



2015 Population Estimates of New Hampshire Cities and Towns

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The Office of Energy and Planning (OEP) is required by law (RSA 78-A:25) to estimate the population of the State's municipalities on an annual basis. The law stipulates that the estimates be certified to the State Treasurer by August 19th and that they reflect population levels of the preceding year. Further, the law requires that the definition of resident be the same as that of the US Decennial Census.

The accompanying figures are **ESTIMATES** and are so labeled. Users of these figures should be aware that many of the data used to calculate the estimates were collected by local governmental units for purposes other than accounting for population change. The methods which convert these data into estimated population, such as building permits, have been developed to reflect true population insofar as possible. Data used to calculate estimates in past years are subject to change. For this and other reasons, OEP strongly recommends that these estimates not be compared on a year-to-year basis.

Some communities may have estimating procedures that are different from the ones used by OEP. Also, some communities have established population figures based on their own enumeration (census) efforts. These local efforts can render highly accurate results. The OEP however uses a uniform estimating system that is applied equally to all 234 communities. It is likely that if OEP staff were to estimate any one municipality on an individual basis, the resulting estimate would be different than the one contained herein.

The accompanying table shows the total population of NH's municipalities from the 2000 and 2010 censuses, and OEP's estimate for 2015. These figures are composed of the household population and of persons living in group quarters. Group quarters populations consist of persons living in college residence halls, some types of nursing homes, prisons, etc. Many municipalities have no group quarters populations. For the convenience of data users, the table shows the 2015 group quarters population that is part of the total estimated population.

Populations for unincorporated areas are not included in this report.

Anyone wishing further information regarding these estimates should contact the Office of Energy and Planning, 107 Pleasant St., Concord, New Hampshire 03301 - telephone (603) 271-2155.

OEP ESTIMATE METHODOLOGY FOR ESTIMATING TOTAL POPULATION

The official estimates of population are based on a dwelling unit method. The method attempts to translate permits issued for new dwellings into estimated population.

The 2010 US Census serves as a benchmark; changes in the number of dwellings are used to update the dwelling unit counts by the US Census. Two rates are used to convert the estimated number of dwellings into estimated population. These rates are population per household and occupancy rates. The rates are taken from the 2010 decennial census.

The dwelling unit calculations estimate household population. Group Quarters population, persons living in dormitories, prisons, etc., is estimated using the 2010 census and updated using an annual OEP survey of establishments known to have group quarters population.

The individual municipal estimates are proportionately controlled to an existing estimated state total. This state total is prepared with the state as a single statistical entity. In turn, this state total results from an adjustment to conform to a national total. The state total is prepared by the Census Bureau's Federal-State Cooperative Program for Population Estimates (FSCPE).

As an example, the 2015 calculations of the dwelling unit method for the town of Alton appear below:

Census	Permits			
2010	Issued	Percent of	2015	
Total	to	Units	Occupied	Population per
<u>Units</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Occupied</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Household</u>
4,281	57	0.50105	2,174	2.45

2015 Estimated
Population
5,325

0 '15 Est. Group Quarters Population
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5,264

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			2015	
	U.S. Census 2000	OEP Estimate		Group Quarters Pop	2015 Persons per Square Mile
		2010	2015		
Alton	4,502	5,250	5,264	0	82.36
Barnstead	3,886	4,593	4,604	0	107.21
Belmont	6,716	7,356	7,294	14	241.95
Center Harbor	996	1,096	1,078	14	80.86
Gilford	6,803	7,126	7,137	0	183.98
Gilmanton	3,060	3,777	3,737	0	64.83
Laconia	16,411	15,951	16,193	427	805.83
Meredith	5,943	6,241	6,291	142	156.03
New Hampton	1,950	2,165	2,212	56	60.09
Sanbornton	2,581	2,966	2,976	14	62.94
Tilton	3,477	3,567	3,624	230	317.54
Belknap Co.	56,325	60,088	60,410	897	150.01

Water area not included in persons per sq. mi calculations.
Group Quarters population is included in total population.

Belknap County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census	OEP		Group	Persons
	2000	2010	Estimate	Quarters	per
	2000	2010	2015	Pop	Square Mile
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Belknap Co.	56,325	60,088	60,410	897	150.01

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Carroll County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census 2000	2010	OEP Estimate 2015	Group Quarters Pop	Persons per Square Mile
Albany	654	735	735	0	9.75
Bartlett	2,705	2,788	2,807	0	37.52
Brookfield	604	712	708	0	30.97
Chatham	260	337	334	0	5.89
Conway	8,604	10,115	10,060	163	144.37
Eaton	375	393	405	0	16.6
Effingham	1,273	1,465	1,481	7	38.1
Freedom	1,303	1,489	1,527	9	44.27
Harts Location	37	41	42	0	2.18
Jackson	835	816	833	0	12.47
Madison	1,984	2,502	2,570	6	66.41
Moultonboro	4,484	4,044	4,078	0	67.92
Ossipee	4,211	4,345	4,368	175	61.61
Sandwich	1,286	1,326	1,334	0	14.62
Tamworth	2,510	2,856	2,884	12	48.21
Tuftonboro	2,148	2,387	2,381	0	58.61
Wakefield	4,252	5,078	5,065	6	128.14
Wolfeboro	6,083	6,269	6,248	61	129.24
Carroll Co.	43,608	47,698	47,860	439	51.33

Population of unincorporated places not included in above figures.

