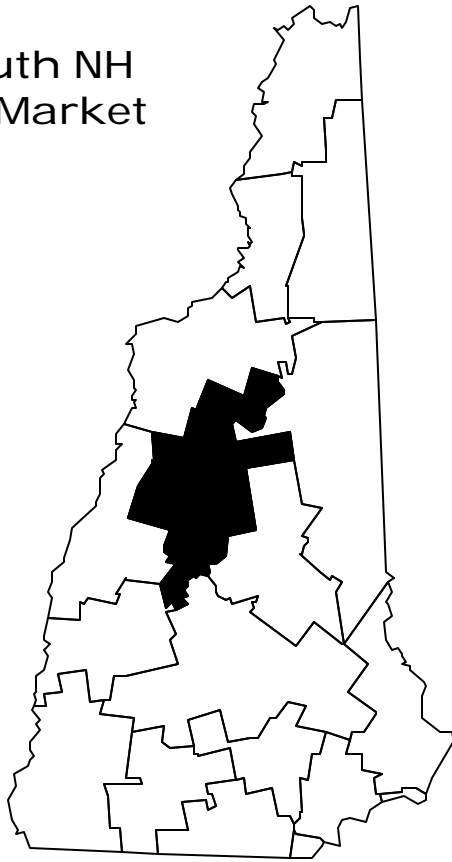


17.0 Plymouth NH Labor Market Area



The Plymouth Labor Market Area is another of the newly allocated LMAs, with nineteen towns reassigned from the 1980 versions of the Claremont, Laconia, and Littleton LMAs. See Table 17.1 for the complete list of the towns that comprise the new area. The town of Plymouth, as one would expect, had the largest population and highest number of estimated residents working. The towns of Bristol and Campton, although their numbers were slightly smaller, ranked two and three, respectively. The total estimated residents working count for the entire LMA was 11,767. The total

workforce for the LMA, residents and nonresidents, numbered 11,243. Residents of LMA towns that stayed in their respective towns to work numbered 4,390, while commuters who crossed town and state borders to work totaled 7,377. One of the highlights of the “Trivial Commute” section has been the decennial check on Ellsworth to see if “no one who lives there works there.”¹ As reported in this publication, the twenty-nine folks reported as residents working all commute out of town. No one actually works in Ellsworth, just as was the case in 1980.

The major routes interconnecting the Plymouth LMA and towns outside the LMA are Interstate 93, and Routes US3, NH3A, NH25, and NH175. In the southern part of the LMA are towns such as Bristol and Danbury connected by Routes NH104 and NH132. The northern segment, including Lincoln, Woodstock, and Waterville Valley, is connected by way of Routes NH49, NH112, and NH118. Commuting-out Table 17.2 displays the number of workers that commute out from the LMA towns and their destinations. When it comes to commute-out rates, 100.0% (Ellsworth) can't be topped, but two towns produced rates that should be considered quite high. Dorchester at 92.0% and Bridgewater at 89.2% exceeded all other commute rates, which generally ran in the 50-70 percent range. Waterville Valley produced the low at 17.0%. As to actual commute numbers, Plymouth and Campton had the largest figures with 910 and 821, respectively. Plymouth was also the focal point of many LMA workers as it topped the commute-out lists for nine of the eighteen towns. The largest num-

ber of out-of-state commuters, although small, went to Massachusetts. Boston and Methuen were the two cities/ towns that Plymouth LMA workers commuted to most often.

Commuting among the towns of the Plymouth LMA focused on the town of Plymouth itself, along with smaller centers of activity in Bristol and Lincoln. See Table 17.3 for the commute-in numbers for Plymouth LMA towns. Ellsworth of course, had no commuters coming in, but most other towns in the LMA had commute-in rates between 40-60 percent. Plymouth received 344 commuters from Campton, 291 from Rumney, and 254 from Holderness. Lincoln likewise had 276 Woodstock workers commuting in and Bristol sustained 215 commuters from Alexandria crossing its borders. As with commute-out numbers, the commute-in numbers from out of state were low, and mostly from Massachusetts. By and large the three LMA towns that admitted the largest number of Bay State workers were Plymouth (78), Lincoln (28), and Thornton (13). Woburn, Methuen, and Stoughton MA provided the largest number of commuters to the three towns just mentioned and to the LMA overall. Maine sent 18 commuters from Elliot ME to Lincoln, while Richmond VT provided workers to Rumney.

¹ *Commuting Patterns New Hampshire - 1980 Census*, Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, New Hampshire Department of Employment Security, Concord NH, February 1985, page 2.

