

# Examining Local Economic Conditions and Fiscal Capacities

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#### **Five Key Takeaways**

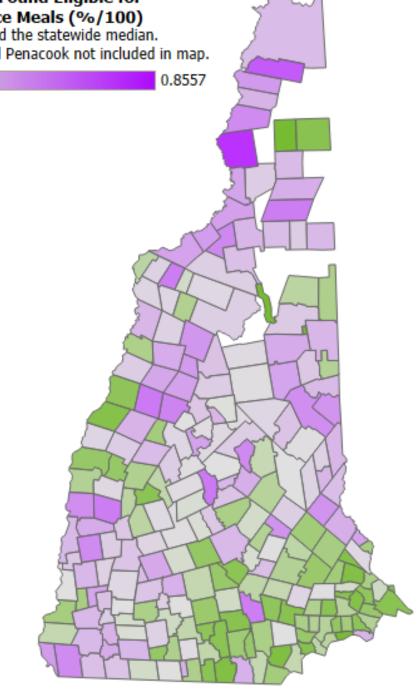
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# Portion of Students Found Eligible for Free or Reduced Price Meals (%/100) Notes: Colors shifted around the statewide median. Communities with no students and Penacook not included in map. 0.0000 0.8557

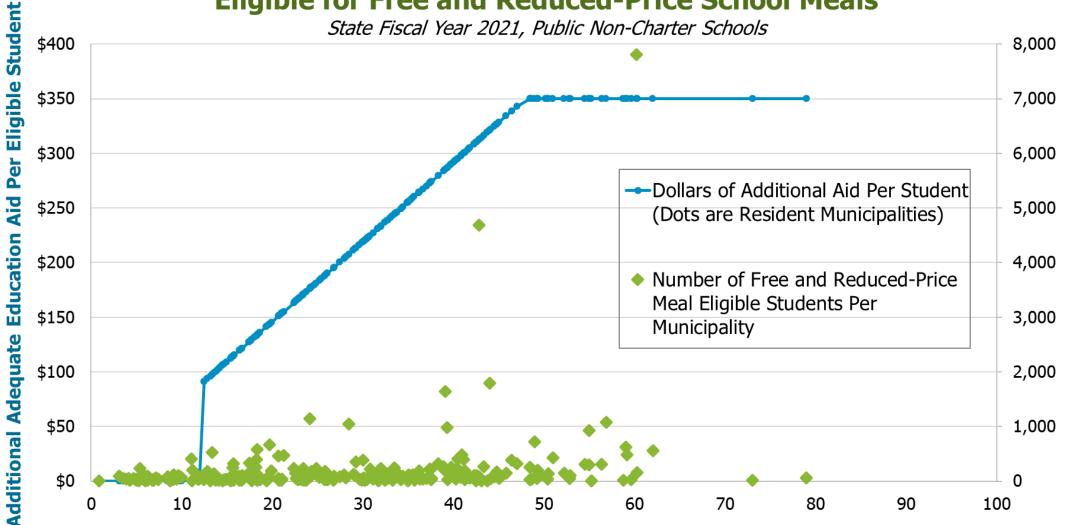
#### Percentage of Students Eligible for Free and Reduced Price Meals

