

## Basic structure of government – some parallels and some differences between federal and NH

**Federal** (beginning January 3, 2023)

### **Executive branch:**

**President** serves 4 yr term, 2 elections limit

**Cabinet** (appt'd by President, approved by Senate)

### **Legislative branch:**

**Congress:** 2 bodies

**US House** = 435 members, 2 yrs terms

NH has 2 Representatives (2 districts)

Repub = 212 , Dems = 222 (1 vacancy, in VA)

Leaders: Speaker : Kevin McCarthy (R)

Majority leader: Steve Scalise (R)

Minority leader: Hakeem Jeffries (D)

**US Senate** = 100 members, 6 yrs terms

(*next seat up in NH is Jeanne Shaheen's, Nov. 2026*)

Republicans = 49, Democrats = 51

Senate President is VP Kamala Harris (*votes in tie only*)

President Pro Tem: Patty Murray (D)

Majority leader: Chuck Schumer (D)

Minority leader: Mitch McConnell (R)

### **Judicial branch:**

Judges are appointed by President; approved by the Senate

**Budget**—1 year; appropriations must be voted on, but Congress can pass a “continuing resolution” to fund govt. until a budget is passed

**Websites:** whitehouse.gov

congress.gov

*Names and numbers as of Jan. 3. 2023*

**New Hampshire** (as of Jan. 3, 2023)

### **Executive branch:**

**Governor** serves 2 yr term, no term limits

**Executive Council** (5 members, elected by district voters, 2 yr terms)

### **Legislative branch:**

**General Court:** 2 bodies

**NH House** = 400 members, 2 yrs terms

districts + flatorial districts = 203

Repub = 201, Dem = 197 (1 tie TBD by special election in Rochester; 1 vacancy)

House Speaker: Sherman Packard (R)

Majority leader: Jason Osborne (R)

Minority leader: Matt Wilhelm (D)

**NH Senate** = 24 members, 2 yrs terms

Repubblicans = 14; Democrats = 10

Senate President: Jeb Bradley (R)

Majority Leader: Sharon Carson (R)

Minority Leader: Donna Soucy (D)

### **Judicial branch:**

Judges are appointed by Governor; approved by the Executive Council

**Budget**—2 years; must balance  
(Budget will be adopted late Spring 2023)

**County government**—10 counties. 3 elected commissioners in each. State reps also serve as county delegation.  
(local property taxes fund county needs)

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## **Diversity in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress (2023-2024)**

In the 2022 Congressional elections, 7 new members were elected to the Senate and 24 new members were elected to the House.

The House and Senate female representation:

The House has 124 women, comprising 28.5 % of the chamber's voting members.

The Senate has 25 women, (one more than the 2021-22 Senate).

The 118th Congress has the largest number of ethnically diverse members, making up 28 percent of Congress.

US House of Representatives: 124 women will be taking office in January 2023. More than half of the incoming class of 22 freshman women in the House will be women of color, showing the increasing diversity of that chamber. *[CNN, Nov. 2022]*

## **New Hampshire election statistics:**

As of Nov. 20, 2022: 925,401 people were registered to vote:

Democrats = 289,590; Republicans = 284,705; "undeclared" voters = 351,106

In November 2022 election: 814,499 ballots were cast, a record turnout of 70% for a mid-term election.

The Executive Council has 4 Republican and 1 Democrat members again this term.

The 2023-24 NH Senate has an equal number of male and female senators.

In the NH House 246 of its members are male; 148 are female.

The youngest state representative this session is 18 years old.

The longest-serving state representative is serving her 22<sup>nd</sup> term.

## **Other interesting statistics:**

Total population of NH (2020 census) is 1,377,529 (increase of 4.6% since 2010)

Population is 93% white.

State has 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest population in the country, depending on reports. Median age is over 43.

Nearly 18% of NH's population is over 65.

In 2010 NH had the highest median income in the nation.

By 2019 NH had the 8<sup>th</sup> highest median household income (almost \$78,000 per yr)

36% of NH residents over 25 years old have a bachelor's degree or higher.