Water area and unincorporated area not included in persons per sq. mi calculations.

Group Quarters population is included in total population.

Cheshire County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census 2000	OEP Estimate		Group Quarters Pop	Persons per Square Mile
		2010	2015		
Alstead	1,944	1,937	1,950	0	50.03
Chesterfield	3,542	3,604	3,610	0	79.18
Dublin	1,476	1,597	1,568	63	56.21
Fitzwilliam	2,141	2,396	2,390	0	69.03
Gilsum	777	813	814	8	48.83
Harrisville	1,075	961	952	0	50.87
Hinsdale	4,082	4,046	4,013	0	193.76
Jaffrey	5,476	5,457	5,393	66	140.42
Keene	22,563	23,409	23,550	3,057	635.57
Marlborough	2,009	2,063	2,110	2	103.39
Marlow	747	742	744	0	28.59
Nelson	634	729	727	0	33.19
Richmond	1,077	1,155	1,159	1	30.87
Rindge	5,451	6,014	6,043	1,160	163.02
Roxbury	237	229	226	0	18.89
Stoddard	928	1,232	1,256	0	24.67
Sullivan	746	677	688	0	37.1
Surry	673	732	741	0	47.22
Swanzey	6,800	7,230	7,339	13	163.31
Troy	1,962	2,145	2,135	0	122.3
Walpole	3,594	3,734	3,866	0	108.36
Westmoreland	1,747	1,874	1,734	145	48.28
Winchester	4,144	4,341	4,334	61	78.84
Cheshire Co.	73,825	77,117	77,342	4,576	109.29

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Coos County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census	OEP		Group	Persons
	2000	2010	Estimate	Quarters	per
	2000	2010	2015	Pop	Square Mile
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Berlin	10,331	10,051	10,607	2,057	172.57
Carroll	663	763	778	73	15.48
Clarksville	294	265	274	0	4.53
Colebrook	2,321	2,301	2,300	7	56.43
Columbia	750	757	758	10	12.38
Dalton	927	979	977	0	35.48
Dummer	309	304	301	0	6.29
Errol	298	291	290	2	4.77
Gorham	2,895	2,848	2,809	0	88.06
Jefferson	1,006	1,107	1,108	0	22.12
Lancaster	3,280	3,507	3,541	224	70.53
Milan	1,331	1,337	1,338	0	20.93
Northumberland	2,438	2,288	2,249	3	61.24
Pittsburg	867	869	871	0	3.09
Randolph	339	310	308	0	6.55
Shelburne	379	372	373	0	7.79
Stark	516	556	564	0	9.52
Stewartstown	1,012	1,004	1,035	150	22.25
Stratford	942	746	747	0	9.35
Whitefield	2,038	2,306	2,349	58	68.49
Coos Co.	32,936	32,961	33,577	2,584	27.07

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Grafton County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census 2000	2010	OEP	Group Quarters Pop	Persons per Square Mile
			Estimate 2015		
Alexandria	1,329	1,613	1,638	0	37.62
Ashland	1,955	2,076	2,084	0	184.11
Bath	893	1,077	1,091	0	28.59
Benton	314	364	374	117	7.71
Bethlehem	2,199	2,526	2,558	34	28.15
Bridgewater	974	1,083	1,092	0	50.85
Bristol	3,033	3,054	3,074	50	180.02
Campton	2,719	3,333	3,351	3	64.52
Canaan	3,319	3,909	3,912	59	73.39
Dorchester	353	355	360	0	8.07
Easton	256	254	260	0	8.35
Ellsworth	87	83	87	0	4.06
Enfield	4,618	4,582	4,630	5	114.89
Franconia	924	1,104	1,118	69	17.01
Grafton	1,138	1,340	1,363	0	32.76
Groton	456	593	592	0	14.54
Hanover	10,850	11,260	11,367	4,075	231.5
Haverhill	4,416	4,697	4,647	225	90.84
Hebron	459	602	617	12	36.6
Holderness	1,930	2,108	2,103	72	68.88
Landaff	378	415	416	0	14.64
Lebanon	12,568	13,151	13,618	34	337.63
Lincoln	1,271	1,662	1,705	0	13.04
Lisbon	1,587	1,595	1,602	0	60.45
Littleton	5,845	5,928	5,925	35	118.42
Lyman	487	533	542	0	19.09
Lyme	1,679	1,716	1,706	11	31.68
Monroe	759	788	786	0	35.04
Orange	299	331	331	0	14.34
Orford	1,091	1,237	1,240	0	26.71
Piermont	709	790	784	0	20.3
Plymouth	5,892	6,990	6,427	1,690	227.72
Rumney	1,480	1,480	1,489	15	35.47
Sugar Hill	563	563	569	0	33.24
Thornton	1,843	2,490	2,521	0	50.14
Warren	873	904	910	0	18.72
Waterville Valley	257	247	247	0	3.83
Wentworth	798	911	912	0	21.8
Woodstock	1,139	1,374	1,373	0	23.47
Grafton Co.	81,740	89,118	89,421	6,506	54.22