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Table 17.1
Plymouth NH LMA - 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			
Alexandria	1,190	554	455	82.1%	99	17.9%	131	32	24.4%
Ashland	1,915	998	583	58.4%	415	41.6%	1,124	709	63.1%
Bridgewater	796	353	315	89.2%	38	10.8%	115	77	67.0%
Bristol	2,537	1,215	648	53.3%	567	46.7%	1,670	1,103	66.0%
Campton	2,377	1,107	821	74.2%	286	25.8%	634	348	54.9%
Danbury	881	361	304	84.2%	57	15.8%	99	42	42.4%
Dorchester	392	176	162	92.0%	14	8.0%	46	32	69.6%
Ellsworth	74	29	29	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Groton	318	141	121	85.8%	20	14.2%	36	16	44.4%
Hebron	386	166	115	69.3%	51	30.7%	84	33	39.3%
Holderness	1,694	856	687	80.3%	169	19.7%	372	203	54.6%
Lincoln	1,229	580	145	25.0%	435	75.0%	1,344	909	67.6%
Plymouth	5,811	2,380	910	38.2%	1,470	61.8%	3,877	2,407	62.1%
Rumney	1,446	741	553	74.6%	188	25.4%	371	183	49.3%
Thornton	1,505	754	644	85.4%	110	14.6%	177	67	37.9%
Warren	820	394	260	66.0%	134	34.0%	288	154	53.5%
Waterville Valley	151	100	17	17.0%	83	83.0%	364	281	77.2%
Wentworth	630	287	186	64.8%	101	35.2%	200	99	49.5%
Woodstock	1,167	575	422	73.4%	153	26.6%	311	158	50.8%

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Table 17.2
Commuting Out - Plymouth NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Alexandria	Ashland	Bridgewater	Bristol	Campton
Estimated Residents Working:	554	998	353	1,215	1,107
Commuting to Another Town:	455	583	315	648	821
Commuting Rate:	82.1%	58.4%	89.2%	53.3%	74.2%
To Locations Within NH:	Bristol 215 Plymouth 52 Laconia 28 New Hampton 21 Concord 20 Meredith 15 Bridgewater 13 Franklin 11	Plymouth 228 Bristol 47 Laconia 44 New Hampton 39 Holderness 29 Concord 26 Meredith 19 W'ville Valley 16	Bristol 79 Plymouth 61 Ashland 40 New Hampton 29 Laconia 21 Meredith 14 Tilton 12	Plymouth 126 Meredith 76 New Hampton 71 Laconia 65 Concord 55 Ashland 30 Franklin 29 Bridgewater 23	Plymouth 344 W'ville Valley 96 Lincoln 75 Ashland 56 Holderness 29 Concord 27 Meredith 26 Thornton 19
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 6 Vermont 0 Other 6	Maine 6 Massachusetts 7 Vermont 0 Other 20	Maine 3 Massachusetts 4 Vermont 0 Other 6	Maine 0 Massachusetts 20 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 3 Massachusetts 22 Vermont 0 Other 14
Out Of State Locations:		Abington,MA 5		Lawrence,MA 8 Bedford,MA 6 Chatham,MA 6	Wakefield,MA 5

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Table 17.2 (continued)
Commuting Out - Plymouth NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Danbury	Dorchester	Ellsworth	Groton	Hebron
Estimated Residents Working:	361	176	29	141	166
Commuting to Another Town:	304	162	29	121	115
Commuting Rate:	84.2%	92.0%	100.0%	85.8%	69.3%
To Locations Within NH:	Bristol 79 Andover 31 Franklin 23 Laconia 21 New London 20 Manchester 16 Boscawen 13 Lebanon 11	Plymouth 30 Hanover 21 Rumney 13 Berlin 11	Plymouth 14	Bristol 36 Plymouth 20 Hebron 15 Ashland 14	Bristol 36 Plymouth 32
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 2 Vermont 3 Other 2	Maine 0 Massachusetts 8 Vermont 9 Other 2	Maine 0 Massachusetts 3 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 3
Out Of State Locations:		Hartford,VT 7	Boston,MA 3		

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Table 17.2 (continued)
 Commuting Out - Plymouth NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Holderness		Lincoln		Plymouth		Rumney		Thornton	
Estimated Residents Working:	856		580		2,380		741		754	
Commuting to Another Town:	687		145		910		553		644	
Commuting Rate:	80.3%		25.0%		38.2%		74.6%		85.4%	
To Locations Within NH:	Plymouth	254	Woodstock	68	Ashland	108	Plymouth	291	Campton	130
	Ashland	103	Plymouth	14	Laconia	85	Ashland	35	Plymouth	128
	Meredith	73	Campton	10	Holderness	61	Wentworth	21	W'ville Valley	86
	Laconia	40			Lincoln	52	Campton	20	Lincoln	79
	Concord	26			Campton	50	Hanover	18	Woodstock	32
	Campton	21			Bristol	43	Bristol	17	Ashland	31
	Bristol	16			W'ville Valley	39	Warren	17	Concord	14
	Moultonborough	16			Hooksett	37	Holderness	13	Carroll	11
Out Of State:	Maine	5	Maine	0	Maine	10	Maine	0	Maine	0
	Massachusetts	14	Massachusetts	6	Massachusetts	60	Massachusetts	2	Massachusetts	23
	Vermont	0	Vermont	2	Vermont	20	Vermont	4	Vermont	0
	Other	11	Other	0	Other	29	Other	7	Other	2
Out Of State Locations:	Lexington,MA	11			Methuen,MA	30			Billerica,MA	7
					Boston,MA	14				
					Stamford,VT	11				
					Rockport,ME	10				

