated: 1855

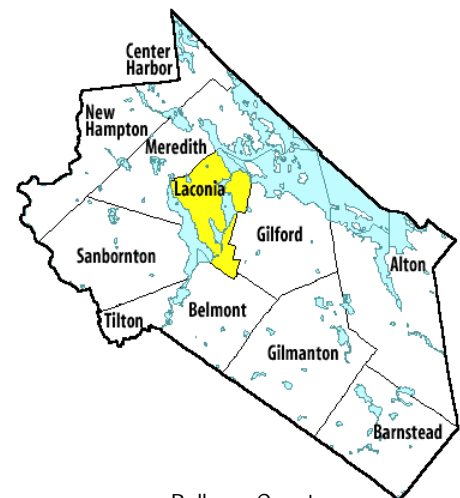
Origin: First explored in the 1620's, Laconia was for many years a part of Meredith and Gilford known as Meredith Bridge. Early explorers had hoped to follow the Piscataqua River north to Lake Champlain, in search of the great lakes and rivers of Canada told of in Indian lore. These explorers were known as the Laconia Adventurers, Laconia being a region of ancient Greece. Incorporated as a city in 1893, Laconia includes the villages of Lakeport and Weirs Beach. "Weirs" is the name of primitive fishing devices discovered at the outlet of Lake Winnepesaukee.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,806 residents in 1860

Population Trends: Laconia has grown very slowly over the last five decades. The city's 11 percent increase over the fifty-year period was the fifth lowest positive growth rate, with decennial growth ranging from a three percent decrease between 1960-1970 to a five percent increase between 1970-1980. Laconia grew by a total of 1,666 residents, going from 14,745 in 1950 to 16,411 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Laconia was 17,133 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 852.8 persons per square mile of land area. Laconia contains 20.1 square miles of land area and 6.0 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: Lakeport, Weirs Beach



Belknap County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$48,762,248
Budget: School Appropriations	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1948/01
Master Plan	1992
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	City Planner

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	City Council; Police
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library Trustees; Conservation; Board of Assessors

Public Library **Laconia Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

Nearest Hospital(s):

Lakes Region General, Laconia
Distance: **Local** Staffed Beds: **106**

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop.
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Laconia Water Works
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.84
2004 Equalization Ratio	91.8
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.20
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.5%
Other Property including Utilities	1.4%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	8,922
2003 Single-Family Units	4,541
Building Permits Issued	139
2003 Multi-Family Units	4,116
Building Permits Issued	0
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	265

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	17,133	60,858
2000	16,451	56,576
1990	15,831	49,294
1980	15,575	42,884
1970	14,888	32,367

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	7,969	Female	8,442

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	869
Age 5 to 19	3,186
Age 20 to 34	3,203
Age 35 to 54	4,746
Age 55 to 64	1,579
Age 65 and over	2,828
Median Age	38.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	81.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	19.6%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**(Census 2000)**

Per capita income	\$19,540
Median 4-person family income	\$45,307
Median household income	\$37,796

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$31,714
Female	\$22,818

Families below the poverty level**7.5%****LABOR FORCE****1994****2004**

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	7,651	8,456
Employed	7,290	8,161
Unemployed	361	295
Unemployment rate	4.7%	3.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**1994****2004**

Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	2,882	2,515	
Average Weekly Wage	\$498	\$786	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	6,533	6,647	
Average Weekly Wage	\$390	\$599	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	9,415	9,162	
Average Weekly Wage	\$423	\$651	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,275	1,532	
Average Weekly Wage	\$517	\$763	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	10,689	10,694	
Average Weekly Wage	\$434	\$667	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Laconia operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 30**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	K-12
Total Enrollment	1,061	623	792	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: **16** Total Capacity: **725**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Laconia**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Aavid Engineering Corp.	Semiconductor heat sinks	620	1966
NH Ball Bearings, Inc.	Spherical bearings	478	1968
Lewis & Sanders, Inc.	Metal tubular assemblies	130	1956
Wilcom Products, Inc	Telecommunications test equipment	85	
Baron Machine Co., Inc.	Machine parts, heat treating	70	1957
Freudenberg-NOK	Automotive seals		1999
Lakes Region General Hospital	Medical Care		

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	3
	State Routes	106, 107
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	7 miles
Railroad		State owned line
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Airport		Laconia
	Runway	5,286 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	50 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	45 miles
	Portland, Maine	109 miles
	Boston, Mass.	95 miles
	New York City, NY	292 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	242 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
	Drove alone, car/truck/van 78.9%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van 12.1%
	Public transportation 0.8%
	Walked 3.7%
	Other means 1.6%
	Worked at home 3.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
	Working in community of residence 52%
	Commuting to another NH community 45%
	Commuting out-of-state 2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
X	Cinemas
	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
X	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): Gunstock
	Other: Mount Washington Cruises; Weirs Beach; Scenic Railroad; Prescott Farm Audubon Center