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Hillsborough County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census 2000	2010	OEP	Group Quarters Pop	Persons per Square Mile
			Estimate 2015		
Amherst	10,769	11,201	11,276	0	332.28
Antrim	2,449	2,637	2,633	22	73.8
Bedford	18,274	21,203	22,236	593	678.85
Bennington	1,401	1,476	1,461	0	128.68
Brookline	4,181	4,991	5,168	0	259.5
Deering	1,875	1,912	1,918	92	62.72
Francestown	1,480	1,562	1,562	0	52.33
Goffstown	16,929	17,651	17,846	2,219	480.46
Greenfield	1,657	1,749	1,817	191	68.6
Greenville	2,224	2,105	2,070	0	300.96
Hancock	1,739	1,654	1,644	19	54.84
Hillsborough	4,928	6,011	5,955	10	136.27
Hollis	7,015	7,684	7,754	0	244.06
Hudson	22,928	24,467	24,781	258	868.48
Litchfield	7,360	8,271	8,395	0	562.59
Lyndeborough	1,585	1,683	1,702	0	56.45
Manchester	107,006	109,565	109,419	2,481	3,310.89
Mason	1,147	1,382	1,391	0	58.02
Merrimack	25,119	25,494	25,427	105	779.39
Milford	13,535	15,115	15,212	243	598.53
Mont Vernon	2,034	2,409	2,478	2	147.25
Nashua	86,605	86,494	87,551	1,331	2,846.89
New Boston	4,138	5,321	5,457	10	126.97
New Ipswich	4,289	5,099	5,160	8	157.6
Pelham	10,914	12,897	13,117	0	499.08
Peterborough	5,883	6,284	6,445	320	169.53
Sharon	360	352	352	0	22.48
Temple	1,297	1,366	1,380	83	62.02
Weare	7,776	8,785	8,811	0	149.2
Wilton	3,743	3,677	3,678	10	143.62
Windsor	201	224	226	11	27.4
Hillsborough Co.	380,841	400,721	404,322	8,008	460.97

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Merrimack County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census 2000	OEP Estimate		Group Quarters Pop	Persons per Square Mile
		2010	2015		
Allenstown	4,843	4,322	4,304	27	210.3
Andover	2,109	2,371	2,364	181	58.82
Boscawen	3,672	3,965	3,950	548	158.87
Bow	7,138	7,519	7,693	0	273.08
Bradford	1,454	1,650	1,659	0	47.09
Canterbury	1,979	2,352	2,365	23	53.82
Chichester	2,236	2,523	2,573	15	121.4
Concord	40,687	42,695	42,390	2,787	662.77
Danbury	1,071	1,164	1,170	0	30.99
Dunbarton	2,226	2,758	2,797	0	90.71
Epsom	4,021	4,566	4,680	90	135.73
Franklin	8,405	8,477	8,454	177	305.53
Henniker	4,433	4,836	4,875	622	110.51
Hill	992	1,089	1,092	0	40.95
Hooksett	11,721	13,451	14,473	1,106	399.87
Hopkinton	5,399	5,589	5,601	0	129.42
Loudon	4,481	5,317	5,420	4	117.78
New London	4,116	4,397	4,493	1,023	201.02
Newbury	1,702	2,072	2,145	0	59.9
Northfield	4,548	4,829	4,815	50	168.4
Pembroke	6,897	7,115	7,088	53	313.13
Pittsfield	3,931	4,106	4,077	55	168.99
Salisbury	1,137	1,382	1,394	0	35.24
Sutton	1,544	1,837	1,848	0	43.43
Warner	2,760	2,833	2,870	130	51.96
Webster	1,579	1,872	1,872	26	66.23
Wilmot	1,144	1,358	1,358	0	46.18
Merrimack Co.	136,225	146,445	147,820	6,917	158.34

