

Lempster, NH



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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 2
District 8
Sullivan County Districts 7, 11

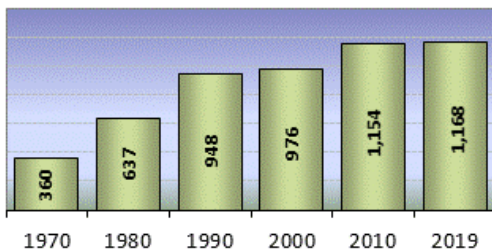
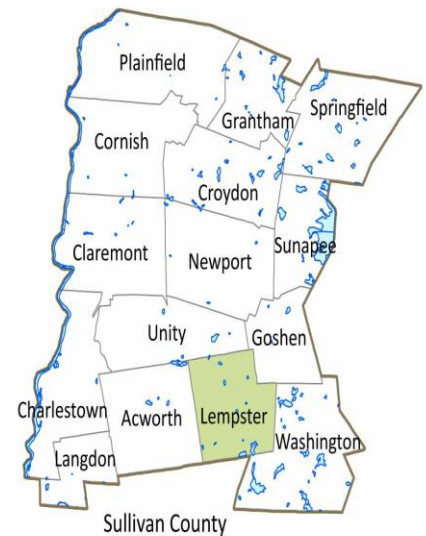
Incorporated: 1761

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	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$1,547,515
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Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

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)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Valley Regional, Claremont	15 miles	25

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		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
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		(ACS 2015-2019)
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)
Total Population	Community	County
2019	1,168	43,146
2010	1,154	43,742
2000	97	40,560
1990	948	38,652
1980	637	36,063
1970	360	30,949

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

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009		2019
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	9		n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 511		n
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	56		n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 730		n
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	65		94
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 700		\$ 853
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	61		20
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 588		\$ 648
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	125		114
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 646		\$ 816

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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)** Region: **10**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
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	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Lempster Wind, LLC	Wind farm		2008
OneWay Auto Repair	Auto repair		2014

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10
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%
Carpooled, 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
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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee
	Other: Youth Field Hockey