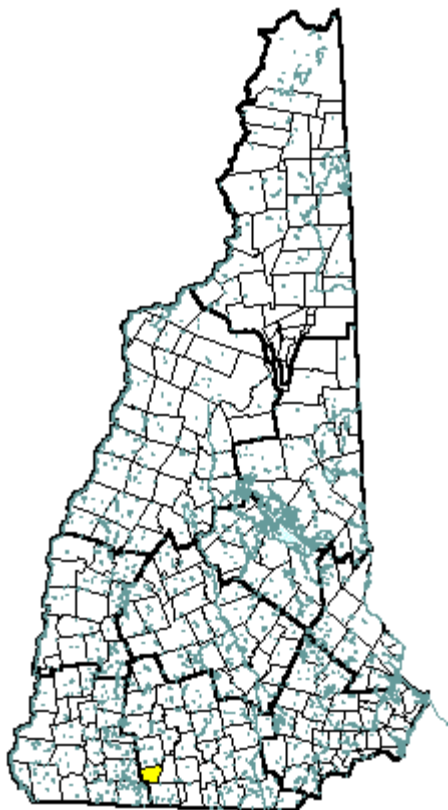


# Sharon, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Clerk: Tuesday, 6 pm - 8 pm, or by appointment**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

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

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 11**  
**Hillsborough County District 3**

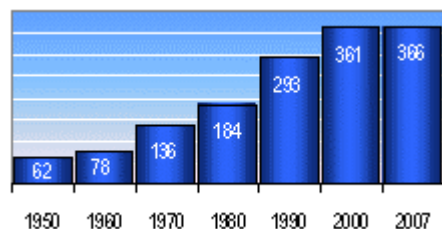
**Incorporated:** 1791

**Origin:** This territory was first settled in 1738 as part of Peterborough, known as Peterborough Slip or Sliptown, a name it retained when the eastern portion was incorporated as Temple. In 1777 residents petitioned for annexation to Peterborough, which was denied. In 1786, they petitioned for a separate township, and asked for a mile of land from the east end of Jaffrey and the south end of Peterborough. The request was granted, and it was incorporated as Sharon in 1791, after a Connecticut town from which many settlers had come. Sharon is home to the Sharon Arts Center, founded in 1947 to offer courses in arts and crafts, and provide a gallery for exhibitions by local artists.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 259 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Sharon totaled 299 over 50 years, from 62 in 1950 to 361 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was an



increase of 74 percent between 1960 and 1970; population in Sharon increased by at least 20 percent each decade. The 2007 Census estimate for Sharon was 366 residents, which ranked 220th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 23.9 persons per square mile of land area. Sharon contains 15.7 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.



**Hillsborough County**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$353,402</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2007	<b>\$508,588</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1959/08</b>
Master Plan	<b>2002</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Zoning</b>

Public Library **No Library****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Peterborough - Part-time</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Peterborough - Volunteer</b>	
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>9/10</b>	
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Peterborough - Full-time</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Monadnock Community, Peterborough</b>	<b>6 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

**UTILITIES**

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

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

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$14.97</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>83.5</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$12.59</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>96.1%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>1.1%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.8%</b>

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

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>176</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>173</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>4</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>3</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>0</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>366</b>	<b>402,302</b>
2000	<b>361</b>	<b>382,384</b>
1990	<b>293</b>	<b>336,549</b>
1980	<b>184</b>	<b>276,608</b>
1970	<b>136</b>	<b>223,941</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>203</b>	Female	<b>157</b>

## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>18</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>79</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>53</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>137</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>33</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>40</b>
Median Age	<b>41.3 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>93.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>45.7%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$29,478</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$75,325</b>
Median household income	<b>\$66,250</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$51,071</b>
Female	<b>\$29,375</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>1.8%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>169</b>	<b>195</b>
Employed	<b>167</b>	<b>190</b>
Unemployed	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>48</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$1,173</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>48</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$1,173</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				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Nashua**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Harborside Healthcare	Nursing home management	13	1988
Sharon Arts Center	Art instruction, crafts	5	1947

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

Road Access US Routes  
State Routes **123, 124**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **Everett Tpk., Exits 7 - 8; I-293, Exit 4**  
Distance **26 miles; 33 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 **39 miles**  
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **8**

Driving distance to select cities:  
Manchester, NH **35 miles**  
Portland, Maine **131 miles**  
Boston, Mass. **61 miles**  
New York City, NY **227 miles**  
Montreal, Quebec **268 miles**

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

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>81.7%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0</b>
Other means	<b>0.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>8.9%</b>

Mean Travel Time to Work **33.6 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents:

Working in community of residence	<b>11%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>81%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>8%</b>

**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  
Museums  
Cinemas  
Performing Arts Facilities  
Tourist Attractions  
Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)  
Youth Sports: Baseball  
Youth Sports: Soccer  
Youth Sports: Football  
Youth Sports: Basketball  
Youth Sports: Hockey  
Campgrounds  
Fishing/Hunting  
Boating/Marinas  
Snowmobile Trails  
Bicycle Trails  
Cross Country Skiing  
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Crotched Mountain**

Other: **Hiking Trails; Sharon Arts Center**