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Rockingham County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census 2000	OEP Estimate		Group Quarters Pop	Persons per Square Mile
		2010	2015		
Atkinson	6,178	6,751	6,722	0	601.31
Auburn	4,682	4,953	5,315	2	208.58
Brentwood	3,197	4,486	4,678	469	275.66
Candia	3,911	3,909	3,909	0	128.9
Chester	3,792	4,768	4,887	0	187.72
Danville	4,023	4,387	4,458	3	382.78
Deerfield	3,678	4,280	4,413	0	86.91
Derry	34,021	33,109	32,948	201	929.92
East Kingston	1,784	2,357	2,398	0	241.89
Epping	5,476	6,411	6,828	2	261.82
Exeter	14,058	14,306	14,582	346	738.05
Fremont	3,510	4,283	4,597	66	266.42
Greenland	3,208	3,549	3,860	25	366.21
Hampstead	8,297	8,523	8,602	0	641.62
Hampton	14,937	14,976	15,050	605	1,215.18
Hampton Falls	1,880	2,236	2,239	0	162.75
Kensington	1,893	2,124	2,114	0	176.45
Kingston	5,862	6,025	6,049	0	304.73
Londonderry	23,236	24,129	24,891	0	592.25
New Castle	1,010	968	966	0	1,186.25
Newfields	1,551	1,680	1,685	0	237.51
Newington	775	753	770	24	93.44
Newmarket	8,027	8,936	9,170	22	729.75
Newton	4,289	4,603	4,865	0	494.67
North Hampton	4,259	4,301	4,511	4	323.89
Northwood	3,640	4,241	4,214	0	149.81
Nottingham	3,701	4,785	4,904	8	105.41
Plaistow	7,747	7,609	7,602	5	716.58
Portsmouth	20,784	21,233	21,496	456	1,371.09
Raymond	9,674	10,138	10,257	19	355.99
Rye	5,182	5,298	5,400	121	427.14
Salem	28,112	28,776	28,674	62	1,155.87
Sandown	5,143	5,986	6,255	7	447.17
Seabrook	7,934	8,693	8,814	8	979.38
South Hampton	844	814	811	1	102.52
Stratham	6,355	7,255	7,334	0	484.92
Windham	10,709	13,592	14,301	54	535.18
Rockingham Co.	277,359	295,223	300,569	2,510	431.1

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Strafford County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census 2000	2010	OEP Estimate 2015	Group Quarters Pop	Persons per Square Mile
Barrington	7,475	8,576	8,806	15	188.57
Dover	26,884	29,987	30,524	892	1,141.55
Durham	12,664	14,638	16,009	7,569	714.59
Farmington	5,774	6,786	6,807	31	186.43
Lee	4,145	4,330	4,335	11	216.95
Madbury	1,509	1,771	1,791	0	155.1
Middleton	1,440	1,783	1,772	0	98.03
Milton	3,910	4,598	4,555	1	137.77
New Durham	2,220	2,638	2,604	0	62.92
Rochester	28,461	29,752	29,875	314	666.48
Rollinsford	2,648	2,527	2,520	0	344.61
Somersworth	11,477	11,766	11,698	12	1,191.98
Strafford	3,626	3,991	4,046	6	82.62
Strafford Co.	112,233	123,143	125,342	8,851	341.22

Water area not included in persons per sq. mi calculations.
 Group Quarters population is included in total population.

Sullivan County

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----I			I ----- 2015 -----I	
	U.S. Census 2000	OEP Estimate 2010	OEP Estimate 2015	Group Quarters Pop	Persons per Square Mile
Acworth	836	891	898	0	23.07
Charlestown	4,749	5,114	5,118	95	142.86
Claremont	13,151	13,355	13,262	236	307.35
Cornish	1,661	1,640	1,645	0	39.2
Croydon	661	764	760	0	20.65
Goshen	741	810	813	10	36.22
Grantham	2,167	2,985	2,997	0	110.22
Langdon	586	688	689	0	42.22
Lempster	971	1,154	1,168	0	36.13
Newport	6,269	6,507	6,454	130	148.29
Plainfield	2,241	2,364	2,391	46	45.79
Springfield	945	1,311	1,325	0	30.38
Sunapee	3,055	3,365	3,430	61	162.8
Unity	1,530	1,671	1,650	243	44.64
Washington	895	1,123	1,126	0	24.74
Sullivan Co.	40,458	43,742	43,726	821	81.3
N.H. (incorporated p	1,235,550	1,316,256	1,330,389	42,109	159.41

Population of unincorporated places not included in above figures.

Total estimated population of New Hampshire (including unincorporated areas) is **1,330,608**.

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