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, 3:30 am - 4 pm, closed Wednesday; Town Clerk: Monday through Thursday, 5 pm - 7 pm; Tax Collector: Thursday, 4:30 pm – 7 pm

County
Sullivan

Labor Market Area
Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part

Tourism Region
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee

Regional Development
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
District 2
Executive Council
District 1
State Senate
District 5
State Representative
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.
### Municipal Services

**Type of Government**
- Selectmen

**Budget:**
- Municipal Appropriations, 2020: $1,794,394
- School Appropriations, 2020-2021: $3,783,002

**Zoning Ordinance**
- 1955/19

**Capital Improvement Plan**
- Yes

**Industrial Plans Reviewed By**
- Planning Board

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

**Public Library**
- George H. Stowell Free

### Emergency Services

**Police Department**
- Part-time

**Fire Department**
- Volunteer

**Emergency Medical Service**
- Private

**Nearest Hospital(s)**
- Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Windsor VT: 3 miles, 35 Staffed Beds
- Valley Regional, Claremont: 10 miles, 25 Staffed Beds

### Utilities

**Electric Supplier**
- NH Electric Coop; Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities

**Natural Gas Supplier**
- None

**Water Supplier**
- Private wells

**Sanitation**
- Private septic

**Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**
- No

**Solid Waste Disposal**
- Curbside Trash Pickup: Private
- Pay-As-You-Throw Program: Yes
- Recycling Program: Voluntary

**Telephone Company**
- Fairpoint; Comcast

**Cellular Telephone Access**
- Limited

**Cable Television Access**
- Limited

**Public Access Television Station**
- No

**High Speed Internet Service**
- Business Limited
- Residential Limited

### Property Taxes

- **Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $19.52
- **Equalization Ratio**: 98.7
- **Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $19.12

**Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
- Residential Land and Buildings: 94.1%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 1.2%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 4.7%

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

- **Total Population**
  - 2019: 1,617
  - 2010: 1,640
  - 2000: 1,667
  - 1990: 1,639
  - 1980: 1,390
  - 1970: 1,268

- **Community**
  - 2019: 43,146
  - 2010: 43,742
  - 2000: 40,560
  - 1990: 38,652
  - 1980: 36,063
  - 1970: 30,949

### Demographics

**Population by Gender**
- Male: 922
- Female: 861

**Population by Age Group**
- Under age 5: 61
- Age 5 to 19: 311
- Age 20 to 34: 150
- Age 35 to 54: 392
- Age 55 to 64: 355
- Age 65 and over: 514

**Median Age**: 54.1 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
- High school graduate or higher: 96.4%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 41.9%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)

- **Per capita income**: $42,241
- **Median family income**: $104,167
- **Median household income**: $82,083

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**
- Male: $52,438
- Female: $55,417

**Individuals below the poverty level**: 9.8%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELM)

- **Annual Average Employment**
  - 2009: 1,192
  - 2019: 1,377

- **Civilian labor force**
  - Employed: 1,377
  - Unemployed: 55

- **Unemployment rate**: 4.6%

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

- **Annual Average Covered Employment**
  - 2009: 61
  - 2019: 46

- **Goods Producing Industries**
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: $572

- **Service Providing Industries**
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: $579

- **Total Private Industry**
  - Average Employment: $447
  - Average Weekly Wage: $576

- **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
  - Average Employment: 78
  - Average Weekly Wage: $619

- **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
  - Average Employment: 140
  - Average Weekly Wage: $652

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Cornish operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Claremont or the State of Vermont (Windsor and Hartford)

Career Technology Center(s): Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
- Number of Schools: 1  
- Grade Levels: PK 1-8  
- Total Enrollment: 96

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

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>Product/Service</th>
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<td>Dingee Machine Company</td>
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<td>Cornish Highway Department</td>
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<td>12% Solution</td>
<td>Convenience store</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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

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

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

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

- Working in community of residence: 19.6%  
- Commuting to another NH community: 65.4%  
- Commuting out-of-state: 15.0%

**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  
  - Museums  
  - Cinemas  
  - Performing Arts Facilities  
- X Tourist Attractions  
  - Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)  
  - Youth Sports: Baseball  
  - Youth Sports: Soccer  
  - Youth Sports: Football  
  - Youth Sports: Basketball  
  - Youth Sports: Hockey  
- X Campgrounds  
- X Fishing/Hunting  
- X Boating/Marinas  
- X Snowmobile Trails  
- X Bicycle Trails  
- X Cross Country Skiing  
  - Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
  - Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee, Mount Ascutney (VT)

Other: Cornish Fair; St Gaudens National Historic Site