

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

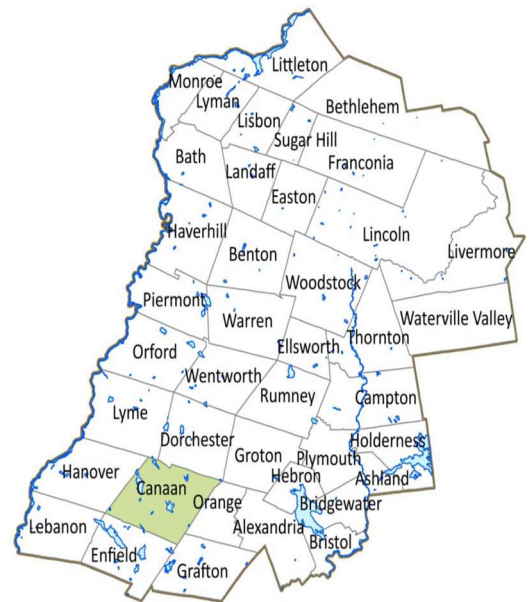
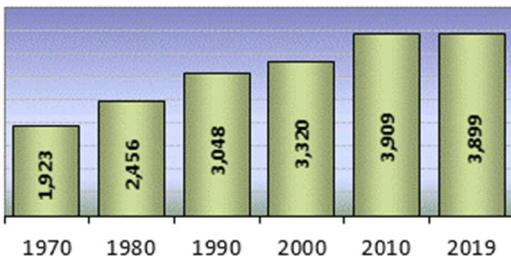
Incorporated: 1761

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 1,976 over 49 years, from 1,923 in 1970 to 3,899 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 28 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Canaan was 3,899 residents, which rank 99th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (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, 2019	\$4,661,101		
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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	406	
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	None		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Voluntary		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$32.93		
2019 Equalization Ratio	84.5		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.48		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	83.6%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.8%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.6%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Total Housing Units	1,936		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,393		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	60		
Five or More Units in Structure	154		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	329		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	3,899	89,886	
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 <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	2,013	Female	1,907
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			89
Age 5 to 19			694
Age 20 to 34			743
Age 35 to 54			1,113
Age 55 to 64			720
Age 65 and over			561
Median Age			44.2 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			88.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher			28.0%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Per capita income	\$36,132		
Median family income	\$88,663		
Median household income	\$77,175		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$53,834
Female			\$45,854
Individuals below the poverty level			3.8%
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	2,268	2,027	
Employed	2,152	1,986	
Unemployed	116	41	
Unemployment rate	5.1%	2.0%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	85	69	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 765	\$ 959	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	279	336	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 639	\$ 730	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	364	404	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 668	\$ 769	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	259	267	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 683	\$ 815	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	624	672	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 674	\$ 787	

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	258	362	321	25

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **17**

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
Mascoma Community Health Center	Health care services	18	2017
Halo	Education systems	10	
MTD Building Contractors	Property maintenance	21	
Papa Z's	Convenience store	10	
Canaan Hardware	Hardware store	6	
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
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			79.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			10.1%
Public transportation			0.2%
Walked			6.1%
Other means			4.1%
Worked at home			9.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work			24.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence			22.2
Commuting to another NH community			68.0
Commuting out-of-state			9.8

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	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: