

Lempster, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

**Business Office: Tuesday and Wednesday, 8-4, Thursday, 8-1;
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday to Wednesday, 8-5:30,
Friday, 8-12, first and last Saturday each month, 8-12**

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

**Sullivan
Newport, NH LMA
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council**

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

**District 2
District 5
District 8
Sullivan County Districts 4, 8**

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: This territory was originally granted in 1735 by Massachusetts Governor Belcher as Number 9, the ninth in a line of forts established to guard against Indian attacks. It was regranted in 1753 by Governor Benning Wentworth under the name Dupplin, after Sir Thomas Hay, Lord Dupplin of Scotland, who had been in charge of the settlement of Nova Scotia. The town was granted yet again in 1761 as Lempster, named for Sir Thomas Fermor of Lempster, England, who was a Wentworth relation. Settlers were not able to meet the prescribed terms, so a regrant charter was issued in 1767. By 1770 only eight families had settled there, and a charter extension was requested of and issued by Governor John Wentworth in 1772.

Villages and Place Names: Dodge Hollow, East Lempster, Keyes Hollow

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 415 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Lempster totaled 761 over 50 years, from 360 in 1970 to 1,121 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Lempster was 1,152 residents, which ranked 180th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 35.6 persons per square mile of land area. Lempster contains 32.3 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$1,740,974	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$3,417,334	
Zoning Ordinance		No Board	
Master Plan		2003	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By			
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds		
Appointed:	Conservation; joint Loss		
Public Library	Miner Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Sullivan County Sheriff	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Valley Regional, Claremont		15 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)			
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$23.65	
2022 Equalization Ratio		62.1	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.64	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		89.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		4.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		6.1%	
HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)			
Total Housing Units		653	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		575	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		5	
Five or More Units in Structure		3	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		70	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,152		43,958
2020	1,118		43,063
2010	1,154		43,742
2000	97		40,560
1990	948		38,652
1980	637		36,063
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	407	Female	410
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		63	
Age 5 to 19		117	
Age 20 to 34		115	
Age 35 to 54		243	
Age 55 to 64		126	
Age 65 and over		153	
Median Age		46.0 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		607	
High school graduate or higher		90.8%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		23.1%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$33,842	
Median family income		\$92,083	
Median household income		\$76,250	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$54,167	
Female		\$46,719	
Individuals below the poverty level		7.5%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		656	629
Employed		623	616
Unemployed		33	13
Unemployment rate		5.0%	2.1%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		n	50
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 967
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		n	59
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 891
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		57	109
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 951	\$ 926
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		64	27
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 597	\$ 506
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		121	136
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 764	\$ 842
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Lempster operates K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Claremont, Newport, or Sunapee** District: **SAU 71**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont; Newport)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	114			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; Colby-Sawyer; New England**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Lempster Wind, LLC	Wind farm		2008
OneWay Auto Repair	Auto repair		2014
Bonnie Plants	Greenhouse, growers		2018

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 7	
Distance	18 miles	
Railroad	No	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Parlin Field, Newport	Runway	3,450 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	38 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	56 miles	
Portland, Maine	149 miles	
Boston, Mass.	107 miles	
New York City, NY	243 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	225 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.1%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	6.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	34.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	12.7%
Commuting to another NH community	80.2%
Commuting out-of-state	7.1%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee
	Other: