

Census 2010

On March 22nd, the Census Bureau released the first set of basic Census data for the State of New Hampshire and its counties and communities. This Fact Sheet covers the facts and figures at the State level, the historical trends, and how New Hampshire stacks up to the rest of the country.

NH Total Population - 1,316,470

New Hampshire's total population, as released in December 2010, was 1,316,470, up from 1,235,786 in 2000. This additional 80,684 people represents a 6.5% growth over the last decade. This table shows the historical Census counts and decennial growth rates for the State:

Census	NH Pop.	%±	Census	NH Pop.	%±
1790	141,885	_	1870	318,300	-2.4%
1800	183,858	29.60%	1880	346,991	9.00%
1810	214,460	16.60%	1890	376,530	8.50%
1820	244,155	13.80%	1900	411,588	9.30%
1830	269,328	10.30%	1910	430,572	4.60%
1840	284,574	5.70%	1920	443,083	2.90%
1850	317,976	11.70%	1930	465,293	5.00%
1860	326,073	2.50%	1940	491,524	5.60%

The 2000's saw the slowest growth rate in New Hampshire since the 1930's, following 5 straight decades with a double-digit rate. The 6.5% rate is slighty more than half that of the previous decade and about a quarter of the near 25% population boom of the 1970's. The total population of the State has now doubled since sometime in the mid-60's.

New Hampshire now ranks 42nd in the country in terms of population, falling between Maine (1,328,361) and Rhode Island (1,052,567). The State ranked 41st in the 2000 Census, having since been passed by Hawaii (1,360,301). 0.42% of the national population now lives in New Hampshire. That's roughly 1 out of every 238 Americans.

In terms of growth rate, New Hampshire was the 32nd-fastest growing state in the nation over the previous decade. The 6.5% rate was similar to many midwestern states, including Nebraska, Indiana, Kansas, and Wisconsin. The nationwide growth rate was 9.71%.

For the 2nd straight decade, New Hampshire was the fastest-growing state in New England, far outpacing the total regional growth rate of 3.75%. Other individual rates in the region range from 4.95% in Connecticut to only 0.41% in Rhode Island. The only state to lose population over the last decade was Michigan, with a 0.55% decrease.

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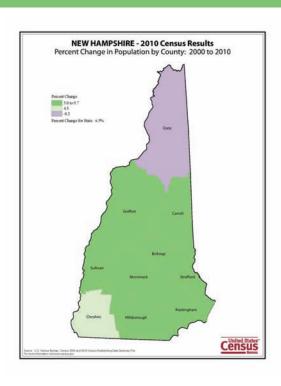


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COUNTY OVERVIEW

Below is a table of the county-by-county breakdown of the population data. Carroll, Strafford, and Grafton Cos. all saw growth of at least 9% during the decade, while Coos Co. slightly decreased. All other counties grew by anywhere between 4.5% and 8.1%, including Hillsborough and Rockingham, home to over half of New Hampshire's total population.

County	2000 Pop.	2010 Pop.	Growth	%±
Hillsborough County	380,841	400,721	19,880	5.2
Rockingham County	277,359	295,223	17,864	6.4
Merrimack County	136,225	146,445	10,220	7.5
Strafford County	112,233	123,143	10,910	9.7
Grafton County	81,743	89,118	7,375	9.0
Cheshire County	73,825	77,117	3,292	4.5
Belknap County	56,325	60,088	3,763	6.7
Carroll County	43,666	47,818	4,152	9.5
Sullivan County	40,458	43,742	3,284	8.1
Coos County	33,111	33,055	(56)	-0.2



RACE

Minority population in New Hampshire continued to increase over the past decade, as 93.9% of the total population counted themselves as "white only" for the 2010 Census, down from 96.0% in 2000. "Black or African-American" population grew by an additional 6,000 people statewide, now accounting for 1.1% of the total.

The "Hispanic or Latino" population nearly doubled, from 20,489 in 2000 to 36,704 in 2010 - a 79.1% increase. The current number represents 2.8% of the total in New Hampshire. Asian population saw a similar growth, from 15,931 in 2000 to 28,407 in 2010 - a 78.3% growth rate. Asians make up 2.2% of the total state population.

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