Percentage of All Resident Students by Municipality, 2018-2019

Source: New Hampshire Department of Education



#### Additional Aid Per Student Based on Percent from Municipality Eligible for Free and Reduced-Price School Meals



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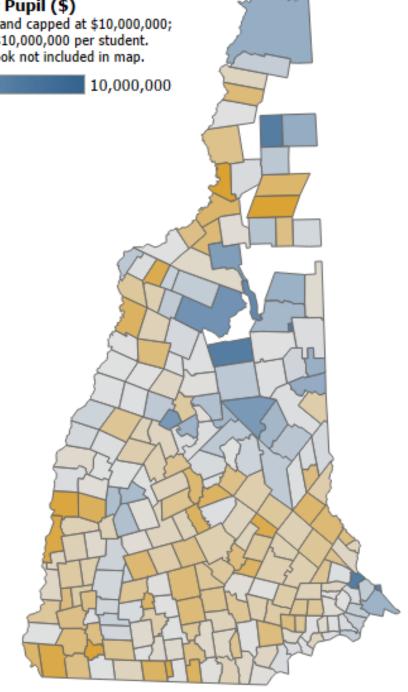
Sources: New Hampshire Office of Legislative Budget Assistant; Chapter 346, Laws of 2019; New Hampshire Department of Education, Estimated FY2021 Municipal Summary of Adequacy Aid, November 15, 2019 Note: Counts of students based on November 15, 2019 estimate of enrollment students based on their municipality of residence. Municipality

# Equalized Valuation Per Pupil (\$) Notes: Colors shifted around statewide median and capped at \$10,000,000; four communities have values higher than \$10,000,000 per student. Communities with no students and Penacook not included in map. 10,000,000

## **Taxable Property Wealth Per Resident Student**

Equalized Valuation Per Pupil, 2018-2019

Source: New Hampshire Department of Education

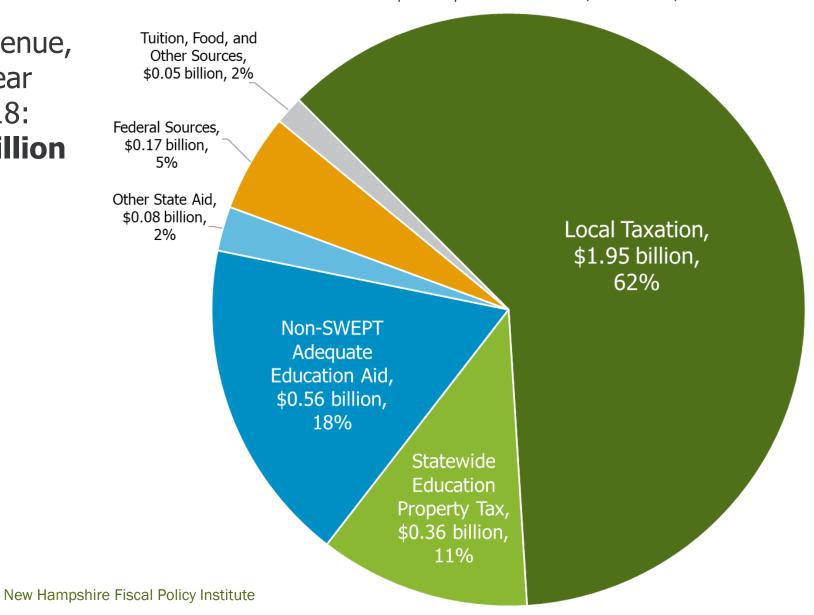


#### **Revenue Sources for School Districts**

School Year 2017-2018

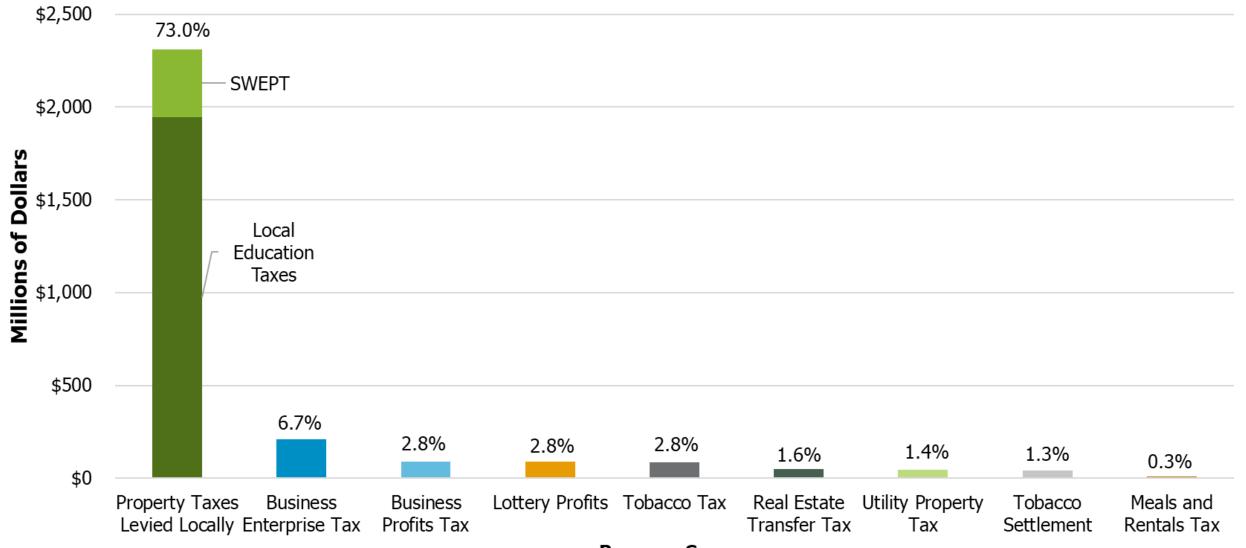
Source: New Hampshire Department of Education, December 17, 2018

