

BELKNAP COUNTY ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

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ECONOMIC STRENGTH (RANK AMONG MICROPOLITANS)

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Laconia (Belknap County)	5 th	36 th	51 st	17 th	21 st	27 th
Concord (Merrimack County)	1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st	3 rd	5 th
Lebanon (Grafton County)	6 th	3 rd	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	7 th
Keene (Cheshire County)	23 rd	12 th	26 th	12 th	11 th	31 st
<i>TOTAL NUMBER OF MICROPOLITANS</i>	573	575	576	576	577	574

Belknap County consistently ranked in the top 10th percentile.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

	2001	2004	2005	2006	2007
Belknap County	\$31,262	\$33,351	\$34,996	\$37,059	\$38,176
Merrimack County	\$33,118	\$33,639	\$34,819	\$36,842	\$38,661
Grafton County	\$32,180	\$37,109	\$38,760	\$41,978	\$44,894
Cheshire County	\$28,563	\$32,306	\$33,118	\$35,682	\$36,507
State of New Hampshire	\$33,928	\$36,616	\$37,768	\$39,753	\$41,639
<i>Belknap County growth</i>		6.68%	4.93%	5.89%	3.01%

POPULATION

	2001	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Belknap County	58,384	60,859	61,547	61,562	61,048	61,281
Merrimack County	139,324	145,542	146,881	148,085	148,274	148,161
Grafton County	82,254	84,169	84,708	85,336	85,514	85,921
Cheshire County	74,243	76,872	77,287	77,393	77,725	77,170
State of New Hampshire	1,287,687	1,299,500	1,309,940	1,314,895	1,315,828	1,315,809

UNEMPLOYMENT

	2001	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Belknap County	3.0%	3.4%	3.3%	3.8%	3.6%	4.1%	7.1%
Merrimack County	2.7%	3.1%	3.2%	3.1%	3.3%	3.6%	5.8%
Grafton County	2.1%	2.7%	2.8%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	5.4%
Cheshire County	3.2%	3.3%	3.2%	3.2%	3.6%	3.7%	5.8%
State of New Hampshire	3.5%	3.8%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%	3.8%	6.5%

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	1990	1999	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<i>Average MLS Sale Price</i>	\$93,053	\$124,937	\$258,011	\$256,198	\$286,538	\$264,375	\$238,123
<i>Total number of sales</i>		1,555	1,716	1,426	1,213	908	854
<i>Mean Annual Wage</i>	\$18,928	\$27,352	\$32,968	\$34,840	\$36,005	\$37,066	\$38,688
<i>NH Annual Livable Wage</i>		\$23,192	\$22,620		\$24,232		
<i>NH Minimum Wage</i>	\$7,904	\$10,712	\$10,712	\$10,712	\$13,520	\$15,080	\$15,080
<i>Average Cost, Gal. of Gas</i>	\$1.13	\$1.66	\$2.10	\$2.81	\$2.81	\$3.24	\$2.39
<i>Average WSJ Rate</i>	10.00%	8.25%	6.50%	8.00%	7.50%	5.00%	3.25%

Two Parents, Two Children, Both Parents Working

<i>Estimated Livable Weekly Wage</i>	\$446	\$435	\$466
<i>Average Weekly Cost of Childcare</i>	\$180	\$175	\$175
<i>Average Weekly Cost of Groceries</i>	\$140	\$150	\$175
<i>Average Weekly Phone Bill</i>	\$20	\$30	\$40
<i>Weekly Rent and Utilities</i>	\$135	\$185	\$225

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