

Canaan, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 5
Grafton County Districts 11, 16

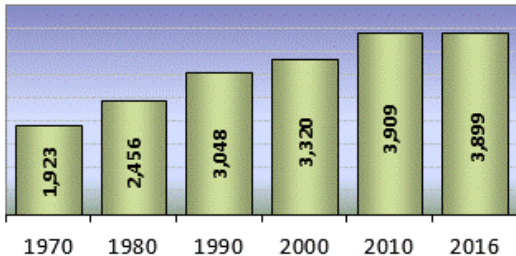
Incorporated: 1761

Origin: First chartered in 1761, the town probably took its name from the hometown of early settlers from Canaan, Connecticut. Not all the grantees became permanent settlers, and a new charter was issued in 1769. According to the Canaan Historical Society, the first train passed through in November 1847 with Daniel Webster on board, and the railroad operations sparked rapid business growth in Canaan Village. In September 1907, Canaan was the site of a tragic train accident, the collision of a passenger train and a freight, resulting in 25 dead and an equal number injured.

Villages and Place Names: Canaan Center, Canaan Street, West Canaan

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 504 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Canaan totaled 2,392 over 56 years, from 1,507 in 1960 to 3,899 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was a 28 percent increase, which occurred between 1960 and 1970, and also between 1970 and 1980. The 2016 Census estimate for Canaan was 3,899 residents, ranking 95th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 73.1 persons per square mile of land area. Canaan contains 53.3 square miles of land area and 1.8 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$4,203,196
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Zoning Ordinance	None
Master Plan	2006
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Checklist
Appointed:	Conservation; Recreation; Historic District; Capital Improvement; Meeting House Preservation; Museum Curators

Public Library **Canaan Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	17 miles	409
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	15 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	NH Electric Coop; Liberty Utilities
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Canaan Water Department
Sanitation	Canaan Sewer Dept
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	None
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Voluntary
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Limited
Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$31.47
2016 Equalization Ratio	97.8
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$30.60
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	83.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.7%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)	
Total Housing Units	1,925
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,390
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	38
Five or More Units in Structure	101
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	396

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community County
2016	3,899 88,888
2010	3,909 89,118
2000	3,320 81,826
1990	3,048 74,998
1980	2,456 65,806
1970	1,923 54,914

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,766	Female	2,141
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			204
Age 5 to 19			606
Age 20 to 34			628
Age 35 to 54			1,224
Age 55 to 64			698
Age 65 and over			547
Median Age			44.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	88.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.8%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)	
Per capita income	\$30,180
Median family income	\$73,654
Median household income	\$61,061

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$51,010
Female	\$39,891

Individuals below the poverty level	
	12.1%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	2,113	2,010
Employed	2,061	1,962
Unemployed	52	48
Unemployment rate	2.5%	2.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	121	60
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 820	\$ 927
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	258	336
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 602	\$ 651
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	379	396
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 672	\$ 693
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	346	283
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 463	\$ 699
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	724	679
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 572	\$ 695

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Mascoma Valley Regional (Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Orange)** District: **SAU 62**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT)** Region: **7**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	6-9
Total Enrollment	296	330	341	204

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Colby-Sawyer**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Mascoma Valley Regional School District	Education	172	
Cardigan School	Private school	135	
Harris Rebar	Steel fabrication	40	1999
Town of Canaan	Municipal services	20	1761
Halo	Education systems	10	
MTD	Property maintenance	10	
Papa Z's	Convenience store	10	
Canaan Hardware	Hardware store	6	
Mitchell Paddles, Inc.	Canoe paddles	5	1980
Mascoma Savings Bank	Banking services	5	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	118
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-89, Exit 17	
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		Advance Transit
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lebanon Municipal	Runway	5,496 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	18 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		63 miles
Portland, Maine		156 miles
Boston, Mass.		114 miles
New York City, NY		280 miles
Montreal, Quebec		201 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	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
X	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
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Dartmouth Skiway
	Other:

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2012-2016*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.0%
Public transportation	1.3%
Walked	1.6%
Other means	0.6%
Worked at home	3.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	16.0
Commuting to another NH community	74.7
Commuting out-of-state	9.3