

# Campton, NH



## Community Contact

## Campton Board of Selectmen

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## Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen's Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30-3:30, and Tuesday, 8:30-4:15

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Grafton  
Plymouth, NH LMA  
White Mountains  
North Country Council  
Grafton County Economic Development Council

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
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Grafton County District 7

**Incorporated:** 1761

**Origin:** First chartered in 1761, the town may have been named for a friend of Governor Benning Wentworth, Spencer Compton, Earl of Wilmington. Another source indicates that when surveyors came to the area, they built a camp, inspiring the name Campton. Conditions of the 1761 charter were not met, and a new charter was issued in 1767. An early settler was John Marsh, whose grandson Sylvester was born in Campton. Sylvester Marsh, a founder of the Chicago meat-packing industry, came up with the idea of building a railway to the summit of Mount Washington. Marsh invented the cog rail mechanism and special brakes so the locomotive could scale the steep terrain, completing the railway in July 1869.

**Villages and Place Names:** Beebe River, Blair, Campton Hollow, Campton Lower Village, Campton Station, Campton Upper Village, West Campton

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 395 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Campton totaled 2,193 over 50 years, from 1,171 in 1970 to 3,364 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 45 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, then a 40 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Campton was 3,434 residents, which ranked 105th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 66.1 persons per square mile of land area. Campton contains 51.9 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	<b>\$3,825,936</b>		
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	<b>\$7,856,471</b>		
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1974/23</b>		
Master Plan	<b>2016</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	<b>Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Selectmen; Library; Checklist; Trustees of Trust Funds; Conservation</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		
Public Library	<b>Campton Public</b>		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Full-time</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>9 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Campton Village Precinct; Waterville Estate</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Time Warner; Consolidated Communications</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>		
High Speed Internet Service:			
Business		<b>Yes</b>	
Residential		<b>Yes</b>	
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$25.27</b>		
2022 Equalization Ratio	<b>55.5</b>		
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$13.92</b>		
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>90.2%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>6.7%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.2%</b>		
<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>			
Total Housing Units	<b>1,788</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,498</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>71</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>48</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>171</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	<b>3,434</b>	<b>91,126</b>	
2020	<b>3,343</b>	<b>91,118</b>	
2010	<b>3,333</b>	<b>89,118</b>	
2000	<b>2,723</b>	<b>81,826</b>	
1990	<b>2,379</b>	<b>74,998</b>	
1980	<b>1,694</b>	<b>65,806</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,519</b>	Female	<b>1,849</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>75</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>714</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>583</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>953</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>560</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>483</b>		
Median Age	<b>44.1 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: <b>2,322</b>			
High school graduate or higher	<b>88.0%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>40.7%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>			
Per capita income	<b>\$33,733</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$101,402</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$73,936</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$54,434</b>		
Female	<b>\$29,240</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>5.3%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2012	2022	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,893</b>	<b>1,943</b>	
Employed	<b>1,797</b>	<b>1,902</b>	
Unemployed	<b>96</b>	<b>41</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>81</b>	<b>104</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 793</b>	<b>\$1,121</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>409</b>	<b>384</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 463</b>	<b>\$ 685</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>490</b>	<b>488</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 517</b>	<b>\$ 778</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>171</b>	<b>297</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 689</b>	<b>\$1,047</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>661</b>	<b>785</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 562</b>	<b>\$ 880</b>	
If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Campton operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Coopertive ( Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)** District: **SAU 48**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-8</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>280</b>			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **26**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Owls Nest Golf Course	Golf	60	1998
Andrews Construction	Construction		
Evergreen Embroidery	Textile	12	
Sunset Grill	Restaurant	10	
Best Western	Lodging	18	
Top Notch Tree Experts	Logging, tree work	14	
Persons Concrete	Construction		
Becket School / Mt. Prospect Academy	Private education	15	

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>49, 175</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exits 27 - 28</b>	
	Distance	<b>Local access</b>
Railroad	<b>State owned line</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Plymouth Regional</b>	Runway	<b>2,380 ft. turf</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>52 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	<b>66 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine	<b>99 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.	<b>116 miles</b>	
New York City, NY	<b>313 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec	<b>205 miles</b>	

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>86.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.8%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>4.8%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>3.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>25.0 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>12.2%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>87.8%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>0.0%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Waterville Valley**

Other: