

Sullivan County

County Offices

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County Services: Attorney's Office, Board of Commissioners, County Manager, Delegation, Department of Corrections, Facilities, High Sheriff, Human Resources, Natural Resources, Registrar of Deeds, Sullivan County Health Care, Treasurer

UNH Cooperative Extension
<https://extension.unh.edu/facility/sullivan-county-office>



Sullivan County is located on the western border of the state, south of center, bordering Vermont to the west with a 36-mile stretch of the Connecticut River. Sullivan County came into existence in 1827, made up of communities taken from Cheshire County. The name was in honor of General John Sullivan, a Revolutionary War hero. General Sullivan served as a member of the Continental Congress, Adjutant General to George Washington, and Major General of the Northern Army. He was elected "President" of New Hampshire in 1786, and the town of Sullivan in Cheshire County was named for him in 1787.

Sullivan County contains 537.9 square miles of land area and 14.3 square miles of inland water area. As of the 2023 Census, the population density was 81.7 persons per square mile. Sullivan County includes one city, Claremont, and 14 towns. The county seat is Newport.

COUNTY POPULATION

| 2023 | 2020 | 2010 | 2000 | 1990 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 43,969 | 43,068 | 43,742 | 40,458 | 38,592 |

Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial/Annual Population Estimates

DEMOGRAPHICS

| By Gender: | Male | Female |
|--------------------|--------|--------|
| Total | 21,858 | 21,671 |
| 18 years and over | 17,801 | 17,877 |
| 65 years and over | 4,720 | 5,342 |
| Median Age (years) | 45.9 | 48.6 |

| By Age Group: | | |
|-----------------|--|--------|
| Under age 5 | | 1,938 |
| Age 5 to 19 | | 6,819 |
| Age 20 to 34 | | 6,949 |
| Age 35 to 54 | | 10,425 |
| Age 55 to 64 | | 7,336 |
| Age 65 and over | | 10,062 |

Median Age (years) 47.3

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

LABOR FORCE

| Annual Average | 2013 | 2023 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|
| Civilian Labor Force | 24,141 | 22,756 |
| Employed | 23,116 | 22,328 |
| Unemployed | 1,025 | 428 |
| Unemployment Rate | 4.2% | 1.9% |

2023 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town

| | | | |
|-------------|------|-------------|------|
| Acworth | 2.5% | Lempster | 1.9% |
| Charlestown | 2.0% | Newport | 1.7% |
| Claremont | 2.1% | Plainfield | 1.6% |
| Cornish | 1.6% | Springfield | 1.6% |
| Croydon | 1.6% | Sunapee | 2.0% |
| Goshen | 1.7% | Unity | 1.4% |
| Grantham | 1.8% | Washington | 2.2% |
| Langdon | 1.7% | | |

Source: NHES/ELMIB

Due to differing methodologies, 1-Year Population Estimates and 5-Year Average ACS Demographics data may not match.

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | COMMUNITY | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES |
|--|-------------|---|-----------|
| Sturm Ruger & Co. | Newport | Sporting firearms | 1,250 |
| Whelen Engineering | Charlestown | Emergency lights | 981 |
| Claremont School District | Claremont | Education | 446 |
| Valley Regional Hospital | Claremont | Health care services | 264 |
| Wal-Mart | Claremont | Retail store | 209 |
| City of Claremont | Claremont | Municipal services | 146 |
| National Field Representatives | Claremont | Mortgage services | 138 |
| Red River Computer | Claremont | IT services | 126 |
| NH Industries | Claremont | Manufacturing | 115 |
| Town of Grantham | Grantham | Municipal services | 114 |
| Design Standards, Inc | Charlestown | Medical instruments | 110 |
| Bar Harbor Bank and Trust | Newport | Banking services | 110 |
| Fall Mountain Regional School District | Charlestown | Education | 109 |
| CANAM Group | Claremont | Manufacturing | 103 |
| LaValley Building Supply | Newport | Building components | 97 |
| Town of Sunapee | Sunapee | Municipal services | 96 |
| Sunapee School District | Sunapee | Education | 95 |
| Claremont Savings Bank | Claremont | Banking services | 94 |
| Crown Point Cabinetry | Claremont | Custom cabinetry | 86 |
| Student Conservation Association | Charlestown | Non-profit youth conservation agency | 84 |
| Town of Charlestown | Charlestown | Municipal services | 75 |
| Sugar River Bank | Newport | Banking services | 75 |
| G K N Aerospace | Charlestown | Aircraft engine parts | 70 |
| Carroll Concrete | Newport | Concrete products | 70 |
| Premier Precision/RDS | Newport | Machine parts | 64 |
| Airgas, Inc | Charlestown | Welding equipment, industrial/medical gases | 60 |
| Shaw's | Newport | Supermarket | 58 |
| Newport Health Center | Newport | Health care | 54 |
| Grantham School District | Grantham | Education | 53 |
| Latva Machine Co., Inc. | Newport | Precision machine parts | 50 |

Source: Employer data were provided by individual municipalities; not all municipalities provided data.

| COVERED EMPLOYMENT & WAGES – ANNUAL AVERAGES | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| | 2013 | 2023 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | |
| Average Employment | 13,793 | 13,750 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$768 | \$1,071 |
| Total Private Industry | | |
| Average Employment | 11,373 | 11,556 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$785 | \$1,093 |
| Private Goods-Producing Establishments | | |
| Average Employment | 3,704 | 3,967 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$1,013 | \$1,304 |
| Private Service-Providing Establishments | | |
| Average Employment | 7,670 | 7,589 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$675 | \$982 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | |
| Average Employment | 2,419 | 2,194 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$691 | \$961 |

Source: NHES/ELMIB. 'n' = data do not meet disclosures standards.
Data represent workers covered by unemployment insurance.

| INCOME AND POVERTY | |
|--|----------|
| Per Capita Income | \$41,921 |
| Median Family Income | \$96,832 |
| Median Household Income | \$75,929 |
| Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round) | |
| Male | \$60,200 |
| Female | \$53,490 |
| Percent of individuals below the poverty level | 10.8% |
| Persons under 18 years of age | 12.3% |
| Persons 65 years of age or older | 8.2% |

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-year Estimates 2019-2023

| NEAREST HOSPITALS | STAFFED BEDS |
|---|--------------|
| Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon | 23 |
| Cheshire Medical Center, Keene | 94 |
| Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon | 396 |
| Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Windsor VT | 35 |
| New London Hospital, New London | 25 |
| Valley Regional Hospital, Claremont | 25 |

Source: NH Hospital Association

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

| | |
|---|--------|
| Population, age 25 and over | 32,858 |
| Less than 9th grade | 889 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 2,021 |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 12,160 |
| Some college, no degree | 4,580 |
| Associate's degree | 3,181 |
| Bachelor's degree | 6,261 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 3,766 |

Percent of age 25 and over population:

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| High school graduate or higher | 91.1% |
| With a Bachelor's degree or higher | 30.5% |

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

School Districts Serving Sullivan County Municipalities

- Acworth (grades 1-4)
- Charleston (grades K-12)
- Claremont (grades K-12)
- Cornish (grades K-8)
- Croydon (grades K-4)
- Grantham (grades K-6)
- Fall Mountain Regional: Acworth, Charlestown, Langdon (grades K-12)
- Kearsarge Regional: Springfield (grades K-12)
- Langdon (grades K-4 and 9-12)
- Lempster (grades K-8)
- Newport (grades K-12)
- Plainfield (grades K-8)
- Sunapee (grades K-12)
- Unity (grades K-8)
- Washington (grades K-5)

Career Technology Centers

Concord Regional Technical Center (Concord)
Cheshire Career Center (Keene)
Fall Mountain Regional HS Career/Technical ED (Langdon)
Hartford Area Career and Technology Center (Hartford VT)
Sugar River Valley Regional Tech. Ctr (Claremont, Newport)

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Nearest Community Colleges

River Valley Community College (Claremont)

Nearest Colleges and Universities

New England College (Henniker)
Keene State College (Keene)
Antioch University New England (Keene)
Colby-Sawyer College (New London)
Dartmouth College (Hanover)

Source: NH Department of Education

NH LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, 2023

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Total Licensed Facilities | 30 |
| Total Capacity | 910 |

Source: NH DHHS, Bureau of Child Care Licensing

COMMUTING TO WORK

| | |
|--|--------|
| Total Workers, 16 years and over | 20,431 |
| Car, truck or van: drove alone | 15,833 |
| Car, truck or van: carpooled | 1,775 |
| Public transportation (excluding taxi) | 12 |
| Walked | 496 |
| Other means | 345 |
| Worked at home | 1,970 |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 25.9 |

Percent of working residents who:

| | |
|---|-------|
| Work in county of residence | 59.4% |
| Commute to some other NH county | 31.7% |
| Commute out of the state or the country | 8.9% |

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

TRANSPORTATION

| | | |
|-------------|--------------|--|
| Road Access | US Routes | 5 (Vermont) |
| | State Routes | 4A, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 31, 103, 103B, 114, 120, 123, 123A, 2 nd NH Turnpike |

Nearest Interstate/Exits

I-89 Exits 5 (Hopkinton), 12A (Sunapee), 13, 14 (Grantham), 15 (Enfield)
I-91 Exits 5 (Westminster VT), 6 (Rockingham VT), 7 (Springfield VT), 8 (Weathersfield VT), 9 (Hartland VT)

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Nearest Airport(s) with Scheduled Service | Passenger Airlines |
| Lebanon Regional | 1 |
| Manchester-Boston Regional | 7 |

