

# Lempster, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Business Office: Tuesday, Wednesday, 8 am - 4:00 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 1 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday through Thursday, 8 am - 5:30 pm, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon, first and last Saturday each month, 8 am - 12 noon**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Sullivan**  
**Newport, NH LMA**  
**Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**  
**Upper Valley Lake Sunapee**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

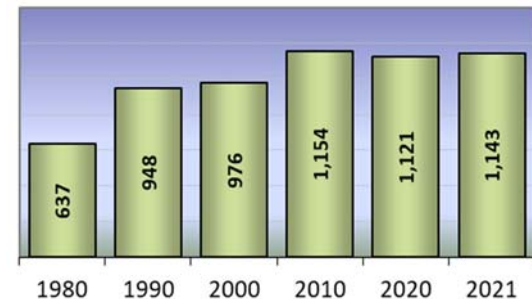
**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 8**  
**Sullivan County Districts 4, 8**

**Incorporated: 1761**

**Origin:** This territory was originally granted in 1735 by Massachusetts Governor Belcher as Number 9, the ninth in a line of forts established to guard against Indian attacks. It was regranted in 1753 by Governor Benning Wentworth under the name Dupplin, after Sir Thomas Hay, Lord Dupplin of Scotland, who had been in charge of the settlement of Nova Scotia. The town was granted yet again in 1761 as Lempster, named for Sir Thomas Fermor of Lempster, England, who was a Wentworth relation. Settlers were not able to meet the prescribed terms, so a regrant charter was issued in 1767. By 1770 only eight families had settled there, and a charter extension was requested of and issued by Governor John Wentworth in 1772.

**Villages and Place Names:** Dodge Hollow, East Lempster, Keyes Hollow

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 415 residents in 1790



## Population Trends:

Population change for Lempster totaled 506 over 41 years, from 637 in 1980 to 1,143 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 49 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Lempster was 1,143 residents, which ranked 180th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau):** 35.4 persons per square mile of land area. Lempster contains 32.3 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	<b>\$1,740,974</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$3,417,334</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>No Board</b>
Master Plan	<b>2003</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation</b>
Public Library	<b>Miner Memorial</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Sullivan County Sheriff</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	

<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>	
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>	

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.76</b>		
2021 Equalization Ratio	<b>79.7</b>		
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.24</b>		
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>90.7%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>4.1%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>5.3%</b>		

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>676</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>614</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>4</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>2</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>56</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	<b>1,143</b>	<b>43,533</b>	
2020	<b>1,121</b>	<b>43,033</b>	
2010	<b>1,154</b>	<b>43,742</b>	
2000	<b>97</b>	<b>40,560</b>	
1990	<b>948</b>	<b>38,652</b>	
1980	<b>637</b>	<b>36,063</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	<b>402</b>	Female		<b>401</b>	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				<b>49</b>	
Age 5 to 19				<b>109</b>	
Age 20 to 34				<b>94</b>	
Age 35 to 54				<b>225</b>	
Age 55 to 64				<b>162</b>	
Age 65 and over				<b>164</b>	
Median Age				<b>48.0 years</b>	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher				<b>88.5%</b>	
Bachelor's degree or higher				<b>23.8%</b>	

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$33,655</b>
Median family income			<b>\$83,594</b>
Median household income			<b>\$73,125</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$57,917</b>
Female			<b>\$50,347</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>8.2%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2011	2021			
Civilian labor force	<b>649</b>	<b>642</b>			
Employed	<b>619</b>	<b>619</b>			
Unemployed	<b>30</b>	<b>23</b>			
Unemployment rate	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>			

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	<b>53</b>	<b>106</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 815</b>	<b>\$ 857</b>			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	<b>61</b>	<b>27</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 587</b>	<b>\$ 534</b>			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	<b>114</b>	<b>133</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 694</b>	<b>\$ 792</b>			

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Lempster operates K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Claremont, Newport, or Sunapee** District: **SAU 71**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont; Newport)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	108			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Colby-Sawyer; New England**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bonnie Plants	Greenhouse, growers		2018
Lempster Wind, LLC	Wind farm		2008
OneWay Auto Repair	Auto repair		2014

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality*

<b>TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)</b>			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes		<b>10</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 7</b>	
	Distance		<b>18 miles</b>
Railroad			<b>No</b>
Public Transportation			<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
	<b>Parlin Field, Newport</b>	Runway	<b>3,450 ft. asphalt</b>
	Lighted?	<b>No</b>	Navigation Aids? <b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
	<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>38 miles</b>
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:			
	Manchester, NH		<b>56 miles</b>
	Portland, Maine		<b>149 miles</b>
	Boston, Mass.		<b>107 miles</b>
	New York City, NY		<b>243 miles</b>
	Montreal, Quebec		<b>225 miles</b>
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)</b>			
Workers 16 years and over			
	Drove alone, car/truck/van		<b>78.8%</b>
	Carpooled, car/truck/van		<b>9.5%</b>
	Public transportation		<b>0.0%</b>
	Walked		<b>1.1%</b>
	Other means		<b>0.0%</b>
	Worked at home		<b>10.6%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work			<b>34.1 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020</b>			
	Working in community of residence		<b>64.1%</b>
	Commuting to another NH community		<b>27.9%</b>
	Commuting out-of-state		<b>8.1%</b>

<b>RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS</b>	
	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
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee</b>
	Other: <b>Youth Field Hockey</b>