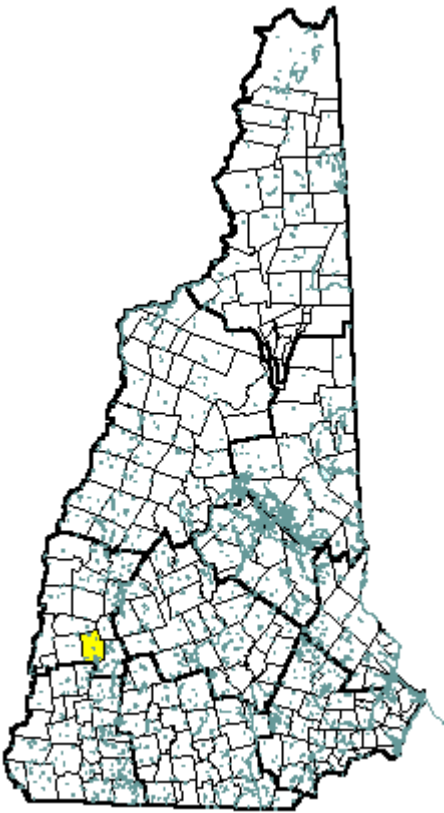


# Lempster, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Business Office: Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 8 am - 1 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 am - 6 pm, Friday, Saturday, 8 am - 1 pm**

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  
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 District 8  
 Sullivan County District 4**

**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.

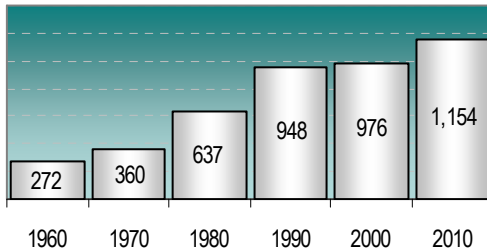
**Villages and Place Names:** Dodge Hollow, East Lempster, Keyes Hollow

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

**Population Trends:** Population change for Lempster totaled 882 over 50 years, from 272 in 1960 to 1,154 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 49 percent increase over the next decade. The 2010 Census estimate for Lempster was 1,154 residents, which ranked 178th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 35.7 persons per square mile of land area. Lempster contains 32.4 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2010-2011	<b>\$932,236</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$4,036,800</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>No Board</b>
Master Plan	<b>2003</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation</b>

Public Library **Miner Memorial****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Sullivan County Sheriff</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Limited</b>
Residential	<b>Limited</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.45</b>
2010 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.32</b>

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>66.1%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>2.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>31.3%</b>

**HOUSING** (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	<b>631</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>544</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>17</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>70</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	<b>1,154</b>	<b>43,742</b>
2000	<b>976</b>	<b>40,560</b>
1990	<b>948</b>	<b>38,652</b>
1980	<b>637</b>	<b>36,063</b>
1970	<b>360</b>	<b>30,949</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>569</b>	Female	<b>590</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>49</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>259</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>120</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>490</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>107</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>134</b>
Median Age	<b>41.0 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>88.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>23.9%</b>

**INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	<b>\$25,222</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$60,938</b>
Median household income	<b>\$55,577</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$47,365</b>
Female	<b>\$31,923</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>10.9%</b>
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**LABOR FORCE** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	<b>551</b>	<b>541</b>
Employed	<b>536</b>	<b>505</b>
Unemployed	<b>15</b>	<b>36</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>45</b>	<b>67</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$443</b>	<b>\$689</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>9</b>	<b>60</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$236</b>	<b>\$605</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>54</b>	<b>126</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$407</b>	<b>\$649</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Grades K-8 are part of Goshen-Lempster Cooperative (Goshen, Lempster); grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Newport, Sunapee, Kearsarge, Keene, Fall Mountain, or Claremont** District: **SAU 71**

Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley Technical Center, Newport or Claremont** Region: **10**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>159</b>			

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **30**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **River Valley**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Jolly Roger Moto-Sports Park	Seasonal motor sports park	6	1996
Lempster Wind, LLC	Wind farm	4-6	2008
Sturgeon's General Store	Convenience store	2-3	2008
Ashuelot Valley Outdoor	Small Engine repair & sales	1-2	2006

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>10</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 7</b>	
	Distance	<b>18 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Parlin Field, Newport</b>	Runway	<b>3,450 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>38 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>49 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>143 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>108 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>242 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>226 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>78.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>5.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>2.9%</b>
Other means	<b>2.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>10.7%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>30.7 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010**

Working in community of residence	<b>18.2%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>70.3%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>11.5%</b>

**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
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee</b>
	Other: