

New Hampshire State Profile

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State profiles for the data visualization and 50-State Comparison on postsecondary governance structures summarize information about coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards, administrative/service agencies, advisory groups and membership organizations. The most in-depth information is provided for statewide and major postsecondary systemwide coordinating boards/agencies and governing boards.

Note: This resource does not include information related to setting tuition rates, administering funding formulas or allocating funds. The state profile information is based primarily on statutes, codes and state and postsecondary system board/agency policies. To the extent possible, Education Commission of the States reached out to state and system officials to verify our information.

State Overview

New Hampshire does not have a single statewide or systemwide coordinating or governing board for public postsecondary education. The Division of Higher Education within the New Hampshire Department of Education is an administrative agency that oversees federal programs, provides data and information services, and administers student financial aid programs. The Higher Education Commission oversees certain responsibilities of the division and the governor appoints the members while others serve as ex-officio members. The governor appoints the division’s executive director after consultation with the K-12 education commissioner, higher education commission and state board of education. Governing boards oversee the University System of New Hampshire and the Community College System of New Hampshire and appoint the chancellors. The four-year and two-year system offices implement board policies and programs and provide services to the institutions, which do not have local governing boards.

Data Point	Description
Single Statewide Coordinating or Governing Board/Agency	
Single Statewide Coordinating Board (or Agency) or Governing Board for All Public Higher Education	No
Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards	
Entity Name	University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees



Data Point	Description
Entity Function	Governing
Scope of Authority	Systemwide
Legal Authority	Statutory
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve or administer bonds - Approve or oversee interstate compacts and reciprocity agreements (e.g., SARA, tuition agreements) - Approve presidential hiring and/or compensation - Approve institutional missions - Develop and/or oversee accountability or performance measures - Ensure system/institutional efficiencies - Govern systems and/or institutions - Monitor or evaluate system/institutional effectiveness - Oversee residency requirements for tuition purposes - Promote or advocate for institutions - Recommend or approve establishing, merging or closing institutions - Review or approve facility/capital construction plans - Set faculty and personnel policies
Budget Role for Institutions	Approve and recommend
New Academic Program Role	Limited academic program role
Academic Program Role Notes	The Board of Trustees oversees the execution of program review, addition and deletion processes by the four institutions.
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Governing board
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	29



Data Point	Description
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	29
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0
Board Member Composition and Selection	29 members, including 10 appointed by governor with advice and consent of executive council; 7 elected by alumni of University of New Hampshire and 3 other colleges; 2 students elected by student body of designated college; and 9 ex-officio members, including governor, president of the Senate, speaker of the House, commissioner of education, commissioner of agriculture, chancellor, and presidents of four universities.
Do Institutions Governed (or Coordinated) by a Postsecondary System Board have Individual Governing Boards?	No
Type of Institutions with Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Type of Institutions without Individual Governing Boards	Public four-year
Website	https://www.usnh.edu/trustees
Citations	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 187-A University System of New Hampshire Policy Manual
Statewide and Major Systemwide Coordinating Boards (or Agency) or Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Community College System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees
Entity Function	Governing



Data Point	Description
Scope of Authority	Systemwide
Legal Authority	Statutory
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve presidential hiring and/or compensation - Approve institutional missions - Develop master/strategic plans for state or system - Govern systems and/or institutions - Recommend or approve establishing, merging or closing institutions - Review or approve facility/capital construction plans - Set faculty and personnel policies
Budget Role for Institutions	Approve and recommend
New Academic Program Role	No academic program role
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Governing board
Number of Board Members (Voting and Non-voting)	36
Number of Board Members Appointed, Serve Based on Role or Selected	36
Number of Board Members Elected through General Election	0



Data Point	Description
Board Member Composition and Selection	36 members with 24 appointed by governor and confirmed by executive council. Voting members include 13 from designated fields and sectors, 8 from general public, 2 students and 1 community college system employee. Ex-officio members include governor, chancellor, commissioners of education, business and economic affairs, employment security, and presidents of community colleges. Note: State statute provides that the vice-chancellor serves as a board member; however, the system's organizational structure has not included this position and, therefore, the seat is not filled.
Do Institutions Governed (or Coordinated) by a Postsecondary System Board have Individual Governing Boards?	No
Type of Institutions with Individual Governing Boards	Not applicable
Type of Institutions without Individual Governing Boards	Public two-year
Website	http://www.ccsnh.edu/about-ccsnh/board-trustees
Citations	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 188-F Community College System of New Hampshire Policies
Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards	
Entity Name	University of New Hampshire System Office
Entity Function	Administrative/service
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year



Data Point	Description
Website	https://www.usnh.edu/
Agencies and System Offices Affiliated with Coordinating and Governing Boards	
Entity Name	Community College System of New Hampshire System Office
Entity Function	Administrative/service
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public two-year
Website	http://www.ccsnh.edu/
Administrative and Advisory Entities	
Entity Name	New Hampshire Department of Education: Division of Higher Education - Higher Education Commission
Entity Function	Administrative/service
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)



Data Point	Description
Primary Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advise or provide recommendations to state policy and education leaders - Approve or oversee interstate compacts and reciprocity agreements (e.g., SARA, tuition agreements) - Conduct policy research and analysis - Develop and/or administer academic policies or programs (e.g., admissions, transfer) - Engage in statewide or systemwide policy planning - Ensure academic program quality - License or approve/authorize specified institutions - Promote or advocate for institutions - Provide information and data services for state/systems/institutions - Provide professional development and/or training
Primary Responsibilities Notes	With respect to new program approval, the Division of Higher Education primarily oversees teacher preparation and Veteran programs.
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer	Governor
Appointing/Hiring Authority of Higher Education Executive Officer Notes	Governor appoints director of the Division of Higher Education after consultation with K-12 education commissioner, higher education commission and state board of education. Director serves at pleasure of governor and education commissioner.
Website	http://education.nh.gov/highered/
Citations	N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 21-N:8-a
Other Postsecondary System and Multi-Campus Institutional Boards	
Entity Name	Not applicable



Data Point	Description
Membership Organizations	
Entity Name	New Hampshire College and University Council
Entity Function	Membership
Type of Institutions Coordinated, Governed, Represented or Served by Entity	Public four-year, public two-year and other (e.g., Independent/non-profit, proprietary, online or specialty)
Website	http://www.nhcuc.org/