

Mason, NH

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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Tuesday through Thursday, 11 am - 3 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday, 1 pm - 4 pm, Wednesday, 6:30 pm - 8 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon, and the last Saturday of the month, 10 am - 12 noon

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Hillsborough
 Nashua NH-MA NECTA Division, NH Portion
 Monadnock
 Nashua Regional
 Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
 District 5
 District 12
 Hillsborough County District 5

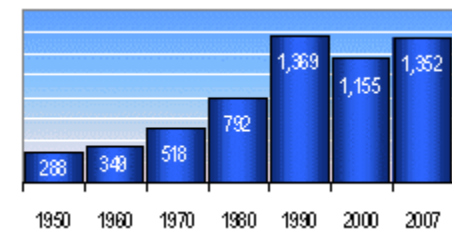
Incorporated: 1768

Origin: This territory was first known as Number 1, the first in a line of border towns including area allotted to this state by Massachusetts upon establishment of New Hampshire as a separate province in 1741. The initial charter was granted in 1749 to William Lawrence and others. In 1768, Governor John Wentworth named it in honor of Captain John Mason, even though residents had voted to name their town Sharon a couple of months earlier. Captain Mason was the holder of patent with title to the land that became New Hampshire. Mason was the boyhood home of "Uncle Sam," Samuel Wilson.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 922 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Mason totaled 867 over 50 years, from 288 in 1950 to 1,155 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 73 percent increase between 1980 and 1990; this was followed by a 16 percent



decrease in population between 1990 and 2000. The 2007 Census estimate for Mason was 1,352 residents, which ranked 166th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 55.4 persons per square mile of land area. Mason contains 24.0 square miles of land area and 0.01 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	\$1,447,106
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1967/08
Master Plan	2008
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Checklist
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Recreation; Conservation; Financial Advisory; Forestry

Public Library **Mason Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	15 miles 25
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua	20 miles 208
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua	21 miles 188

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint; Wilton
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	No
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business No
Residential	No

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.25
2007 Equalization Ratio	100
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.23
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	98.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	0.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.5%

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

2007 Total Housing Units	556
2007 Single-Family Units	536
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	10
2007 Multi-Family Units	3
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	17

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2007	1,352	402,302
2000	1,155	382,384
1990	1,369	336,549
1980	792	276,608
1970	518	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	591	Female	556
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			65
Age 5 to 19			238
Age 20 to 34			156
Age 35 to 54			492
Age 55 to 64			99
Age 65 and over			97
Median Age			39.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	89.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	30.9%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999*(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$28,503
Median 4-person family income	\$61,908
Median household income	\$60,433
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$43,558
Female	\$26,042
Families below the poverty level	3.6%

LABOR FORCE*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	771	812
Employed	751	780
Unemployed	20	32
Unemployment rate	2.6%	3.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	22	16
Average Weekly Wage	\$440	\$964
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	54	91
Average Weekly Wage	\$476	\$266
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	76	107
Average Weekly Wage	\$466	\$371
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	21	24
Average Weekly Wage	\$380	\$568
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	97	131
Average Weekly Wage	\$447	\$407

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades 1-12 are part of Mascenic Regional (Greenville, Mason, New Ipswich)** District: **SAU 63**
 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	P R 1-4			
Total Enrollment	77			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 1 Total Capacity: 39

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Daniel Webster; Franklin Pierce University; Rivier; Keene State**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Parkers Maple Barn Restaurant & Gift Shops	Food, gifts		
Picky Place	Food, gifts, herb plants		
The Driving Range	Golf, food		
Fletcher's Quarry	Quarrying granite		

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

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes 31, 123, 124
 Nearest Interstate, Exit Everett Tpk., Exit 6; I-495 (MA), Exit 31
 Distance 18 miles; 22 miles

Railroad No
 Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Jaffrey - Silver Ranch Runway 2,982 ft. asphalt
 Lighted? Yes Navigation Aids? Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance 32 miles
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 8

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH 30 miles
 Portland, Maine 127 miles
 Boston, Mass. 53 miles
 New York City, NY 218 miles
 Montreal, Quebec 278 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.2%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	3.3%

Mean Travel Time to Work 36.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:
 Working in community of residence 16%
 Commuting to another NH community 50%
 Commuting out-of-state 34%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

Municipal Parks
 YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club
 X Golf Courses
 Swimming: Indoor Facility
 Swimming: Outdoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
 Bowling Facilities
 Museums
 Cinemas
 Performing Arts Facilities
 Tourist Attractions
 X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
 X Youth Sports: Baseball
 Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 Campgrounds
 X Fishing/Hunting
 Boating/Marinas
 X Snowmobile Trails
 X Bicycle Trails
 X Cross Country Skiing
 Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
 Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**

Other: **Samuel "Uncle Sam" Wilson's Boyhood Home**