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Table 17.2 (continued)
Commuting Out - Plymouth NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Warren	Waterville Valley	Wentworth	Woodstock	
Estimated Residents Working:	394	100	287	575	
Commuting to Another Town:	260	17	186	422	
Commuting Rate:	66.0%	17.0%	64.8%	73.4%	
To Locations Within NH:					
	Plymouth 62		Plymouth 78	Lincoln 276	
	Wentworth 44		Rumney 24	Benton 39	
	Haverhill 18		Warren 21	Littleton 16	
	Bristol 17		Bristol 13	Campton 14	
	Rumney 15			Plymouth 14	
	Hanover 12				
	Concord 11				
	Benton 10				
Out Of State:					
	Maine 2	Maine 0	Maine 0	Maine 0	
	Massachusetts 0	Massachusetts 3	Massachusetts 5	Massachusetts 2	
	Vermont 18	Vermont 0	Vermont 7	Vermont 2	
	Other 3	Other 2	Other 3	Other 3	
Out Of State Locations:					
	Bradford,VT 10		Bradford,VT 7		
			Boston,MA 5		

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Table 17.3
Commuting In - Plymouth NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Alexandria	Ashland	Bridgewater	Bristol	Campton
Estimated Residents Working:	131	1,124	115	1,670	634
Commuting to Another Town:	32	709	77	1,103	348
Commuting Rate:	24.4%	63.1%	67.0%	66.0%	54.9%
To Locations Within NH:		Plymouth 108 Holderness 103 Meredith 88 Campton 56 New Hampton 56 Bridgewater 40 Rumney 35 Thornton 31	Bristol 23 Pembroke 15 Alexandria 13	Alexandria 215 New Hampton 100 Laconia 87 Bridgewater 79 Danbury 79 Hill 56 Ashland 47 Plymouth 43	Thornton 130 Plymouth 50 Holderness 21 Rumney 20 Woodstock 14 Bristol 13 Ashland 10 Lincoln 10
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 9 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 7 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 5	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 2 Other 0
Out Of State Locations:	Marblehead,MA 9	Ashland,MA 7			Royalton,VT 2

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Table 17.3 (continued)
 Commuting In - Plymouth NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Danbury	Dorchester	Ellsworth	Groton	Hebron
Estimated Residents Working:	99	46	0	3	84
Commuting to Another Town:	42	32	0	16	33
Commuting Rate:	42.4%	69.6%	0.0%	533.3%	39.3%
To Locations Within NH:					Groton 15
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 5 Vermont 0 Other 3	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 0
Out Of State Locations:	Natick,MA 5				

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Table 17.3 (continued)
 Commuting In - Plymouth NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Holderness	Lincoln	Plymouth	Rumney	Thornton
Estimated Residents Working:	372	1,344	3,877	371	177
Commuting to Another Town:	203	909	2,407	183	67
Commuting Rate:	54.6%	67.6%	62.1%	49.3%	37.9%
To Locations Within NH:	Barnstead 61 Ashland 29 Campton 29 New Hampton 18 Rumney 13	Woodstock 276 Thornton 79 Campton 75 Bethlehem 52 Plymouth 52 Littleton 39 Franconia 37 Bath 20	Campton 344 Rumney 291 Holderness 254 Ashland 228 Thornton 128 Bristol 126 Meredith 92 Wentworth 78	Wentworth 24 Bristol 16 Warren 15 Dorchester 13 Haverhill 12	Campton 19
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 6 Vermont 2 Other 0	Maine 26 Massachusetts 28 Vermont 13 Other 30	Maine 0 Massachusetts 78 Vermont 8 Other 20	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 9 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 13 Vermont 0 Other 0
Out Of State Locations:	Walpole,MA 6	Eliot,ME 18 Woburn,MA 16 Winthrop,MA 7 Newbury,VT 7	Methuen,MA 15 Taunton,MA 15 Quincy,MA 12 Woburn,MA 11	Richmond,VT 9	Stoughton,MA 13

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Table 17.3 (continued)
 Commuting In - Plymouth NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Warren	Waterville Valley	Wentworth	Woodstock	
Estimated Residents Working:	288	364	200	311	
Commuting to Another Town:	154	281	99	158	
Commuting Rate:	53.5%	77.2%	49.5%	50.8%	
To Locations Within NH:	Haverhill 67 Wentworth 21 Rumney 17 Orford 15	Campton 96 Thornton 86 Plymouth 39 Ashland 16 Holderness 12 Rumney 10	Warren 44 Rumney 21 Thornton 10	Lincoln 68 Thornton 32 Bethlehem 16 Plymouth 10	
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 9 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 2 Other 0	
Out Of State Locations:				Concord,VT 2	