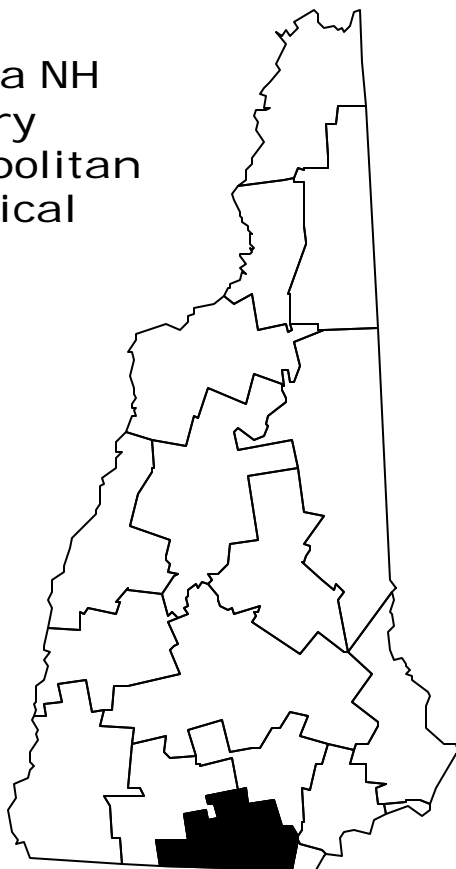


## 15.0 Nashua NH Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area



The Nashua NH PMSA released the Town of Londonderry to the Manchester PMSA realignment, while adding three small towns from the former unattached estimating area. New to the PMSA, and west of Nashua via Route NH130, are the towns of Greenville, Mason, and New Ipswich. Other routes, turnpikes, and roadways that interconnect the PMSA include: the Everett Turnpike, US3, NH101A, NH102, NH111, and NH130. The City of Nashua yielded most of the largest commute numbers and the largest workforce in the PMSA, followed by Merrimack and Hudson (see Table 15.1). The PMSA produced figures of 91,261

estimated residents working and a 84,932 resident and nonresident workforce. The number of residents that remained in their respective communities to work amounted to 34,769 and the rest who left their place of residence to work totaled 56,492. The workforce minus the number of residents working in a town yielded the number of nonresidents travelling into a community to complete the workforce total. For the entire PMSA that commuting-in difference was 50,163. Litchfield made its mark on the PMSA with the largest commuting-out rate (94.3%) of any town in the state with more than 2,000 in population. See the citing of Litchfield in "Trivial Commute" on page one. The City of Nashua as a major employment center had the only residents working-in-city rate over 50 percent, as 22,555 inhabitants stayed within the city limits to work.

Table 15.2 revealed an interesting commute-out fact about the City of Nashua. Even though Nashua (20,855) had the largest commute-out total, the city did not have the largest number of commuters traveling to another individual city or town. In fact, Nashua placed third in that category, behind the two largest towns in the PMSA, Hudson and Merrimack. Comparing the number one and number three positions, Hudson and Nashua swapped commuters across the Merrimack River, Hudson sent 3,425 workers to Nashua, and Nashua provided 2,799 workers to Hudson. Even with large numbers, Nashua's commute-out rate of 48.0% managed to be the lowest due to its dominance of the PMSA population. Another Nashua commute-out statistic worth noting, was the number of out-of-state commuters the city supplied to Massachusetts. Of the 11,639

Nashua commuters crossing state borders, 11,160 had the Commonwealth as their destination. This was over 53 percent of the City of Nashua's commute-out number. Hudson and Merrimack followed with 3,091 and 2,210 commuters to Massachusetts, respectively. Following a well-worn path down Route US3, PMSA commuters with Baystate jobs caused the Massachusetts cities of Boston and Lowell and the towns of Bedford and Billerica to appear frequently on the commute-out lists as popular destinations.

