



2009 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 for 1990, 2000, and OEP's estimate for 2009. These figures are composed of the household population and persons living in group quarters. Group quarters populations consist of persons living in dormitories, some types of nursing homes, prisons, etc. Many municipalities have no group quarters populations. For the convenience of data users, the table shows *the 2009 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, 4 Chenell Dr, 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 2000 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. These rates vary considerably by housing type. For this reason, data and calculations are divided into single family, multi-family and manufactured housing types. The rates are taken from the 2000 decennial census.

The dwelling unit calculations estimate household population. Group Quarters population, persons living in dormitories, prisons, etc., is estimated using the 2000 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 2002 calculations of the dwelling unit method for the Town of Alton appear below:

	Census 2000 Total <u>Units</u>	Permits Issued to <u>2002</u>	Percent of Units Occupied <u>Occupied</u>	2002 Occupied <u>Units</u>
Single Family	3,133	124	0.4868	1,586
Multi-Family	200	6	0.7950	164
Mfg Units	189	6	0.7460	145

	<u>Population per Household</u>	<u>2002 Estimated Population</u>
Single Family	2.52	3,995
Multi-Family	2.53	414
Mfg. Units	1.87	272
		0 '02 Est. Group Quarters Population
		<u>12</u> State Total Adj. (1.002563)
		4,693

Municipality	I----- Total Population -----			2009 Group Quarters Pop	2009 Persons per Square Mile
	U.S. Census		OEP		
	1990	2000	Estimate 2009		
Alton	3,286	4,502	5,144	0	80.5
Barnstead	3,100	3,886	4,622	0	107.7
Belmont	5,796	6,716	7,274	11	241.7
Center Harbor	996	996	1,093	9	82.2
Gilford	5,867	6,803	7,429	2	191.5
Gilmanton	2,609	3,060	3,438	7	59.7
Laconia	15,743	16,411	17,333	701	862.3
Meredith	4,837	5,943	6,480	167	160.8
New Hampton	1,606	1,950	2,185	3	59.4
Sanbornton	2,136	2,581	2,905	0	61.4
Tilton	3,240	3,477	3,682	289	323
Belknap Co.	49,216	56,325	61,585	1,189	153.0

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Albany	536	654	691	3	9.2
Bartlett	2,290	2,705	2,955	0	39.5
Brookfield	518	604	687	0	30
Chatham	268	260	289	0	5.1
Conway	7,940	8,604	9,175	151	131.6
Eaton	362	375	432	2	17.7
Effingham	941	1,273	1,485	127	38.2
Freedom	935	1,303	1,436	6	41.6
Harts Location	36	37	34	0	1.8
Jackson	678	835	879	13	13.2
Madison	1,704	1,984	2,320	0	59.9
Moultonboro	2,956	4,484	4,980	31	83
Ossipee	3,309	4,211	4,678	183	66
Sandwich	1,066	1,286	1,386	0	15.2
Tamworth	2,165	2,510	2,663	6	44.5
Tuftonboro	1,842	2,148	2,364	0	58.2
Wakefield	3,057	4,252	4,871	0	123.3
Wolfeboro	4,807	6,083	6,368	104	131.8
Carroll Co.	35,410	43,608	47,693	626	51.2

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Alstead	1,721	1,944	2,031	12	52.1
Chesterfield	3,112	3,542	3,769	0	82.7
Dublin	1,474	1,476	1,548	55	55.5
Fitzwilliam	2,011	2,141	2,297	1	66.4
Gilsum	745	777	813	7	48.7
Harrisville	981	1,075	1,102	0	58.9
Hinsdale	3,936	4,082	4,309	0	208.2
Jaffrey	5,361	5,476	5,736	161	149.4
Keene	22,430	22,563	23,110	3,095	622.9
Marlborough	1,927	2,009	2,079	0	101.9
Marlow	650	747	769	0	29.6
Nelson	535	634	665	0	30.4
Richmond	877	1,077	1,154	9	30.8
Rindge	4,941	5,451	6,206	1,293	167.3
Roxbury	248	237	246	0	20.5
Stoddard	622	928	1,045	0	20.5
Sullivan	706	746	796	0	43
Surry	667	673	742	0	47.3
Swanzey	6,236	6,800	7,191	11	160.2
Troy	2,097	1,962	2,036	0	116.3
Walpole	3,210	3,594	3,680	1	103.1
Westmoreland	1,596	1,747	1,896	324	52.8
Winchester	4,038	4,144	4,358	94	79.2
Cheshire Co.	70,121	73,825	77,578	5,063	109.6

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Berlin	11,824	10,331	10,204	654	165.9
Carroll	528	663	791	9	15.7
Clarksville	232	294	349	2	5.8
Colebrook	2,444	2,321	2,439	39	59.8
Columbia	661	750	861	3	14.1
Dalton	827	927	1,025	0	37.3
Dummer	327	309	314	2	6.6
Errol	292	298	353	3	5.8
Gorham	3,173	2,895	2,928	5	91.8
Jefferson	965	1,006	1,104	0	22
Lancaster	3,522	3,280	3,407	155	67.9
Milan	1,295	1,331	1,378	0	21.6
Northumberland	2,492	2,438	2,463	0	67.1
Pittsburg	901	867	940	1	3.3
Randolph	371	339	418	2	8.9
Shelburne	437	379	387	0	8.1
Stark	518	516	522	1	8.8
Stewartstown	1,048	1,012	1,038	117	22.3
Stratford	927	942	1,007	0	12.6
Whitefield	1,909	2,038	2,096	73	61.1
Coos Co.	34,693	32,936	34,024	1,066	27.4