Total Revenue, School Year 2017-2018: **\$3.17 Billion** 



#### Relative Magnitude of Funding Sources for Local Public Education

Education Trust Fund and Local Tax Funding Sources as a Percentage of All School District Revenue



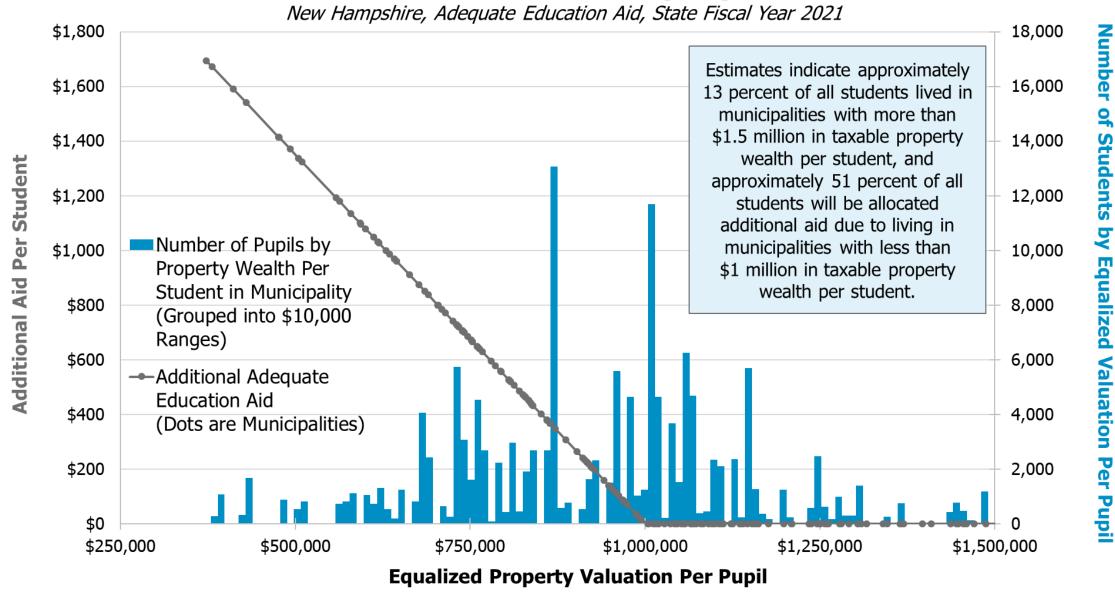
#### **Revenue Source**

Note: Percentages do not add to 100 percent due to exclusion of federal grants, non-Adequate Education Aid from the state, and other revenue sources.

