

# Cornish, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen, Assessing: Monday, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Friday, 3 pm - 5 pm; Admin Assistant: Monday, 12:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm, closed Wednesday; Town Clerk: Monday through Thursday, 5 pm - 7 pm; Tax Collector: Thursday, 4:30 pm - 7 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Sullivan**  
**Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part**  
**Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**  
**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
**District 5**  
**Sullivan County Districts 1, 9**

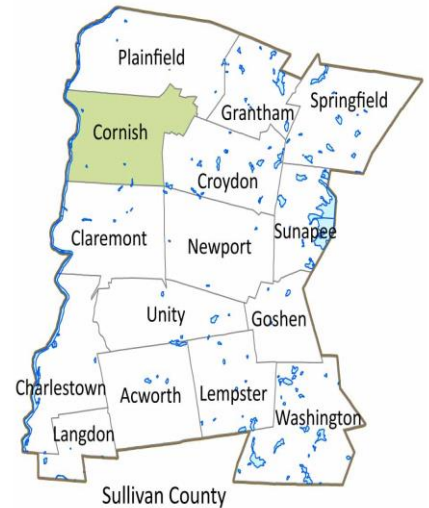
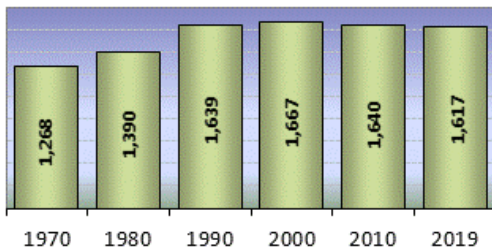
**Incorporated:** 1765

**Origin:** Established in 1763, the town was once known as Mast Camp, because it was the shipping point for the tall masts floated down the river by the English for use by the Royal Navy. Cornish was named for Sir Samuel Cornish, a distinguished admiral of the Royal Navy. Cornish is known as a summer resort for artists and writers, with residents including Maxfield Parrish and Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Saint-Gaudens' home and studio were named a national historic site in 1964. Cornish also is the site of four covered bridges all on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Cornish-Windsor Bridge, which is the longest two-span covered bridge in the world.

**Villages and Place Names:** Ballock, Cornish Center, Cornish City, Cornish Flat, Cornish Mills, South Cornish, Squag City

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 982 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Cornish totaled 349 over 49 years, from 1,268 in 1970 to 1,617 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an 18 percent increase between 1980 and 1990; the smallest change was a two percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 Census estimate for Cornish was 1,617 residents, which ranked 157th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 38.5 persons per square mile of land area. Cornish contains 42.0 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$1,794,394</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$3,783,002</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1955/19</b>
Master Plan	<b>2006</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Library; Zoning**

Public Library **George H. Stowell Free**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department		<b>Part-time</b>
Fire Department		<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Private</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Windsor VT</b>	<b>3 miles</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>NH Electric Coop; Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier		<b>None</b>
Water Supplier		<b>Private wells</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>Yes</b>
Recycling Program		<b>Voluntary</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint; Comcast</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access		<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access		<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station		<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Limited</b>
	Residential	<b>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.52</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>98.7</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.12</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>94.1%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>1.2%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.7%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>837</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>797</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>20</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>20</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2019	<b>1,617</b>	<b>43,146</b>
2010	<b>1,640</b>	<b>43,742</b>
2000	<b>1,667</b>	<b>40,560</b>
1990	<b>1,639</b>	<b>38,652</b>
1980	<b>1,390</b>	<b>36,063</b>
1970	<b>1,268</b>	<b>30,949</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>922</b>	Female	<b>861</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>61</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>311</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>150</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>392</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>355</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>514</b>
Median Age			<b>54.1 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>96.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>41.9%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2015-2019)
Per capita income		<b>\$42,241</b>
Median family income		<b>\$104,167</b>
Median household income		<b>\$82,083</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$52,438</b>
Female		<b>\$55,417</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>9.8%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average	2009		2019
Civilian labor force	<b>1,192</b>		<b>979</b>
Employed	<b>1,137</b>		<b>960</b>
Unemployed	<b>55</b>		<b>19</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.6%</b>		<b>1.9%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009		2019
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>n</b>		<b>19</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>		<b>\$ 572</b>
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>n</b>		<b>26</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>		<b>\$ 579</b>
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>61</b>		<b>46</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 447</b>		<b>\$ 576</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>78</b>		<b>73</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 619</b>		<b>\$ 699</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>140</b>		<b>118</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 544</b>		<b>\$ 652</b>

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

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Cornish operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Claremont or the State of Vermont (Windsor and Hartford)</b>				District: <b>SAU 6</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont)</b>				Region: <b>10</b>
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>96</b>				

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: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Cornish Elementary School	Education	30	1768
Dingee Machine Company	Fire apparatus	7	1979
Cornish Highway Department	Highway department	5	1768
12% Solution	Convenience store	4	1965

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	<b>12A, 120</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 9</b>	
	Distance	<b>6 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>Amtrak</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Claremont Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>3,098 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>15 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>82 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>174 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>132 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>251 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>199 miles</b>	

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2015-2019*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.5%</b>
Walked	<b>0.3%</b>
Other means	<b>11.7%</b>
Worked at home	<b>15.0%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>28.5 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

Working in community of residence	<b>19.6</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>65.4</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>15.0</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee, Mount Ascutney (VT)</b>
	Other: <b>Cornish Fair; St Gaudens National Historic Site</b>