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	U.S. Census		OEP	Group	Persons per
	1990	2000	Estimate	Quarters	Square Mile
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Alexandria	1,190	1,329	1,536	0	35.3
Ashland	1,915	1,955	2,085	0	184.5
Bath	784	893	978	0	25.6
Benton	330	314	343	110	7.1
Bethlehem	2,033	2,199	2,473	25	27.2
Bridgewater	796	974	1,038	0	48.3
Bristol	2,537	3,033	3,218	27	188.2
Campton	2,377	2,719	3,175	0	61.2
Canaan	3,045	3,319	3,646	0	68.4
Dorchester	392	353	374	0	8.4
Easton	223	256	307	0	9.9
Ellsworth	74	87	87	0	4.1
Enfield	3,979	4,618	4,884	12	121.2
Franconia	811	924	1,045	70	15.9
Grafton	923	1,138	1,258	0	30.2
Groton	318	456	522	0	12.8
Hanover	9,212	10,850	10,878	3,967	221.5
Haverhill	4,164	4,416	4,826	347	94.3
Hebron	386	459	549	0	32.5
Holderness	1,694	1,930	2,005	22	65.7
Landaff	350	378	410	0	14.4
Lebanon	12,183	12,568	13,808	290	342.6
Lincoln	1,229	1,271	1,334	0	10.2
Lisbon	1,664	1,587	1,723	0	65
Littleton	5,827	5,845	6,286	60	125.7
Lyman	388	487	566	0	19.9
Lyme	1,496	1,679	1,709	10	31.8
Monroe	746	759	827	0	36.9
Orange	237	299	308	0	13.3
Orford	1,008	1,091	1,176	0	25.3
Piermont	624	709	729	0	18.9
Plymouth	5,811	5,892	6,687	2,341	237.1
Rumney	1,446	1,480	1,553	17	37
Sugar Hill	464	563	648	0	37.9
Thornton	1,505	1,843	2,199	1	43.7
Warren	820	873	948	0	19.5
Waterville Valley	151	257	286	0	4.4
Wentworth	630	798	886	0	21.2
Woodstock	1,167	1,139	1,212	0	20.7
Grafton Co.	74,929	81,740	88,522	7,299	53.7

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Amherst	9,068	10,769	11,683	0	344.6
Antrim	2,360	2,449	2,644	10	74.1
Bedford	12,563	18,274	20,892	459	637.0
Bennington	1,236	1,401	1,513	0	132.7
Brookline	2,410	4,181	4,944	0	248.4
Deering	1,707	1,875	2,072	79	67.7
Francestown	1,217	1,480	1,582	0	53.1
Goffstown	14,621	16,929	17,817	2,074	480.2
Greenfield	1,519	1,657	1,827	138	68.9
Greenville	2,231	2,224	2,259	0	327.4
Hancock	1,604	1,739	1,824	0	60.8
Hillsborough	4,498	4,928	5,885	31	134.7
Hollis	5,705	7,015	7,570	0	238.1
Hudson	19,530	22,928	24,712	194	867.1
Litchfield	5,516	7,360	8,528	0	572.3
Lyndeborough	1,294	1,585	1,806	1	59.8
Manchester	99,567	107,006	108,625	2,568	3,291.7
Mason	1,212	1,147	1,362	0	56.8
Merrimack	22,156	25,119	26,278	67	806.1
Milford	11,795	13,535	15,045	133	592.3
Mont Vernon	1,812	2,034	2,366	0	140.8
Nashua	79,662	86,605	87,566	1,626	2,843.1
New Boston	3,214	4,138	5,203	7	121.0
New Ipswich	4,014	4,289	5,271	22	161.2
Pelham	9,408	10,914	12,550	0	477.2
Peterborough	5,239	5,883	6,190	327	162.9
Sharon	299	360	385	0	24.5
Temple	1,194	1,297	1,534	18	68.8
Weare	6,193	7,776	9,052	1	153.2
Wilton	3,122	3,743	4,053	0	158.3
Windsor	107	201	250	92	30.5
Hillsborough Co	336,073	380,841	403,288	7,847	459.7