Sources: New Hampshire Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, State Fiscal Year 2018; New Hampshire Department of Education, State Summary of New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute

Revenue and Expenditures of School Districts 2017-2018, December 17, 2018

#### Additional Aid Per Student Based on Property Wealth Per Student

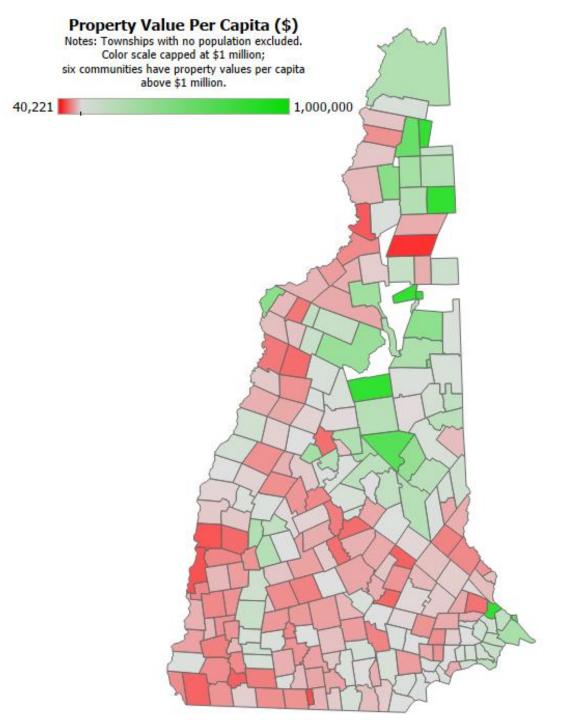


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### **Taxable Property Wealth Per Person**

New Hampshire Municipalities, Tax Year 2019 Valuation Including Utilities, July 2018 Population Estimates

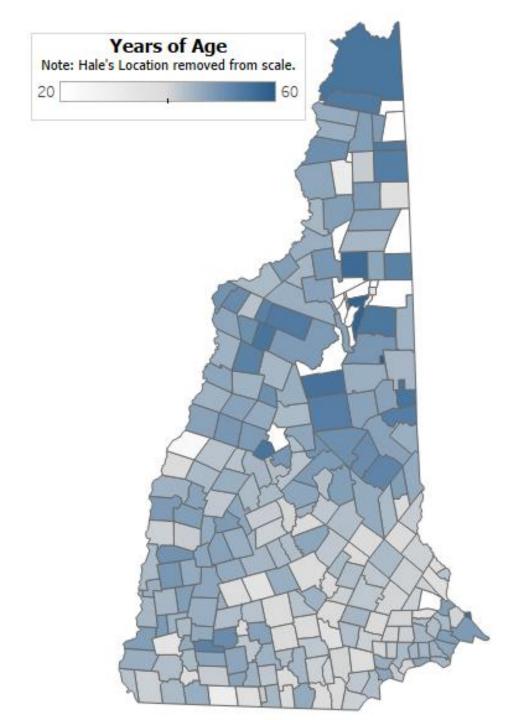
Sources: New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration; U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program



### Median Age by Municipality

New Hampshire, 2010 Census

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

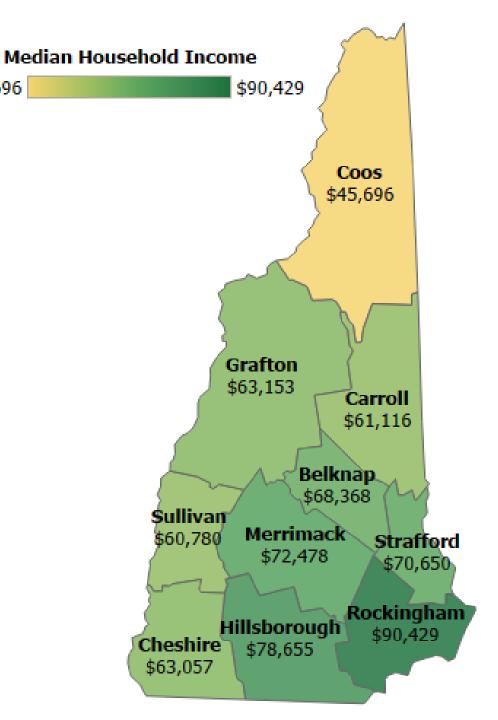




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New Hampshire Counties, 2014-2018