Source: Local mapping data

HOUSING UNITS

| | |
|---|--------|
| Total Housing Units | 21,905 |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 16,281 |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 1,746 |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 2,100 |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 1,778 |

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

CURRENT HOUSING MARKET

New Hampshire Association of Realtors¹

| | |
|--|-----------|
| YTD Dec 2023 Median Sale Price, Residential | \$341,900 |
| YTD Dec 2023 Average Days on Market Until Sale | 30 |

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey²

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|---|---------|
| 2023 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom | \$1,316 |
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Source: see footnotes

2023 LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY PROPERTY TYPE

| Property Type | Share of Total Valuation |
|--|--------------------------|
| Residential Land and Buildings | 85.6% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 11.6% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 2.8% |

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

PROPERTY TAX RATES, 2023

| Town | Total Tax Rate per \$1000 | Equalization Ratio | Full Value Rate per \$1000 |
|-------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Acworth | \$25.33 | 66.2 | \$16.73 |
| Charlestown | \$34.31 | 63.3 | \$21.58 |
| Claremont | \$27.80 | 92.3 | \$25.10 |
| Cornish | \$26.23 | 60.6 | \$15.82 |
| Croydon | \$13.42 | 73.3 | \$9.77 |
| Goshen | \$21.57 | 58.2 | \$12.52 |
| Grantham | \$17.59 | 79.0 | \$13.86 |
| Langdon | \$22.11 | 68.1 | \$15.02 |
| Lempster | \$27.11 | 58.6 | \$15.83 |
| Newport | \$23.58 | 90.8 | \$21.20 |
| Plainfield | \$15.75 | 101.7 | \$15.90 |
| Springfield | \$23.27 | 65.6 | \$15.19 |
| Sunapee | \$9.68 | 93.6 | \$9.04 |
| Unity | \$29.96 | 61.7 | \$18.44 |
| Washington | \$15.23 | 89.3 | \$13.58 |

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

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office hours Selectmen: M-Th 8-1; Town Clerk: W 4:30-7, Sat. 8-12; Tax Collector: M 2-4

Charlestown Selectboard
 PO Box 385
 Charlestown NH 03603
 603-826-4400
 kwright@charlestown-nh.gov
 www.charlestown-nh.gov
 Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector:
 MW 7-4, TTh 8-4, F 7-12; Town Clerk/Tax
 Collector: 2nd & last Sat. 9-12

Claremont Planning & Development
 14 North Street
 Claremont NH 03743
 603-542-7030
 info@claremontnh.com
 www.claremontnh.com
 City Hall, city Manager: M-F 8-5; City Clerk/
 Central Collections: M-F 9-12:30 & 1:30-5

Town of Cornish
address 488 Town House Road
 Cornish NH 03745
phone 603-675-5611
email townbos@comcast.net
web site www.cornishnh.net
office hours Selectmen: M 6:30-8:30, Th 3-5;
 Administrator: M 12:30-8:30, T 8:30-4,
 Th 9:30-5, F 8:30-12:30; Town Clerk:
 TTh 5-7, W 12-3 & 5-7, last Sat. 9-12; Tax
 Collector: M 9-11:30

Town of Croydon
 879 NH Route 10
 Croydon NH 03773
 603-863-7830
 selectboard@croydon-nh.com
 www.croydon-nh.com
 Town Hall: MTW 12-6; Selectboard: meet
 2nd & 4th T at 7; Town Clerk/Tax Collector:
 MTW 12-6

Town of Goshen
 PO Box 68
 Goshen NH 03752
 603-863-5080
 selectmen@goshennh.org
 www.goshennh.org
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-Th 7:30-12
 & 1-4

Town of Grantham
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 Grantham NH 03753
phone 603-863-6021
email admin@granthamnh.net
web site www.granthamnh.net
office hours Selectmen, Town Administrator: M-F 8-4;
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-Th 8-5,
 F 8-12 & 1-4

Town of Langdon
 122 NH Route 12A #1
 Langdon NH 03602
 603-835-2389
 townoflangdon@yahoo.com
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 Selectmen: meet M at 7; Admin. Assistant:
 MW 9-1; Town Clerk: M 1:30-3, W 3-6,
 1st Sat. 8-11

Town of Lempster
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 Clerk/Tax Collector: TWTh 8-5:30, F 8-12,
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 & Zoning: M-F 8-3

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 603-469-3201
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 8-4, W 8-6, F 7-12; Tax Collector:
 M 8-4, W 2-6

Town of Springfield
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 Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MT 9-12 & 1-4,
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 Sunapee NH 03782
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 Clerk/Tax Collector: MTThF 8-4:30,
 W 8-12:30

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 Collector: MTTh 9-3, W 10-6; Selectmen's
 Secretary: M 1-4, TW 9-5, closed Friday

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