Hanover, NH

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Municipal Office Hours

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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

District 2
District 1
District 5
Grafton County District 12

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: Granted in 1761, the town was named for Hanover Parish, the home parish of settlers from Lisbon, Connecticut. In 1769, Reverend Eleazar Wheelock, received a charter for a college to educate Native Americans, an expansion of the Charity School he had established in Connecticut. The college was named for William Legge, Second Earl of Dartmouth, a supporter of the Reverend’s efforts. In 1771, Governor John Wentworth, upon petition from Reverend Wheelock, chartered 300 acres between Hanover and Lebanon for Dartmouth College. The land chartered to the college was for a time known as Dresden, one of 16 towns involved in a border dispute with Vermont. Today, the name Dresden is that of the local school district, a bi-state district including towns from both sides of the Connecticut River.

Villages and Place Names: Etna, Hanover Center, Dartmouth College

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,380 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Hanover, including resident students, totaled 2,979 over 49 years, from 8,494 in 1970 to 11,473 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an 18 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 Census estimate for Hanover was 11,473 residents, which ranked 26th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 233.7 persons per square mile of land area. Hanover contains 49.1 square miles of land area and 1.0 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, 2020-2021</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1931/18</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2003</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
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**Boards and Commissions**

Elected: Selectmen; Trust Funds; Library; Town Clerk; Moderator; Checklist; Assessors

Appointed: Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Parks & Recreation; Finance; Affordable Housing

**Public Library**

Howe; Hanover Town

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department

Fire Department

Emergency Medical Service

Full-time

Full-time

Full-time

Nearest Hospital(s) | Distance | Staffed Beds
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Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon | 3 miles | 406
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon | 7 miles | 25

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier | Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities; NH Electric Coop

Natural Gas Supplier | None

Water Supplier | Municipal

Sanitation | Municipal

Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | Yes

Solid Waste Disposal

Curbside Trash Pickup | Private

Pay-As-You-Throw Program | No

Recycling Program | Curbside

Telephone Company | Comcast; Consolidated Communications

Cellular Telephone Access | Yes

Cable Television Access | Limited

Public Access Television Station | Yes

High Speed Internet Service: Business | Limited

Residential | Limited

**PROPERTY TAXES**

(ND Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) | $18.45

2019 Equalization Ratio | 90.6

2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) | $16.68

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings | 76.9%

Commercial Land and Buildings | 22.5%

Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 0.6%

**HOUSING**

(ACS 2015-2019)

Total Housing Units | 3,473

Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 2,371

Units in Multiple-Family Structures:

Two to Four Units in Structure | 208

Five or More Units in Structure | 876

Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 18

**POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECCENTUAL)**

(US Census Bureau)

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<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>11,473</td>
<td>89,886</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>11,260</td>
<td>89,118</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>10,855</td>
<td>81,826</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>9,186</td>
<td>74,998</td>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>9,119</td>
<td>65,806</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>8,494</td>
<td>54,914</td>
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**DEMOGRAPHICS**

AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019

Population by Gender

| Male | 5,712 |
| Female | 5,755 |

Population by Age Group

| Under age 5 | 232 |
| Age 5 to 19 | 3,565 |
| Age 20 to 34 | 3,415 |
| Age 35 to 54 | 1,736 |
| Age 55 to 64 | 999 |
| Age 65 and over | 1,520 |
| Median Age | 24.5 years |

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher | 96.7%

Bachelor’s degree or higher | 82.7%

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $**

(ACS 2015-2019)

| Per capita income | $52,327 |
| Median family income | $187,162 |
| Median household income | $137,344 |

| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | | |
| Male | $96,964 |
| Female | $68,214 |

| Individuals below the poverty level | 8.5% |

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average | 2009 | 2019 |

| Civilian labor force | 5,656 | 5,049 |
| Employed | 5,464 | 4,908 |
| Unemployed | 192 | 141 |
| Unemployment rate | 3.4% | 2.8% |

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average Covered Employment | 2009 | 2019 |

| Goods Producing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 1,103 | 786 |
| Average Weekly Wage | $1,014 | $1,451 |

| Service Providing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 7,694 | 7,330 |
| Average Weekly Wage | $1,204 | $1,568 |

| Total Private Industry | | |
| Average Employment | 8,797 | 8,116 |
| Average Weekly Wage | $1,180 | $1,557 |

| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | |
| Average Employment | 783 | 791 |
| Average Weekly Wage | $1,096 | $1,291 |

| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | |
| Average Employment | 9,580 | 8,907 |
| Average Weekly Wage | $1,173 | $1,533 |

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/04/2020
**ECONOMICS**

**Education and Child Care**

Schools students attend: Hanover operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are part of Dresden Cooperative (Hanover NH and Norwich VT)

Career Technology Center(s): Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
- **Number of Schools:** 1  
- **Grade Levels:** K-5  
- **Total Enrollment:** 458

Nearest Community College: River Valley

Nearest Colleges or Universities: Dartmouth; Colby-Sawyer

**Largest Businesses**

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<td>Dartmouth College</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>3,497</td>
<td>1769</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hypertherm</td>
<td>Plasma arch cutting</td>
<td>610</td>
<td>1968</td>
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<tr>
<td>Town of Hanover</td>
<td>Municipal services</td>
<td>247</td>
<td>1761</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dartmouth Printing Co.</td>
<td>Printing services</td>
<td>245</td>
<td>1938</td>
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<td>Hanover Inn</td>
<td>Lodging</td>
<td>112</td>
<td>1769</td>
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<td>Creare</td>
<td>Research &amp; development services</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>1969</td>
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<td>Trumbull Nelson Construction Co.</td>
<td>Construction</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>1917</td>
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<td>Kendall at Hanover</td>
<td>Continuing Care Retirement Community</td>
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**Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

- **Road Access**
  - US Routes: 10, 10A, 120
  - State Routes: I-91 (VT), Exit 13; I-89, Exit 18
  - Distance: 1 mile; 5 miles
- **Railroad:** No
- **Public Transportation:** Advance Transit
- **Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation**
  - Lebanon Municipal: Runway 5,496 ft. asphalt, Lighted? Yes, Navigation Aids? Yes
- **Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service**
  - Lebanon Municipal: Distance 6 miles, Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1

**Commuting to Work (ACS 2015-2019)**

- Workers 16 years and over  
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 54.4%  
  - Carpoled, car/truck/van: 5.6%  
  - Public transportation: 2.8%  
  - Walked: 22.9%  
  - Other means: 7.8%  
  - Worked at home: 10.2%  
  - Mean Travel Time to Work: 16.4 minutes

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

- Working in community of residence: 61.1%  
- Commuting to another NH community: 28.7%  
- Commuting out-of-state: 10.2%

**Recreation, Attractions, and Events**

- 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): Dartmouth Skiway**

Other: Community Rowing Facility; Hood Museum of Art; Hopkins Center