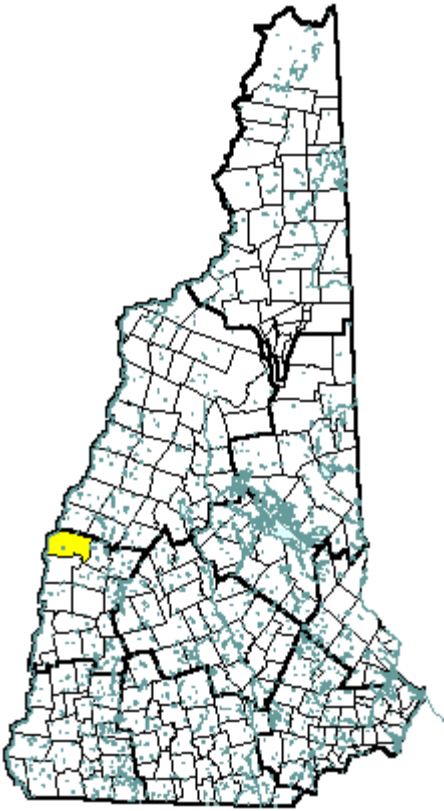


Plainfield, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Sullivan
Lebanon NH-VT Micro-NECTA, NH Portion
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 5
Sullivan County District 1

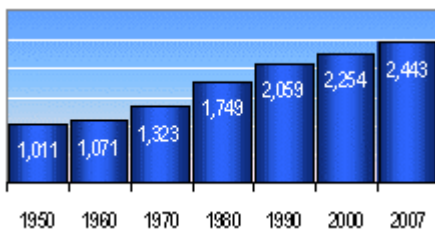
Incorporated: 1761

Origin: Settled by a group from Plainfield, Connecticut, Plainfield is one of the towns chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth in 1761 at the beginning of the reign of King George III. A part of Plainfield with a portion of Grantham was separated into Meriden Parish in 1780. Meriden became the site of Kimball Union Academy, established in 1813. Daniel Kimball donated a large collection of books to the town for a library in 1797, along with \$6,000 for a school, to which his widow added \$40,000. The entire Meriden Parish was annexed to Plainfield in 1856.

Villages and Place Names: East Plainfield, Hell Hollow, Meriden, Mill Village, Coryville, Plainfield Village

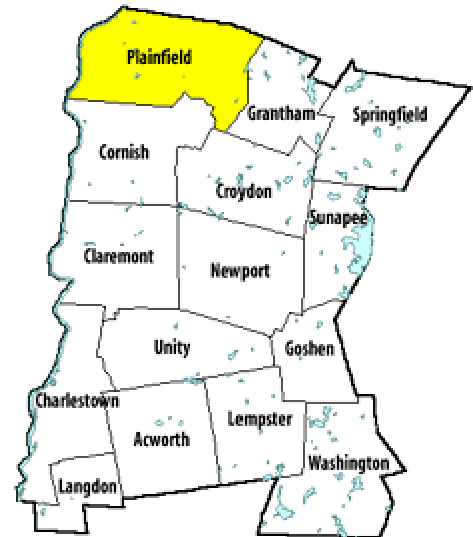
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,024 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Plainfield totaled 1,243 over 50 years, from 1,011 in 1950 to 2,254 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 32 percent between 1970 and 1980, following a 24 percent increase over the previous decade.



The 2007 Census estimate for Plainfield was 2,443 residents, which ranked 119th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 46.2 persons per square mile of land area. Plainfield contains 52.2 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.



Sullivan County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	\$1,644,785
Budget: School Appropriations, 2006	\$4,962,567
Zoning Ordinance	1959/07
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation

Public Library **Meriden; Philip Read Memorial**

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
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	13 miles	396
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	10 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; Granite State; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Plainfield/Meriden Village District
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

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

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.75
2007 Equalization Ratio	80.8
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.38
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	93.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.1%

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

2007 Total Housing Units	985
2007 Single-Family Units	832
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	9
2007 Multi-Family Units	75
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	78

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2007	2,443	42,689
2000	2,254	40,560
1990	2,059	38,652
1980	1,749	36,063
1970	1,323	30,949

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	1,136	Female 1,105

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	137
Age 5 to 19	471
Age 20 to 34	309
Age 35 to 54	870
Age 55 to 64	226
Age 65 and over	228
Median Age	40 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	91.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	38.2%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999*(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$26,062
Median 4-person family income	\$61,205
Median household income	\$57,083

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$36,968
Female	\$29,491

Families below the poverty level **1.8%**

LABOR FORCE*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	1,424	1,628
Employed	1,407	1,599
Unemployed	17	29
Unemployment rate	1.2%	1.8%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	80	88
Average Weekly Wage	\$404	\$438
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	260	274
Average Weekly Wage	\$388	\$701
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	340	362
Average Weekly Wage	\$391	\$637
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	101	32
Average Weekly Wage	\$318	\$426
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	440	394
Average Weekly Wage	\$375	\$620

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Plainfield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Lebanon** District: **SAU 32**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Career and Technical Center, White River Junction VT** Region: **07**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			1
Grade Levels	K 1-8			9-12
Total Enrollment	282			344

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **27**

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Lebanon; Colby-Sawyer**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
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Kimball Union Academy	Private school		
North Country Door	Cabinet, door manufacturing		
Town Line Equipment	Heavy equipment dealer		
McNamara Dairy	Glass bottle milk		
Taylor Farm	Maple products		
Garfield's Smokehouse	Smoked products		
Edgewater Farms	Farmstand, greenhouses, and PYO strawberries		
Riverview Farm	PYO apples & berries		

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12A, 120
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 15
	Distance	7 miles

Railroad	No
Public Transportation	No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Lebanon Municipal	Runway	5,496 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	10 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1	

Driving distance to select cities:	
Manchester, NH	68 miles
Portland, Maine	153 miles
Boston, Mass.	118 miles
New York City, NY	262 miles
Montreal, Quebec	192 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.8%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	3.0%
Other means	1.2%
Worked at home	6.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	20%
Commuting to another NH community	68%
Commuting out-of-state	12%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	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): **Mount Sunapee, Mount Ascutney (VT)**

Other: **Meriden Covered Bridge; Annual 4th of July Parade; Maxfield Parrish Stage Set**