On the commuting-in lists, Nashua was there again with large numbers, accepting 25,176 nonresidents to complete its workforce. Out-of-staters from Massachusetts, many no doubt traveling Route US3, numbered 4,821. From within the state, the Nashua PMSA towns of Hudson, Merrimack, Milford, Amherst, and Hollis, and the City of Manchester outside the PMSA, all provided 1,000 workers or more to Nashua. Nashua reciprocated by providing workers in significant numbers to Hudson (as mentioned above), and to Merrimack (2,352), Amherst (511), Milford (433), Hollis (146), and Wilton (111). Other commuter numbers of some magnitude involved the towns of Amherst (530), Wilton (303), and Manchester (258), all commuting to Milford at the intersection of Routes NH101, NH101A, and NH13. Since no point in the Nashua PMSA is more than fifteen miles, straightline, from the Massachusetts border, the Baystate was the big out-of-state provider of workers traveling into the area. Lowell MA was the city which most often appeared at the top of the commuter lists, providing workers principally to Nashua (601), Hudson (264), Merrimack (99), and Amherst (49).

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Table 15.1  
Nashua NH PMSA - 1990 Census

Resident City/Town	RESIDENTS						Total Working In Town  (Residents & Nonresidents)	NONRESIDENTS	
	Population 1990 Census	Estimated Residents Working	Commuting to Another Town to		Working In Town			Number of Workers	Percent of Total Working in Town
			Number of Workers	Percent	Number of Workers	Percent			
Amherst	9,068	4,772	3,806	79.8%	966	20.2%	3,186	2,220	69.7%
Brookline	2,410	1,290	1,100	85.3%	190	14.7%	334	144	43.1%
Greenville	2,231	1,131	956	84.5%	175	15.5%	486	311	64.0%
Hollis	5,705	2,904	2,403	82.7%	501	17.3%	1,090	589	54.0%
Hudson	19,530	10,932	8,044	73.6%	2,888	26.4%	10,469	7,581	72.4%
Litchfield	5,516	3,025	2,854	94.3%	171	5.7%	464	293	63.1%
Mason	1,212	654	576	88.1%	78	11.9%	169	91	53.8%
Merrimack	22,156	12,569	8,838	70.3%	3,731	29.7%	12,311	8,580	69.7%
Milford	11,795	6,394	3,849	60.2%	2,545	39.8%	6,102	3,557	58.3%
Mont Vernon	1,812	907	776	85.6%	131	14.4%	247	116	47.0%
Nashua	79,662	43,410	20,855	48.0%	22,555	52.0%	47,731	25,176	52.7%
New Ipswich	4,014	1,784	1,309	73.4%	475	26.6%	908	433	47.7%
Wilton	3,122	1,489	1,126	75.6%	363	24.4%	1,435	1,072	74.7%

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Table 15.2  
Commuting Out - Nashua NH PMSA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Amherst		Brookline		Greenville		Hollis		Hudson	
Estimated Residents Working:	4,772		1,290		1,131		2,904		10,932	
Commuting to Another Town:	3,806		1,100		956		2,403		8,044	
Commuting Rate:	79.8%		85.3%		84.5%		82.7%		73.6%	
To Locations Within NH:	Nashua	1,210	Nashua	355	Milford	119	Nashua	1,003	Nashua	3,425
	Milford	530	Milford	80	New Ipswich	90	Merrimack	191	Merrimack	392
	Merrimack	375	Merrimack	71	Nashua	79	Manchester	88	Manchester	267
	Manchester	301	Manchester	57	Peterborough	74	Hudson	73	Salem	220
	Hudson	151	Hollis	49	Wilton	50	Bedford	62	Milford	109
	Bedford	143	Amherst	46	Mason	27	Amherst	60	Londonderry	98
	Wilton	82	Hudson	40	Jaffrey	24	Milford	56	Pelham	63
	Concord	50			Manchester	24	Wilton	15	Litchfield	28
Out Of State:	Maine	0	Maine	5	Maine	2	Maine	6	Maine	9
	Massachusetts	563	Massachusetts	304	Massachusetts	349	Massachusetts	720	Massachusetts	3,091
	Vermont	13	Vermont	0	Vermont	0	Vermont	0	Vermont	0
	Other	101	Other	12	Other	7	Other	51	Other	104
Out Of State Locations:	Boston,MA	68	Chelmsford,MA	28	Fitchburg,MA	73	Boston,MA	67	Lowell,MA	563
	Chelmsford,MA	46	Littleton,MA	25	Townsend,MA	33	Lowell,MA	61	Billerica,MA	253
	Billerica,MA	42	Billerica,MA	22	Ayer,MA	18	Chelmsford,MA	45	Tewksbury,MA	223
	Waltham,MA	42	Lowell,MA	19	Chelmsford,MA	18	Littleton,MA	43	Andover,MA	199

