

Grafton, NH



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County	Grafton
Labor Market Area	Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part
Tourism Region	Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Planning Commission	Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Development	Grafton County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 2
State Representative	Grafton County Districts 9, 17

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.

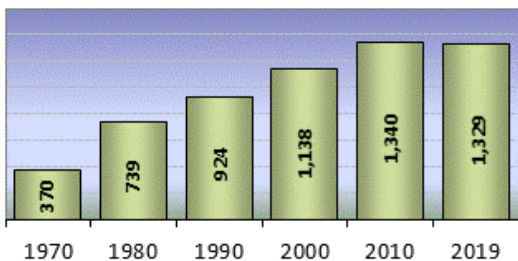
Villages and Place Names: East Grafton, Grafton Center, Robinson Corner, Cardigan Station

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

Population Trends: Population change for Grafton totaled 959 over 49 years, from 370 in 1970 to 1,329 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 100 percent between 1970 and 1980, nearly doubling the population over those ten years. The 2019 Census estimate for Grafton was 1,329 residents, which ranked 172nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 31.9 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, 2020	\$1,361,046
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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; Road Agent; Cemetery; Moderator
Appointed:	Recreation
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	25	
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	25 miles	406	

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	Fairpoint		
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited		
Cable Television Access	Limited		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$31.77	
2019 Equalization Ratio		85.0	
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$26.93	
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		94.4%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		1.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		4.2%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Total Housing Units		846	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		699	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		18	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		129	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	1,329	89,886	
2010	1,340	89,118	
2000	1,138	81,826	
1990	924	74,998	
1980	739	65,806	
1970	370	54,914	

DEMOGRAPHICS				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	706	Female		656	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				101	
Age 5 to 19				192	
Age 20 to 34				249	
Age 35 to 54				288	
Age 55 to 64				263	
Age 65 and over				269	
Median Age				46.7 years	

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		91.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher		27.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income		\$31,373	
Median family income		\$68,333	
Median household income		\$61,429	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$48,438	
Female		\$39,063	
Individuals below the poverty level			9.5%

LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average	2009	2019			
Civilian labor force	712	676			
Employed	671	659			
Unemployed	41	17			
Unemployment rate	5.8%	2.5%			

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019			
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	34	24			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 353	\$ 603			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	14	13			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 531	\$ 574			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	48	37			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 405	\$ 593			

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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)** Region: **7**

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; Colby-Sawyer; Plymouth State University**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

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 2015-2019)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	89.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	2.5%
Worked at home	10.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	41.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	11.9
Commuting to another NH community	77.2
Commuting out-of-state	10.9

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: