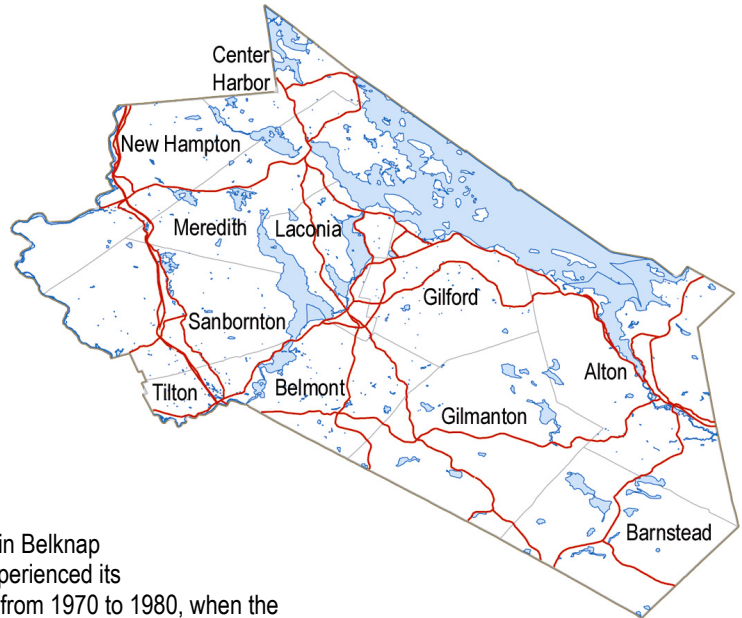


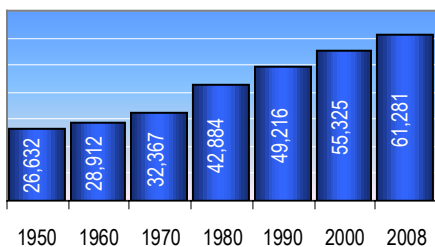
Belknap County

Located just southeast of the geographic center of the state in New Hampshire's Lakes Region, Belknap County was established in 1840 from portions of Strafford County. The county was named for Dr. Jeremy Belknap, Dover Congregational Church minister and author of *The History of New Hampshire*, which chronicled the early history of the state. Belknap is one of two counties in the state without an interstate border; Merrimack is the other. A large part of Lake Winnepesaukee, all of Lake Winnisquam, and many smaller lakes cover nearly one-sixth of the county, the largest amount of inland water among New Hampshire's counties.

Belknap County contains 402.7 square miles of land area and 67.3 square miles of inland water area. Based on the estimated 2008 population, the population density is 152.2 persons per square mile. Belknap County includes one city, Laconia, and ten towns. The county seat is Laconia.



Population Trends: For four of the last decennial periods, population in Belknap County grew at or below the statewide rate of increase. The county experienced its



highest rate of growth from 1970 to 1980, when the population grew by 32.5 percent, adding 10,500 residents. Since then, population in Belknap County has increased by just over 6,000 residents every ten years. Between 2000 and 2008, Belknap was the only county with a double-digit rate of growth, increasing by 10.8 percent. The next highest rate of increase was in Merrimack County, where population grew by 8.8 percent. Belknap County residents are generally older as well, having the third-highest median age in New Hampshire.

Population		(US Census Bureau)		
2008	2000	1990	1980	1970
61,281	55,325	49,216	42,884	32,367

Demographics

(2006-2008 3-Year Average, American Community Survey [ACS])

By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	30,071	31,032
18 years and over	23,747	24,784
65 years and over	4,179	5,261

By Age Group		
Under age 5		2,900
Age 5 to 19		10,834
Age 20 to 34		10,894
Age 35 to 54		18,963
Age 55 to 64		8,072
Age 65 and over		9,440
Median Age (years)		41.6

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
	1998	2008	
Annual Average			
Civilian Labor Force	30,760	32,212	
Employed	29,987	30,904	
Unemployed	773	1,308	
Unemployment Rate	2.5%	4.1%	

2008 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town

Alton	3.8%	Laconia	4.6%
Barnstead	4.1%	Meredith	3.8%
Belmont	4.0%	New Hampton	3.6%
Center Harbor	3.8%	Sanbornton	3.2%
Gilford	3.7%	Tilton	4.4%
Gilmanton	4.2%		

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2009.

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Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
Aavid Engineering Corp.	Laconia	Semiconductor heat sinks	620
Gunstock Recreation Area	Gilford	Ski, recreation area	550
NH Ball Bearings, Inc.	Laconia	Spherical bearings	478
Vutek	Meredith	Color ink machinery	380
Winnisquam Regional School District	Sanbornton	Education	327
j.jill	Tilton	Outlet store	325
Gilford School District	Gilford	Education	260
Interlakes School System	Meredith	Education	228
Meredith Village Savings Bank	Meredith	Banking services	210
Hannaford Brothers	Gilford.	Supermarket	200
Tanger Outlet Stores	Tilton	Retail outlet stores	200
Wal-Mart	Gilford	Retail store	200
Home Depot	Tilton	Home improvement center	150
New Hampton School	New Hampton	Secondary education	141
Golden View	Meredith	Nursing home	130
Lewis & Sanders, Inc.	Laconia	Metal tubular assemblies	130
Lodge at Belmont	Belmont	Racing	130
Alton School Department	Alton	Education	116
Hampshire Hospitality Holdings	Meredith	Inn, spa, marketplace	115
Laconia Savings Bank	Gilford	Banking services	115
Shaws Supermarket	Gilford	Supermarket	113
Wal-Mart	Tilton	Retail store	110
Autoserv	Tilton	Car dealership	110
Town of Alton	Alton	Municipal services	110
Wilcom Products, Inc.	Belmont	Telecommunication test equipment	108
Shaw's Supermarket	Tilton	Supermarket	100
Shaw's Supermarket	Belmont	Supermarket	95
Wilcom Products, Inc	Laconia	Telecommunications test equipment	85
The Tilton School	Tilton	Education	85
Steele Hill Resort	Sanbornton	Restaurant, time share resort	85

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	1998	2008
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	6,216	4,572
Average Weekly Wage	\$602	\$939
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	15,747	17,935
Average Weekly Wage	\$419	\$615
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	21,963	22,507
Average Weekly Wage	\$471	\$681
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	3,313	4,286
Average Weekly Wage	\$512	\$738
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	25,277	26,793
Average Weekly Wage	\$477	\$690

Income	(2006-2008 3-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$27,772
Median Family Income		\$64,265
Median Household Income		\$53,906
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$44,232
	Female	\$32,090

Commuting to Work	(2006-2008 3-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	39,984
Car, truck or van: drove alone	26,064
Car, truck or van: carpooled	2,602
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	193
Walked	875
Other means	136
Worked at home	1,114
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.3
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	67.4%
Commuting to some other NH county	29.0%
Commuting out-of-state/country	3.6%

Transportation		
Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	25, 25B, 28, 28A, 104, 106, 107, 126, 127, 129, 132, 140
Nearest Interstates	I-93, Exit 15E (Concord); Exit 20 (Tilton); Exit 22 (Sanbornton); or Exit 23 (New Hampton)	
Nearest Airport(s) with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines	
	Manchester-Boston Regional	8
	Portland (Maine) International	7

Educational Attainment (2006-2008 3-Year Average, ACS)	
<i>Population, Age 25 and Over</i>	44,244
Less than 9th grade	1,603
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	3,257
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	15,774
Some college, no degree	8,365
Associate's degree	4,202
Bachelor's degree	7,380
Graduate or professional degree	3,663
Percent high school graduates or higher	89.0%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	25.0%

Educational and Child Care Facilities

School Districts:

- Alton (Grades K-8)
- Barnstead (Grades K-8)
- Profile Mountain JMA— Alton, Barnstead (Grades 9-12)
- Gilford (Grades K-12)
- Gilmanton (Grades K-8; Grades 9-12 go to Gilford)
- Inter-Lakes Cooperative — Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich (Grades K-12)
- Laconia (Grades K-12)
- Newfound Area — Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton (Grades K-12)
- Shaker Regional — Belmont, Canterbury (Grades K-12)
- Winnisquam Regional — Northfield, Sanbornton, Tilton (Grades K-12)

Career Technology Centers:

J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia)
 Winnisquam Regional High School (Tilton)
 Region 9 Technical Center (Wolfeboro)
 Plymouth Applied Technology Center
 Concord Regional Technology Center

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region, Laconia;
 NH Technical Institute, Concord

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

Plymouth State University; Colby-Sawyer College (New London); Franklin Pierce Law (Concord); University of New Hampshire (Durham);

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2009

(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 55 Total Capacity: 2,113

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.)	Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia	113
Franklin Regional, Franklin	25
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	25
Concord Hospital, Concord	220
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	70
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	25

Housing Supply, 2008 (NH Office of Energy & Planning)

Total Housing Units	36,625
Single-Family Units	26,581
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	172
Multi-Family Units	7,092
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	80
Manufactured Housing Units	2,951

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*

YTD 2009 Median Sale Price, Residential \$174,000

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2009 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$929

Property Tax Rates, 2008 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Alton	\$11.30	98.2	\$11.08
Barnstead	\$18.39	100.0	\$18.35
Belmont	\$18.34	107.9	\$19.55
Center Harbor	\$10.09	100.0	\$10.09
Gilford	\$16.89	86.8	\$14.62
Gilmanton	\$20.98	92.4	\$19.39
Laconia	\$16.97	100.0	\$16.76
Meredith	\$11.46	100.0	\$11.44
New Hampton	\$15.97	100.0	\$16.51
Sanbornton	\$18.83	92.0	\$17.22
Tilton	\$18.02	100.0	\$18.06

2008 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals

Residential Land and Buildings	88.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.1%

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Barnstead Board of Selectmen	PO Box 11 Center Barnstead NH	03225	P: 269-4071 F: 269-4072	barntownhall@metrocast.net www.barnstead.org	MWThF 9-4:30, T 9-7
Town of Belmont	143 Main Street PO Box 310 Belmont NH	03220	P: 267-8300 F: 267-8327	belmont@worldpath.net http://belmontnh.org	M-F 7:30-4
Center Harbor Board of Selectmen	PO Box 140 Center Harbor NH	03226	P: 253-4561 F: 253-8420	chselectmen@metrocast.net www.centerharbornh.org	MTThF 9-3, W 9-12 & 6:30-8:30
Town of Gilford	47 Cherry Valley Road Gilford NH	03249	P: 527-4700 F: 527-4711	selectmen@gilfordnh.org www.gilfordnh.org	M-F 8-5; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTWF 8-4:30 & Th 8-6:30
Town of Gilmanton	PO Box 550 Gilmanton NH	03237	P: 267-6700 F: 267-6701	selectmen@gilmantonnh.org www.gilmantonnh.org	Selectmen: MWThF 9-4:30; Town Clerk: M 9-12 & 7-8:30, WF 9-4, Th 9-12 & 6-8
City of Laconia	45 Beacon Street East Laconia NH	03246	P: 527-1270 F: 527-1292	citymanager@city.laconia.nh.us www.cityoflaconianh.org	M-F 8:30-4:30
Town of Meredith	41 Main Street Meredith NH	03253	P: 279-4538 F: 677-1090	Blvittner@meredithnh.org www.meredithnh.org	M-F 8-5
New Hampton Board of Selectmen	6 Pinnacle Hill Road New Hampton NH	03256	P: 744-3559 F: 744-5106	blucas@new-hampton.nh.us www.new-hampton.nh.us	Selectmen: M-F 8:30-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTWF 7:30-11:45 & 12:30-4, Th 1-7
Town of Sanbornton	PO Box 124 Sanbornton NH	03269	P: 286-8303 F: 286-9544	townadministrator@sanborntonnh.org www.sanborntonnh.gov	Selectmen: MTThF 8-4, W 8-12; Town Clerk: M 8-6:30, TThF 8-4, W 8-12
Town of Tilton	257 Main Street Tilton NH	03276	P: 286-4521 F: 286-3519	adminassist@tiltonnh.org www.tiltonnh.org	M-F 8:30-4:15

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