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Table 15.2 (continued)  
 Commuting Out - Nashua NH PMSA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Litchfield		Mason		Merrimack		Milford		Mont Vernon	
Estimated Residents Working:	3,025		654		12,569		6,394		907	
Commuting to Another Town:	2,854		576		8,838		3,849		776	
Commuting Rate:	94.3%		88.1%		70.3%		60.2%		85.6%	
To Locations Within NH:	Nashua	762	Nashua	73	Nashua	3,158	Nashua	1,496	Nashua	196
	Manchester	549	Milford	47	Manchester	1,333	Merrimack	373	Milford	193
	Hudson	462	Merrimack	38	Hudson	518	Amherst	252	Merrimack	51
	Merrimack	116	Wilton	38	Bedford	463	Manchester	186	Manchester	43
	Londonderry	110	Amherst	25	Amherst	182	Hudson	181	Amherst	38
	Bedford	104	New Ipswich	16	Milford	169	Wilton	157	Wilton	37
	Derry	52	Greenville	14	Salem	101	Bedford	61	Hudson	24
	Salem	41	Manchester	13	Londonderry	82	Hollis	60	Bedford	17
Out Of State:	Maine	0	Maine	4	Maine	10	Maine	0	Maine	2
	Massachusetts	556	Massachusetts	215	Massachusetts	2,210	Massachusetts	671	Massachusetts	102
	Vermont	0	Vermont	6	Vermont	0	Vermont	7	Vermont	3
	Other	8	Other	16	Other	81	Other	42	Other	0
Out Of State Locations:	Lowell,MA	88	N.Andover,MA	30	Boston,MA	213	Chelmsford,MA	61	Lowell,MA	17
	Billerica,MA	55	Waltham,MA	17	Bedford,MA	205	Lexington,MA	57	Bedford,MA	10
	Boston,MA	53	Boston,MA	13	Burlington,MA	190	Bedford,MA	49	Boston,MA	8
	Andover,MA	42	Littleton,MA	12	Chelmsford,MA	160	Lowell,MA	44	Lexington,MA	7

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Table 15.2 (continued)  
 Commuting Out - Nashua NH PMSA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Nashua		New Ipswich		Wilton	
Estimated Residents Working:	43,410		1,784		1,489	
Commuting to Another Town:	20,855		1,309		1,126	
Commuting Rate:	48.0%		73.4%		75.6%	
To Locations Within NH:	Hudson	2,799	Milford	115	Milford	303
	Merrimack	2,352	Peterborough	114	Nashua	251
	Manchester	1,013	Greenville	91	Merrimack	90
	Amherst	511	Nashua	74	Amherst	56
	Salem	437	Jaffrey	65	Manchester	48
	Milford	433	Wilton	53	Hollis	23
	Bedford	240	Merrimack	49	Hudson	20
	Concord	192	Rindge	36	Concord	17
Out Of State:	Maine	36	Maine	0	Maine	0
	Massachusetts	11,160	Massachusetts	486	Massachusetts	121
	Vermont	23	Vermont	0	Vermont	11
	Other	420	Other	29	Other	22
Out Of State Locations:	Lowell, MA	1,425	Fitchburg, MA	80	Somerville, MA	17
	Bedford, MA	1,033	Littleton, MA	47	Boston, MA	11
	Burlington, MA	813	Lowell, MA	38	Fitchburg, MA	11
	Billerica, MA	687	Lunenburg, MA	31	W. Windsor, VT	11

