Franconia, NH

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Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 2 pm, Thursday, 10 am - 6 pm

County
Grafton

Labor Market Area
Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part

Tourism Region
White Mountains

Planning Commission
North Country Council

Regional Development
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
District 2
Executive Council
District 1
State Senate
District 1
State Representative
Grafton County Districts 2, 14

Incorporated: 1764

Origin: Franconia was first chartered in 1764, but settlers were unable to meet the prescribed terms, and in 1772 it was regranted along with a substantial portion of Lincoln as Morristown. There was considerable conflict of claim between the original grantees of Franconia and Lincoln and the Morristown grantees, and following a court decision that forfeiture of grant was illegal, ownership was returned to the original settlers. The western section of Franconia was at one time mined for copper and magnetic iron ore. Franconia Notch is well known for its natural features, including the Old Man of the Mountains, which fell on May 3, 2003, Profile and Echo Lakes, the Flume, and the Basin. Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway was the first passenger tramway built in North America.

Villages and Place Names: Mittersill, Franconia Notch

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 72 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Franconia totaled 450 over 49 years, from 655 in 1970 to 1,105 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 19 percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2019 Census estimate for Franconia was 1,105 residents, which ranked 180th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 16.8 persons per square mile of land area. Franconia contains 65.7 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018</td>
<td>$2,821,367</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1970/16</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2008</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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#### Boards and Commissions

**Elected:** Selectmen; Library; Water; Trust Funds; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Cemetery

**Appointed:** Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recreation; CIP

#### Public Library

Abbie Greenleaf

### Emergency Services

- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Volunteer
- Emergency Medical Service: Volunteer

**Nearest Hospital(s):**

- Distance: 9 miles
- Staffed Beds: 25

**Littleton Regional, Littleton**

### Utilities

- Electric Supplier: Eversource Energy
- Natural Gas Supplier: None
- Water Supplier: Franconia Water
- Sanitation: Private septic
- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: No
- Solid Waste Disposal: Curbside Trash Pickup: None
- Pay-As-You-Throw Program: Yes
- Recycling Program: Voluntary
- Telephone Company: Fairpoint
- Cellular Telephone Access: Limited
- Cable Television Access: Limited
- Public Access Television Station: No
- High Speed Internet Service: Business Limited
- Residential Limited

### Property Taxes

- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $18.98
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 87.0
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $16.41

#### 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

- Residential Land and Buildings: 87.2%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 10.8%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.0%

### Housing

#### (ACS 2015-2019)

- Total Housing Units: 904
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 777
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 69
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 46
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 12

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

#### (US Census Bureau)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>1,105</td>
<td>89,886</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>1,104</td>
<td>89,118</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>926</td>
<td>81,826</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>823</td>
<td>74,998</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>743</td>
<td>65,806</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>655</td>
<td>54,914</td>
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### Demographics

#### American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019

**Population by Gender**

- Male: 497
- Female: 578

**Population by Age Group**

- Under age 5: 13
- Age 5 to 19: 105
- Age 20 to 34: 184
- Age 35 to 54: 142
- Age 55 to 64: 280
- Age 65 and over: 351

- Median Age: 58.0 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

- High school graduate or higher: 97.6%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 51.7%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $

#### (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $45,422
- Median family income: $105,179
- Median household income: $68,750

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

- Male: $44,076
- Female: $53,000

**Individuals below the poverty level**: 2.0%

### Labor Force

#### (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average: 2009, 2019
- Civilian labor force: 561, 654
- Employed: 534, 643
- Unemployed: 27, 11
- Unemployment rate: 4.8%, 1.7%

### Employment & Wages

#### (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009, 2019
- Goods Producing Industries:
  - Average Employment: 35, 65
  - Average Weekly Wage: $635, $740
- Service Providing Industries:
  - Average Employment: 567, 548
  - Average Weekly Wage: $618, $802
- Total Private Industry:
  - Average Employment: 603, 613
  - Average Weekly Wage: $619, $795
- Government (Federal, State, and Local):
  - Average Employment: 205, 259
  - Average Weekly Wage: $513, $493
- Total, Private Industry plus Government:
  - Average Employment: 808, 872
  - Average Weekly Wage: $592, $706

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 6/05/2017
### Education and Child Care

Schools students attend: Grades K-6 are part of Lafayette Regional (Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill); grades 7-12 are part of Profile (Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill)

Career Technology Center(s): H. J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

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<th>Number of Schools</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>K 1-6</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>115</td>
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Nearest Community College: White Mountains

Nearest Colleges or Universities: Granite State College-Littleton

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

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<th>Total Facilities</th>
<th>Total Capacity</th>
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### Largest Businesses

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<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
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<td>Franconia Notch State Park</td>
<td>Tourism</td>
<td>339</td>
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<td>Garnet Hill Catalog Sales</td>
<td>Clothing (natural fibers)</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Lafayette Center</td>
<td>Nursing Facility</td>
<td>98</td>
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<td>Cannon Mountain</td>
<td>Tourism</td>
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### Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<td>US Routes</td>
<td>State Routes</td>
<td>I-93, Exits 34B, 34C, or 35 - 38</td>
<td>Local access</td>
<td>Franconia Airport</td>
<td>Runway</td>
<td>2,305 ft. turf</td>
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### Commuting to Work (ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
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<td>Carpoled, car/truck/van</td>
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<td>Public transportation</td>
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<td>Walked</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
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Mean Travel Time to Work 29.2 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

- Working in community of residence: 35.7%
- Commuting to another NH community: 52.4%
- Commuting out-of-state: 11.9%

### Recreational Facilities

- 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
- 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
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

- Nearest Ski Area(s): Cannon, Loon, Bretton Woods
- Other: Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Franconia Notch State Park; Flume Gorge; Old Man of the Mountain Memorial; Cannon Mountain Tramway