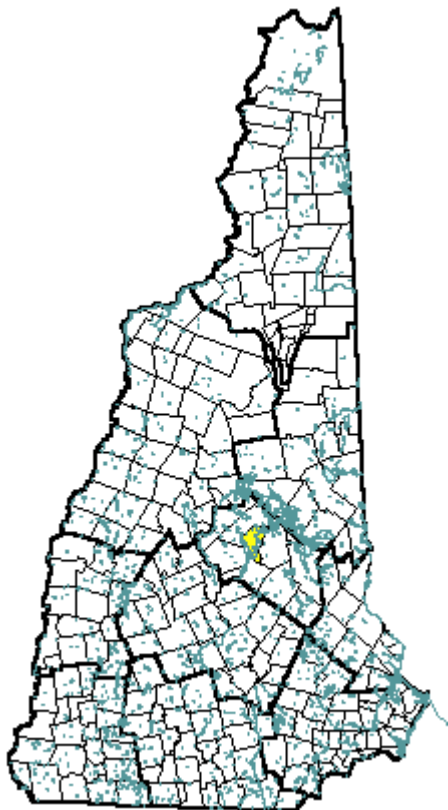


Laconia, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
County	Belknap
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Belknap County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1 (All Wards)
Executive Council	District 1 (All Wards)
State Senate	District 4 (All Wards)
State Representative	District 30 (All Wards)

Incorporated: 1855

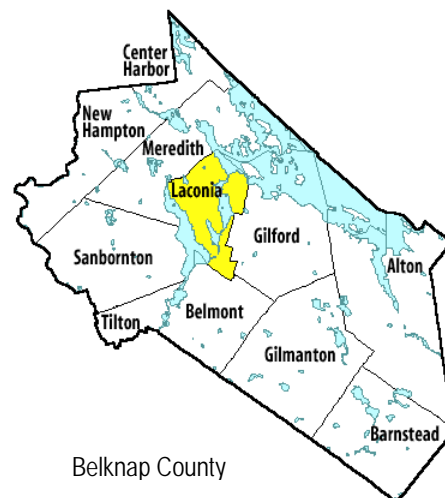
Origin: First explored in the 1620's, Laconia was for many years a part of Meredith and Gilford known as Meredith Bridge. Early explorers had hoped to follow the Piscataqua River north to Lake Champlain, in search of the great lakes and rivers of Canada told of in Indian lore. These explorers were known 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 2003 Census estimate for Laconia was 17,134 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 828.4 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: Interlaken Park, Lakeport, Pendleton Beach, Weirs Beach, Paugus Bay



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Manager & Council
2004 Annual Budget	\$43,850,196
Zoning Ordinance	1948/01
Master Plan	1992
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	City Planner

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	City Council; Police Commission
Appointed:	Planning Board; Zoning Board; Library Trustees; Conservation Commission; 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	Other

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	Municipal
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Voluntary
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Yes
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$17.89
2003 Equalization Ratio	96.0
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$16.93
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	83.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	15.5%
Other Property including Utilities	1.5%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	8,700
2002 Single-Family Units	4,826
Building Permits Issued	60
2002 Multi-Family Units	3,610
Building Permits Issued	4
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	264

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	17,134	60,356
2000	16,411	56,325
1990	15,743	49,216
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**

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	7,468	8,185
Employed	6,889	7,862
Unemployed	579	323
Unemployment rate	7.8%	3.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**1993 2003**

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,800	2,328
Average Weekly Wage	\$482	\$750
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	6,337	6,748
Average Weekly Wage	\$382	\$567
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	9,137	9,075
Average Weekly Wage	\$412	\$614
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,156	1,596
Average Weekly Wage	\$505	\$676
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	10,293	10,672
Average Weekly Wage	\$423	\$623

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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 Tech Ctr.; Winnisquam Agricultural Ed Ctr.** 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	1,075	619	800	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: **18** Total Capacity: **640**

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