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, Five-Year Data, 2014-2018



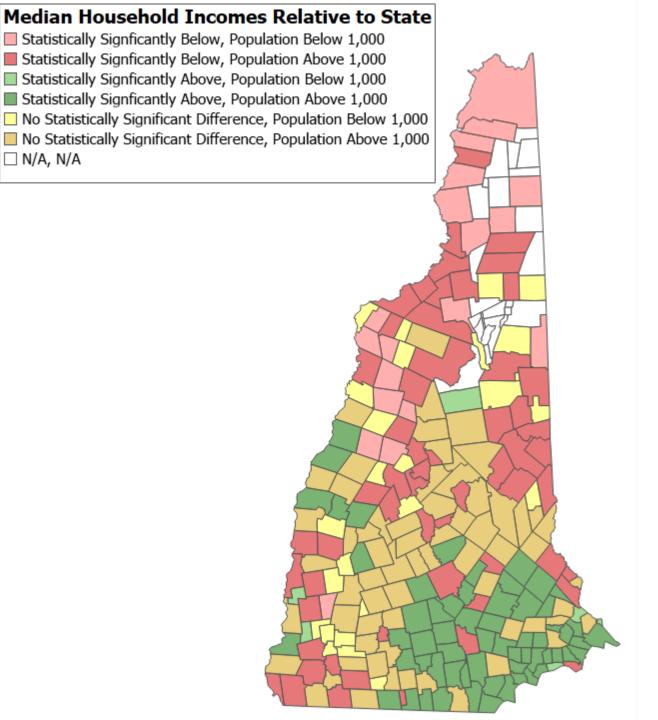
#### **Median Household Income Estimates by Municipality**

□ N/A, N/A

New Hampshire, 2013-2017

Note: Statistical significance measured at 90 percent confidence level.

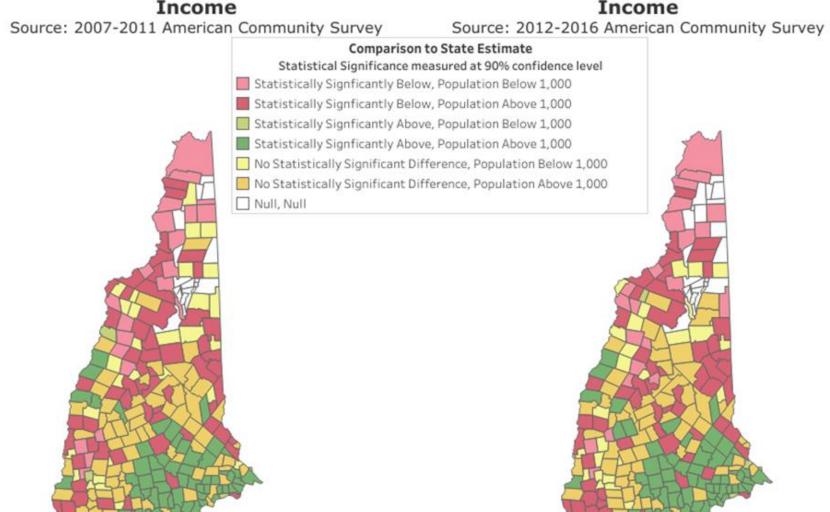
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### Median Household Income Estimates by Municipality Over Time

#### Municipal Median Household Income Relative to State Median Household Income

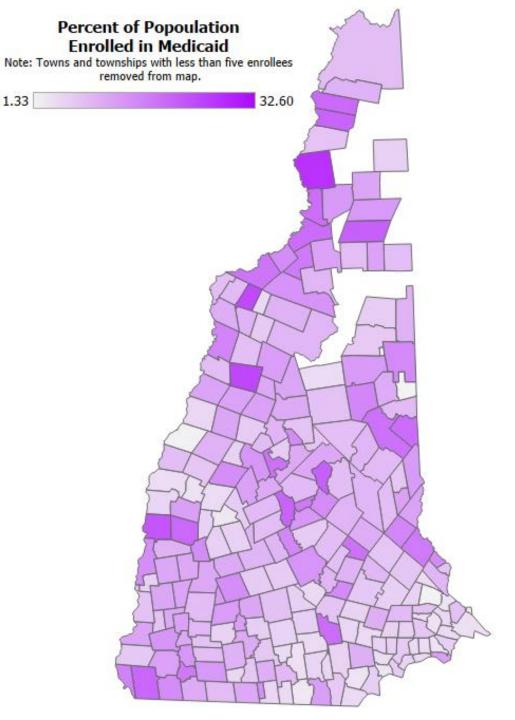
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#### Percentage of Population Enrolled in Medicaid

July 2018 New Hampshire Municipal Population Estimates, September 2019 Medicaid Enrollment

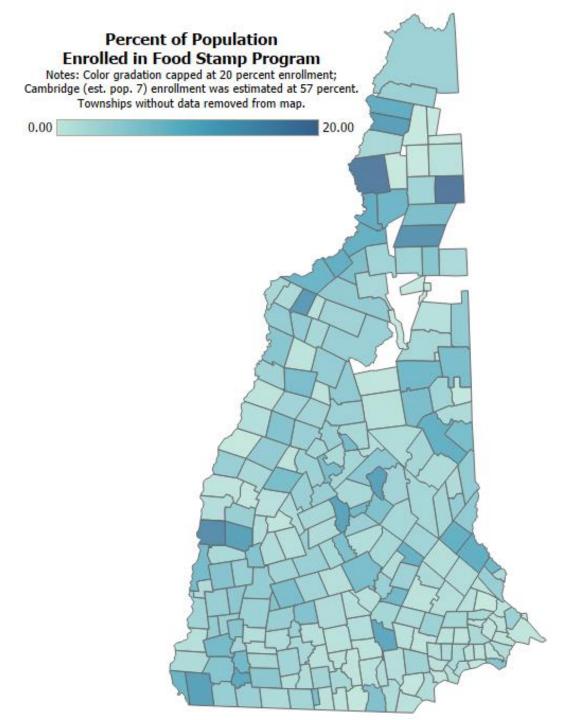
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program; New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services



#### Percentage of Population Enrolled in the Food Stamp Program

July 2018 New Hampshire Municipal Population Estimates, September 2019 Food Stamp Program Enrollment

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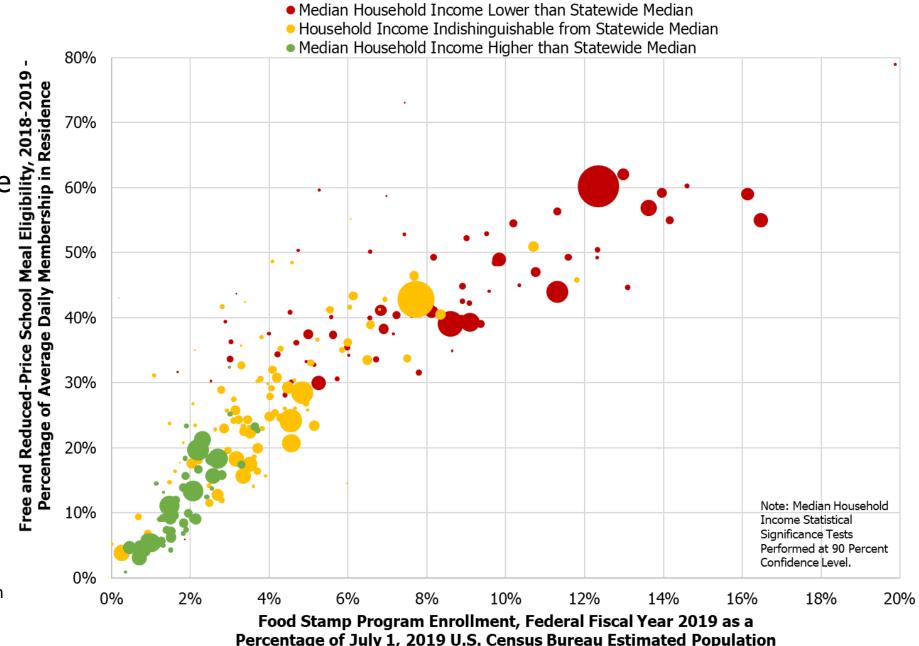


#### **Bubbles Represent Municipalities - Sizes Relative to Municipal Population**

#### Relationships Between Key Variables

July 2019 New Hampshire Municipal Population Estimates, Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Food Stamp Program Enrollment, 2018-2019 Free and Reduced Price Meal Enrollment, 2014-2018 Median Household Income Estimates

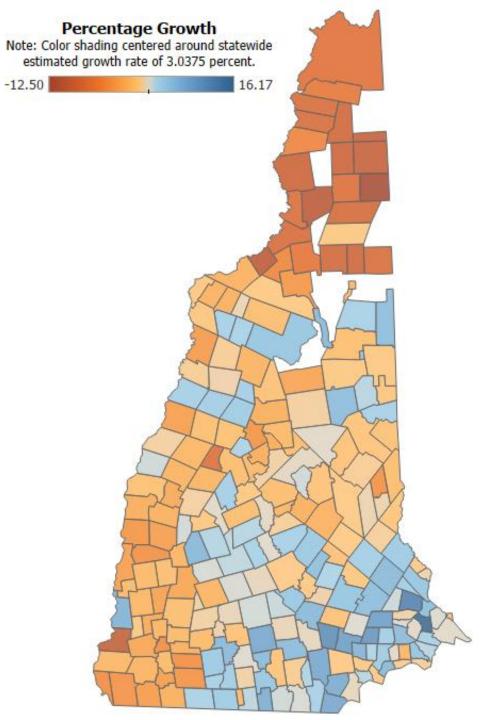
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# **Estimated Percentage Population Change by Municipality**

New Hampshire, 2010 to 2018, Shading Based on Statewide Growth Rate

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program, April 2010 and July 2018



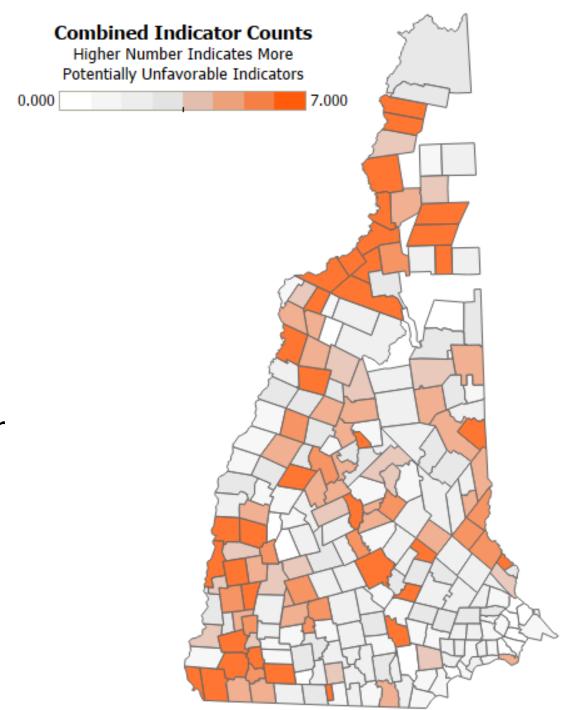
### **Combined Indicators Relative to State**

Layered Counts of Indicators Potentially Less Favorable Than Statewide Equivalents

- Median Household Income Lower
- Percent Enrolled in Medicaid Higher
- Percent Enrolled in Food Stamps Higher
- Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility Higher
- Equalized Valuation Per Pupil Lower
- Valuation Per Capita Lower
- Population Growth Lower (or Negative)

Source: NHFPI Calculations from Food Stamp, Household Income, Medicaid, Population, Free and Reduced Price Meal, and Property Valuation Data

Note: Median Age Not Included



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