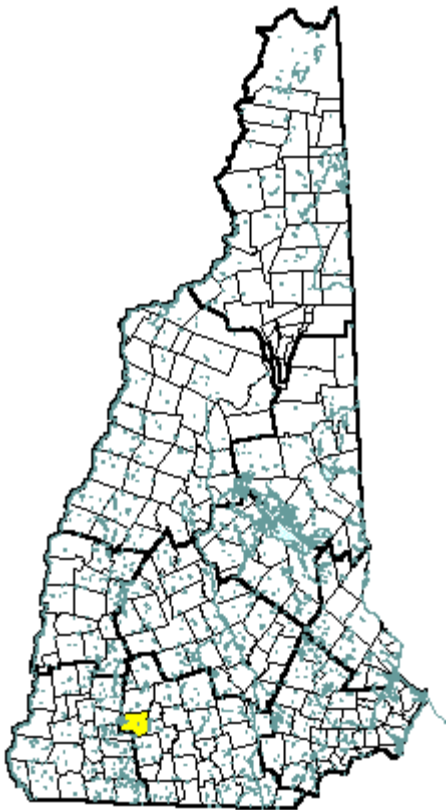


# Hancock, NH



## Community Contact

Telephone  
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## Municipal Office Hours

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

## Town of Hancock

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Hillsborough  
Peterborough NH LMA  
Monadnock  
Southwest Region  
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

District 2  
District 2  
District 7  
Hillsborough County District 1

**Incorporated:** 1779

**Origin:** Hancock started as an unidentified settlement on the Contoocook River, in territory known as "Society Land" or Cumberland, which had been reserved for the Proprietors. Cumberland included what is now Antrim, Bennington, Frankestown, Deering, Greenfield, and Hancock. First settled in 1764, the town was incorporated as Hancock in 1779 in honor of John Hancock, first governor of Massachusetts, president of the Continental Congress, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. Mr. Hancock was a landowner in this region, but there is no record of his ever having been in the town named for him.

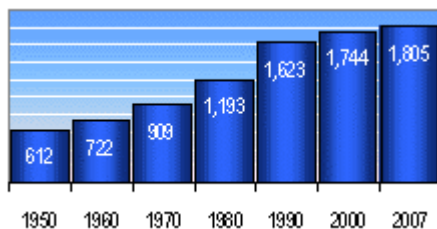
**Villages and Place Names:** Elmwood

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 634 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Hancock totaled 1,132 over 50 years, from 612 in 1950 to 1,744 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 36 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, which followed a 31 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2007 Census estimate for Hancock was 1,805 residents, which ranked 146th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Hillsborough County



**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 60.5 persons per square mile of land area. Hancock contains 30.0 square miles of land area and 1.3 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2003	<b>\$1,288,103</b>
Budget: School Appropriations,	<b>not available</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1962/07</b>
Master Plan	<b>1997</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Trust Funds; Common; Water; Cemetery</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic Distric; Housing</b>

Public Library **Hancock Town****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Part-time</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>6/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Monadnock Community, Peterborough</b>	<b>7 miles 25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Hancock Water Works</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>none</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>none</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</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)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.38</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>100</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.31</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>97.2%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>1.4%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.4%</b>

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

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>882</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>764</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>5</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>96</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>22</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>1,805</b>	<b>402,302</b>
2000	<b>1,744</b>	<b>382,384</b>
1990	<b>1,623</b>	<b>336,549</b>
1980	<b>1,193</b>	<b>276,608</b>
1970	<b>909</b>	<b>223,941</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>834</b>	Female	<b>905</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>81</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>382</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>186</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>581</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>216</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>293</b>
Median Age			<b>42.6 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>95.2%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>46.5%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$29,445</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$64,423</b>
Median household income	<b>\$55,000</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$40,000</b>
Female	<b>\$31,200</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>2.7%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>861</b>	<b>868</b>
Employed	<b>848</b>	<b>843</b>
Unemployed	<b>13</b>	<b>25</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>54</b>	<b>49</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$379</b>	<b>\$543</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>204</b>	<b>225</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$339</b>	<b>\$658</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>258</b>	<b>274</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$347</b>	<b>\$637</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>35</b>	<b>40</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$271</b>	<b>\$397</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>293</b>	<b>315</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$338</b>	<b>\$606</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)** District: **SAU 1**

Career Technology Center(s): **Region 14 Applied Technology Center, Peterborough** Region: **14**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-4</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>65</b>			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **62**

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua; NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; New England; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
John Hancock Inn	Restaurant, inn		
Hancock Market	Convenience store		
Fiddleheads Café	Restaurant		

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

Road Access	US Routes	<b>202</b>
	State Routes	<b>123, 137</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-89, Exit 6</b>
	Distance	<b>27 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim</b>	Runway	<b>3,260 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>34 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>34 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>130 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>81 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>242 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>250 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>5.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.2%</b>
Walked	<b>1.3%</b>
Other means	<b>0.8%</b>
Worked at home	<b>9.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>24.6 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>25%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>72%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>3%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	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
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	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
	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</b>
	Other: <b>Harris Center for Conservation Education; Sargent Center</b>