

# ENVIRONMENTAL Fact Sheet



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## Dam Ownership in New Hampshire

The NHDES Dam Bureau is charged with the responsibility of maintaining an inventory of all dams in the state. A database listing the known dams in the state as well as their technical data and ownership information is maintained in our office. To assist with prioritization dams are given various classifications.

### Hazard Classification

Each dam is classified by the potential damages that a failure of the dam is expected to cause.

Hazard Classification	Percent of total
High	3%
Significant	6%
Low	17%
Non Menace	74%

### Ownership

Every dam is further categorized into a classification of ownership. Below is a chart showing the percentage of active dams for each ownership classification.

Owner Classification	Percent of total
Private	78%
Local Government	12%
State	8%
Federal	1%
Public Utility	Less than 1%

For more information, relative to the design, construction, maintenance and operation of dams, please contact the NHDES Dam Bureau at (603) 271-3406 or email [damsafety@des.nh.gov](mailto:damsafety@des.nh.gov). General information is available at NHDES Dam Bureau Webpage. You may also visit our office at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH.

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