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Allenstown	4,649	4,843	5,074	35	247.5
Andover	1,883	2,109	2,223	14	55.3
Boscawen	3,586	3,672	3,936	496	158.1
Bow	5,500	7,138	7,780	0	275.9
Bradford	1,405	1,454	1,589	21	45.1
Canterbury	1,687	1,979	2,279	3	51.9
Chichester	1,942	2,236	2,535	0	119.6
Concord	36,006	40,687	42,360	3,471	661.9
Danbury	881	1,071	1,201	0	31.8
Dunbarton	1,759	2,226	2,605	0	84.6
Epsom	3,591	4,021	4,664	78	135.2
Franklin	8,304	8,405	8,665	202	312.8
Henniker	4,151	4,433	4,896	622	111
Hill	814	992	1,089	0	40.8
Hooksett	8,767	11,721	13,554	1,189	374.4
Hopkinton	4,806	5,399	5,606	0	129.5
Loudon	4,114	4,481	5,295	2	115.1
Newbury	1,347	1,702	2,068	0	57.8
New London	3,180	4,116	4,456	921	198.9
Northfield	4,263	4,548	5,054	74	176.7
Pembroke	6,561	6,897	7,343	0	324.9
Pittsfield	3,701	3,931	4,360	6	180.9
Salisbury	1,061	1,137	1,274	0	32.2
Sutton	1,457	1,544	1,823	13	42.8
Warner	2,250	2,760	2,924	101	53
Webster	1,405	1,579	1,808	4	63.9
Wilmot	935	1,144	1,322	0	45
Merrimack Co.	120,005	136,225	147,783	7,252	158.3

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Atkinson	5,188	6,178	6,466	4	577.3
Auburn	4,085	4,682	5,110	7	200.4
Brentwood	2,590	3,197	4,279	553	251.7
Candia	3,557	3,911	4,112	0	135.7
Chester	2,691	3,792	4,624	108	177.8
Danville	2,534	4,023	4,438	3	382.6
Deerfield	3,124	3,678	4,403	51	86.7
Derry	29,603	34,021	34,318	242	969.4
East Kingston	1,352	1,784	2,281	0	230.4
Epping	5,162	5,476	6,256	8	239.7
Exeter	12,481	14,058	14,777	323	746.3
Fremont	2,576	3,510	4,200	47	242.8
Greenland	2,768	3,208	3,438	20	327.4
Hampstead	6,732	8,297	8,794	44	656.3
Hampton	12,278	14,937	15,072	167	1,092.2
Hampton Falls	1,503	1,880	2,102	0	169.5
Kensington	1,631	1,893	2,110	0	175.8
Kingston	5,591	5,862	6,163	0	309.7
Londonderry	19,781	23,236	24,729	10	588.8
New Castle	840	1,010	1,023	11	1,278.8
Newfields	888	1,551	1,670	0	235.2
Newington	990	775	791	26	96.5
Newmarket	7,157	8,027	9,276	38	736.2
Newton	3,473	4,289	4,589	0	468.3
North Hampton	3,637	4,259	4,472	0	321.7
Northwood	3,124	3,640	4,136	3	147.2
Nottingham	2,939	3,701	4,540	0	97.6
Plaistow	7,316	7,747	7,629	11	719.7
Portsmouth	25,925	20,784	20,668	562	1,316.4
Raymond	8,713	9,674	10,950	10	380.2
Rye	4,612	5,182	5,151	114	408.8
Salem	25,746	28,112	29,640	77	1,195.2
Sandown	4,060	5,143	6,001	29	428.6
Seabrook	6,503	7,934	8,373	0	930.3
South Hampton	740	844	891	0	112.8
Stratham	4,955	6,355	7,269	0	481.4
Windham	9,000	10,709	12,993	134	486.6
Rockingham Co.	245,845	277,359	297,734	2,602	427.1

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Barrington	6,164	7,475	8,517	8	182.4
Dover	25,042	26,884	28,880	976	1,081.6
Durham	11,818	12,664	14,481	5,916	646.5
Farmington	5,739	5,774	6,997	27	191.7
Lee	3,729	4,145	4,423	12	221.2
Madbury	1,404	1,509	1,814	0	157.7
Middleton	1,183	1,440	1,881	2	103.9
Milton	3,691	3,910	4,640	0	140.2
New Durham	1,974	2,220	2,586	1	62.5
Rochester	26,630	28,461	31,072	272	693.6
Rollinsford	2,645	2,648	2,634	0	360.8
Somersworth	11,249	11,477	12,069	33	1,231.5
Strafford	2,965	3,626	4,011	9	81.9
Strafford Co.	104,233	112,233	124,005	7,256	337.6

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Acworth	776	836	912	0	23.4
Charlestown	4,630	4,749	4,906	20	137
Claremont	13,902	13,151	12,866	203	298.5
Cornish	1,659	1,661	1,724	1	41
Croydon	627	661	788	1	21.4
Goshen	742	741	822	8	36.7
Grantham	1,247	2,167	2,499	0	91.9
Langdon	580	586	643	0	39.4
Lempster	947	971	1,125	0	34.8
Newport	6,110	6,269	6,555	116	150.7
Plainfield	2,056	2,241	2,429	0	46.5
Springfield	788	945	1,080	0	24.8
Sunapee	2,559	3,055	3,309	26	156.8
Unity	1,341	1,530	1,699	253	45.9
Washington	628	895	1,006	0	22.1
Sullivan Co.	38,592	40,458	42,363	628	78.8
N.H.	1,109,117	1,235,550	1,324,575	40,828	158.7

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