

Grafton, NH



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Town of Grafton
Board of Selectmen
Town Office Building, PO Box 299
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Selectmen: Monday to Thursday, 8-4:30, Friday, 8-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday and Wednesday, 5:15-8 pm; Friday, 7-11; last Saturday each month, 8-12

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

District 2
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Grafton County Districts 11, 18

Incorporated: 1778

Origin: This town was named for Augustus Henry Fitzroy, Duke of Grafton, Earl of Arlington and Euston, Viscount Thetford, and Baron Sudbury. The Duke was a pro-American member of English government prior to the Revolution, and related to Governor Benning Wentworth. Grafton County and Thetford, Vermont, were also named in honor of the Duke. Grantees of the initial 1761 charter voted to surrender their grant in 1762. The land was regranted in 1769 to new colonists, including John Hancock and James Otis, well-known Boston patriots.

Villages and Place Names: East Grafton, Grafton Center, Robinson Corner, Cardigan Station

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 403 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Grafton totaled 1,020 over 50 years, from 370 in 1970 to 1,390 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 100 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Grafton was 1,414 residents, which ranked 171st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 34.0 persons per square mile of land area. Grafton contains 41.6 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$1,588,320	
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Zoning Ordinance		No Board	
Master Plan		1987	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Trust Funds; Library; Budget; Treasurer; Tax Collector; Town Clerk; Police Chief; Checklist; Cemetery; Moderator		
Appointed:	Recreation; Road Agent		
Public Library	Grafton Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
New London Hospital, New London	22 miles	25	
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	23 miles	23	
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	25 miles	419	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	None		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Mandatory		
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications		
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited		
Cable Television Access	Limited		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$26.50	
2022 Equalization Ratio		64.3	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$17.00	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		94.5%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		2.3%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		716	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		600	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		14	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		102	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022		1,414	91,126
2020		1,385	91,118
2010		1,340	89,118
2000		1,138	81,826
1990		924	74,998
1980		739	65,806
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	635	Female	490
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		86	
Age 5 to 19		134	
Age 20 to 34		204	
Age 35 to 54		206	
Age 55 to 64		254	
Age 65 and over		241	
Median Age		50.5 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		841	
High school graduate or higher		91.2%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		30.9%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$36,647	
Median family income		\$79,196	
Median household income		\$70,625	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$50,438	
Female		\$42,708	
Individuals below the poverty level		9.7%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		678	660
Employed		649	638
Unemployed		29	22
Unemployment rate		4.3%	3.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		n	n
Average Weekly Wage		n	n
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		n	n
Average Weekly Wage		n	n
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		n	21
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 944
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		13	14
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 452	\$ 644
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		n	35
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 825
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				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region; River Valley**

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

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Grafton	Municipal services	12	1778

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	4A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-89, Exit 17; I-93, Exit 23	
Distance	19 miles; 21 miles	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Newfound Valley, Bristol	Runway	1,900 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	26 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		55 miles
Portland, Maine		148 miles
Boston, Mass.		106 miles
New York City, NY		291 miles
Montreal, Quebec		209 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	2.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.9%
Other means	0.6%
Worked at home	10.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	41.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	20.8%
Commuting to another NH community	66.0%
Commuting out-of-state	13.2%

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

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Ragged Mountain**

Other: