

# Manchester Has a New Data Repository

Statistics and Facts About Manchester Now Readily Available

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The screenshot shows the University of New Hampshire Library Digital Collections interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, About Us, Find, Services, Locations, Research Support, and News & Events. A search bar is located on the right, with the text 'Search all digital collections' and a 'Search' button. Below the navigation, the page title is 'Digital Collections' with a small '2013' indicator. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a map of New Hampshire with callouts to various counties, each containing a small table of data. The right column contains the following information:

**Point-in-time count, 2012**  
New Hampshire. Bureau of Homeless and Housing Services  
2012

**Description**  
Annual point-in-time (January 25, 2012) chart of homelessness in New Hampshire, by county.

**Subjects**  
Homelessness--New Hampshire--Periodicals  
Homeless persons--New Hampshire--Periodicals

**Contributors**  
Manchester Research Group (UNHM)  
University of New Hampshire. Library. Digital Collections

**Type**  
Text

**Identifier**  
mrg:0007

At the bottom of the map area, there is a summary box: '2012 Point-in-Time Count January 25, 2012' with a total of 1,476 homeless individuals across the state. At the very bottom, there is a small note: 'New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Homeless and Housing Services'.

The Manchester Data Repository offers a wide range of information published mainly between 2007 and 2013.

Grant writers, researchers, and citizens interested in facts, statistics, and published reports from New Hampshire based organizations now have a new resource to satisfy their interests.

New this spring, the University of New Hampshire at Manchester and the UNH Dimond Library developed a [Manchester Data Repository](#) site to house data related to the city. It also includes some information related to Hillsborough County and the state of New Hampshire.

The project was created in response to needs for research data expressed during a working group organized by UNH Manchester Professor Patrice Mettauer. Mettauer assembled a “Manchester Research Group” in 2012 which included individuals and organizations that were researching and developing programs, services, and grants in the area.

“They realized there is quite a bit of research available on Manchester,” says Mettauer, “but the data was in many different locations and often hard to access, so we generated the idea for this digital collection of data.”

Sarina Johnston took the lead on organizing the data collection which has resulted in nearly 90 reports, statements, and articles from area organizations. Some of the organizations include the Manchester Department of Public Health, Manchester School District, and the Manchester Weed & Seed program.

Johnston, a 2013 graduate of UNH Manchester’s [history](#) program, sees the tool as a great resource for anyone doing local research and/or in need of information about the city and her neighborhoods.

“The collection will benefit anyone researching most aspects of Manchester, NH, including students, local organizations and associations, or any interested community member, as the information is free and available to all,” says Johnston.

The collection mainly focuses on data published between 2007 and 2013, all in easily downloadable PDF format. The information is presented in the forms of studies, reports, plans, guides, needs assessments and indicators, charts and graphs, summaries, articles, and statements from various local organizations. The collection is organized by year and includes topics such as health, youth, education, homelessness, economic development, environmental health, demographic trends, community safety, immigrants and refugees, community development, and arts and culture.

The Manchester Data Collection is available on the [UNH Manchester website](#). Anyone interested in more information may contact [Professor Patrice Mettauer](#)

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