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Table 15.3  
Commuting In - Nashua NH PMSA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Amherst		Brookline		Greenville		Hollis		Hudson	
Estimated Residents Working:	3,186		334		486		1,090		10,469	
Commuting to Another Town:	2,220		144		311		589		7,581	
Commuting Rate:	69.7%		43.1%		64.0%		54.0%		72.4%	
To Locations Within NH:	Nashua	511	Milford	35	New Ipswich	91	Nashua	146	Nashua	2,799
	Milford	252	Nashua	19	Rindge	45	Milford	60	Merrimack	518
	Merrimack	182	New Ipswich	13	Greenfield	27	Brookline	49	Litchfield	462
	Manchester	172	Hudson	12	Temple	17	Amherst	41	Londonderry	391
	Bedford	96	Mason	10	Chesterfield	14	Bedford	38	Manchester	378
	New Boston	93			Mason	14	Wilton	23	Derry	302
	Hollis	60			Nashua	13	Manchester	21	Milford	181
	Wilton	56			Wilton	11	Goffstown	18	Amherst	151
Out Of State:	Maine	7	Maine	0	Maine	0	Maine	0	Maine	15
	Massachusetts	196	Massachusetts	0	Massachusetts	38	Massachusetts	47	Massachusetts	1,197
	Vermont	0	Vermont	0	Vermont	0	Vermont	0	Vermont	0
	Other	0	Other	0	Other	0	Other	0	Other	86
Out Of State Locations:	Lowell,MA	49			Fitchburg,MA	21	Pepperell,MA	19	Lowell,MA	264
	Holliston,MA	21			Dracut,MA	9	Arlington,MA	8	Dracut,MA	175
	Tyngsboro,MA	20			Ipswich,MA	6	Westford,MA	8	Townsend,MA	73
	Chelmsford,MA	19					Natick,MA	6	Tyngsboro,MA	58

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Table 15.3 (continued)  
 Commuting In - Nashua NH PMSA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Litchfield		Mason		Merrimack		Milford		Mont Vernon	
Estimated Residents Working:	464		169		12,311		6,102		247	
Commuting to Another Town:	293		91		8,580		3,557		116	
Commuting Rate:	63.1%		53.8%		69.7%		58.3%		47.0%	
To Locations Within NH:	Manchester	93	Greenville	27	Nashua	2,352	Amherst	530	Milford	40
	Nashua	48	New Ipswich	26	Manchester	1,231	Nashua	433	Amherst	28
	Hudson	28			Hudson	392	Wilton	303	Bedford	17
	Bedford	27			Amherst	375	Manchester	258		
	Hooksett	25			Milford	373	Mont Vernon	193		
	Derry	18			Goffstown	251	Merrimack	169		
					Bedford	233	New Boston	146		
					Hollis	191	Greenville	119		
Out Of State:	Maine	0	Maine	0	Maine	23	Maine	0	Maine	0
	Massachusetts	8	Massachusetts	11	Massachusetts	724	Massachusetts	145	Massachusetts	0
	Vermont	0	Vermont	0	Vermont	9	Vermont	11	Vermont	2
	Other	0	Other	0	Other	70	Other	11	Other	0
Out Of State Locations:	Chelmsford,MA	8	Lunenburg,MA	11	Lowell,MA	99	Leominster,MA	26	Stowe,VT	2
					Pepperell,MA	72	Billerica,MA	18		
					Tyngsboro,MA	72	Lexington,MA	18		
					Westford,MA	33	Lowell,MA	17		

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Table 15.3 (continued)  
 Commuting In - Nashua NH PMSA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Nashua		New Ipswich		Wilton	
Estimated Residents Working:	47,731		908		1,435	
Commuting to Another Town:	25,176		433		1,072	
Commuting Rate:	52.7%		47.7%		74.7%	
To Locations Within NH:	Hudson	3,425	Rindge	102	Milford	157
	Merrimack	3,158	Greenville	90	Nashua	111
	Manchester	2,162	Nashua	34	Lyndeborough	94
	Milford	1,496	Jaffrey	25	Amherst	82
	Amherst	1,210	Peterborough	25	Merrimack	77
	Hollis	1,003	Merrimack	20	Peterborough	60
	Londonderry	797	Mason	16	New Ipswich	53
	Litchfield	762	Temple	13	Greenville	50
Out Of State:	Maine	85	Maine	10	Maine	0
	Massachusetts	4,821	Massachusetts	21	Massachusetts	50
	Vermont	29	Vermont	5	Vermont	4
	Other	203	Other	0	Other	6
Out Of State Locations:	Lowell,MA	601	Berwick,ME	10	Fall River,MA	13
	Chelmsford,MA	412	Shirley,MA	6	Pepperell,MA	10
	Tyngsboro,MA	303	Foxboro,MA	5	Leominster,MA	8
	Pepperell,MA	297	Lowell,MA	5	Townsend,MA	8