Lempster, NH

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County
Sullivan

Labor Market Area
Newport, NH LMA

Tourism Region
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee

Regional Development
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
District 2
District 2
District 8
Sullivan County Districts 7, 11

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 808 over 49 years, from 360 in 1970 to 1,168 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 49 percent increase over the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Lempster was 1,168 residents, which ranked 177th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 36.1 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Goshen. Lempster contains 32.3 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>No Board</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
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#### Boards and Commissions

- Elected: Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds
- Appointed: Conservation

#### Public Library

- Miner Memorial

### Emergency Services

- Police Department: Sullivan County Sheriff
- Fire Department: Volunteer
- Emergency Medical Service: Volunteer

#### nearest Hospital(s)

- Valley Regional, Claremont: 15 miles, 25 Staffed Beds

### 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: Yes
- Recycling Program: Voluntary
- Telephone Company: Fairpoint
- Cellular Telephone Access: Yes
- Cable Television Access: Yes
- Public Access Television Station: No
- High Speed Internet Service: Business Yes, Residential Yes

### Property Taxes

- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $27.31
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 88.4
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $19.19

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

- Residential Land and Buildings: 90.7%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 3.7%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 5.7%

### Housing

- Total Housing Units: 694
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 614
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 5
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 3
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 72

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial) (US Census Bureau)

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<th>Total Population</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>1,168</td>
<td>43,146</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>1,154</td>
<td>43,742</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>40,560</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>948</td>
<td>38,652</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>637</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>360</td>
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### Demographics (American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019)

- Population by Gender
  - Male: 432
  - Female: 491
- Population by Age Group
  - Under age 5: 66
  - Age 5 to 19: 157
  - Age 20 to 34: 88
  - Age 35 to 54: 261
  - Age 55 to 64: 179
  - Age 65 and over: 172
  - Median Age: 47.5 years
- Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
  - High school graduate or higher: 88.4%
  - Bachelor's degree or higher: 22.2%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $31,481
- Median family income: $79,333
- Median household income: $70,156
- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $63,819
  - Female: $41,579
- Individuals below the poverty level: 8.1%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average: 2009 – 2019
- Civilian labor force: 556 – 630
- Employed: 515 – 614
- Unemployed: 41 – 16
- Unemployment rate: 7.4% – 2.5%

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009 – 2019
- Goods Producing Industries Averages
  - Average Employment: 9
  - Average Weekly Wage: $511
- Service Providing Industries Averages
  - Average Employment: 56
  - Average Weekly Wage: $730
- Total Private Industry Averages
  - Average Employment: 65
  - Average Weekly Wage: $700
- Government (Federal, State, and Local) Averages
  - Average Employment: 61
  - Average Weekly Wage: $588
- Total, Private Industry plus Government Averages
  - Average Employment: 125
  - Average Weekly Wage: $646

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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 Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont; Newport) Region: 10

Career Technology Center(s):
- Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont; Newport)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)
- Number of Schools: 1
- Grade Levels: K 1-8
- Total Enrollment: 100

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

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES

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<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
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<td>Lempster Wind, LLC</td>
<td>Wind farm</td>
<td></td>
<td>2008</td>
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<td>OneWay Auto Repair</td>
<td>Auto repair</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

- Road Access: US Routes, State Routes
- Nearest Interstate, Exit: I-91 (VT), Exit 7
- Distance: 18 miles
- Railroad: No
- Public Transportation: No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
- Parlin Field, Newport
  - Runway: 3,450 ft. asphalt
  - Lighted: No
  - Navigation Aids: No

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
- Lebanon Municipal
  - Distance: 38 miles
  - Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport: 1

Driving distance to select cities:
- Manchester, NH: 56 miles
- Portland, Maine: 149 miles
- Boston, Mass.: 107 miles
- New York City, NY: 243 miles
- Montreal, Quebec: 225 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

- Workers 16 years and over
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 79.5%
  - Carpooleo, car/truck/van: 3.8%
  - Public transportation: 0.0%
  - Walked: 1.0%
  - Other means: 15.6%
  - Worked at home: 9.2%
  - Mean Travel Time to Work: 30.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019
- Working in community of residence: 20.2%
- Commuting to another NH community: 70.6%
- Commuting out-of-state: 9.2%

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): Mount Sunapee
Other: Youth Field Hockey