

Canaan, NH



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Election Districts

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Grafton

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

District 2

District 2

District 5

Grafton County Districts 9, 18

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 1,883 over 50 years, from 1,923 in 1970 to 3,806 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 28 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, followed by a 24 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population decreased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Canaan was 3,825 residents, which rank 101st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 71.8 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, 2022	\$6,167,972
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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	419
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	15 miles	23

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	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
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>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.15
2022 Equalization Ratio	75.0
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.20
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.0%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,947
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached 1,487	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	68
Five or More Units in Structure	80
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	312

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2022	3,825	91,126
2020	3,794	91,118
2010	3,909	89,118
2000	3,320	81,826
1990	3,048	74,998
1980	2,456	65,806

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>		
Population by Gender		
Male	1,969	Female 1,837
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		73
Age 5 to 19		560
Age 20 to 34		513
Age 35 to 54		1,304
Age 55 to 64		744
Age 65 and over		612
Median Age		45.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 2,970	
High school graduate or higher	89.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income	\$36,579
Median family income	\$93,724
Median household income	\$76,821
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$46,469
Female	\$53,008
Individuals below the poverty level	8.8%

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	2,048	1,975
Employed	1,957	1,931
Unemployed	91	44
Unemployment rate	4.4%	2.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	61	100
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 838	\$1,118
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	324	314
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 673	\$ 859
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	385	414
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 699	\$ 922
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	250	245
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 743	\$ 931
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	635	659
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 717	\$ 925

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

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)**

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	225	313	337	233

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Upper Valley Educators Institute; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Colby-Sawyer**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **17**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Cardigan School	Private school	135	
Harris Rebar	Steel fabrication	40	1999
Halo	Education systems	10	
Mascoma Community Health Center	Health care services	18	2017
Town of Canaan	Municipal services	20	1761
Mascoma Valley Regional School District	Education	172	
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 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			75.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			9.0%
Public transportation			0.6%
Walked			4.3%
Other means			1.5%
Worked at home			9.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work			26.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence			24.0%
Commuting to another NH community			66.5%
Commuting out-of-state			9.5%

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, Ragged Mountain
	Other: