

Littleton, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part
White Mountains
North Country Council
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 1
Grafton County District 1

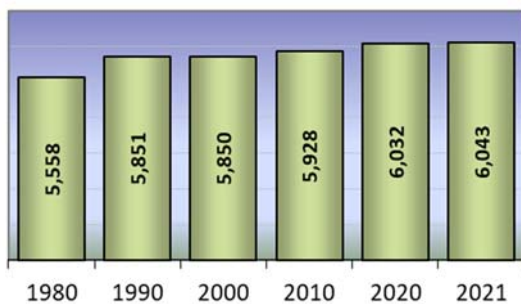
Incorporated: 1784

Origin: This town was part of the 1764 charter called Chiswick, which included territory in Lisbon, Littleton, Dalton, and Sugar Hill. In 1770, a charter was issued under the name Apthorp to Colonel Moses Little and others who had purchased a portion of the Chiswick grant from the original grantees. The name Apthorp was in honor of George Apthorp, head of one of the wealthiest mercantile establishments in Boston. In 1784, Apthorp was separated into two towns, one being incorporated as Dalton, and the other as Littleton. The name Littleton was selected in honor of Colonel Moses Little, who had held the post of Surveyor of the King's Woods under Governor Wentworth.

Villages and Place Names: Apthorp, North Littleton

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 96 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Littleton totaled 485 over 41 years, from 5,558 in 1980 to 6,043 in 2021. The largest decennial percent changes were five percent increases between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Littleton was 6,043 residents, which ranked 58th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 120.8 persons per square mile of land area. Littleton contains 50.0 square miles of land area and 4.0 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Selectmen		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$9,593,608		
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Zoning Ordinance	1970/14		
Master Plan	2016		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Staff		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Parks; School; Checklist; Trust Funds		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Budget; Water & Light; Energy; Cultural Arts; Opera House; Parking		
Public Library	Littleton Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Municipal		
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal & private		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Littleton Regional, Littleton	Local	25	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Littleton Water & Light; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Littleton Water & Light		
Sanitation	Municipal		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes		
Recycling Program	Voluntary		
Telephone Company	Firstlight		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	Yes		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.06		
2021 Equalization Ratio	81.2		
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.49		
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	56.8%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	32.4%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	10.8%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Total Housing Units	3,489		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,978		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	614		
Five or More Units in Structure	625		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	272		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	6,043	92,201	
2020	6,028	91,123	
2010	5,928	89,118	
2000	5,850	81,826	
1990	5,851	74,998	
1980	5,558	65,806	
DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	2,937	Female	2,979
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	266		
Age 5 to 19	597		
Age 20 to 34	1,650		
Age 35 to 54	928		
Age 55 to 64	1,201		
Age 65 and over	1,274		
Median Age	48.4 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	89.2%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	29.9%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Per capita income	\$44,412		
Median family income	\$65,957		
Median household income	\$45,049		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$46,600		
Female	\$43,734		
Individuals below the poverty level	19.6%		
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	3,197	3,163	
Employed	3,047	3,033	
Unemployed	150	130	
Unemployment rate	4.7%	4.1%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	781	690	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 709	\$1,013	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	3,305	3,801	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 676	\$ 937	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	4,086	4,491	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 682	\$ 949	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	381	424	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 872	\$1,002	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	4,467	4,915	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 698	\$ 953	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Littleton operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 84**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center; White Mountains RHS**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	2	1
Grade Levels	K 1-6	7-8	9-12	P 1-3
Total Enrollment	303	91	266	42

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **99**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	1,110	2000
Littleton Regional Hospital	Health care services	524	1906
Littleton Coin Company	Collector coins, mail order	300	1947
Tender Corporation	Insect repellent, sunscreen, medical kits	195	1977
Burndy Corporation	Electrical connectors	180	1976
Wal-Mart	Retail store	144	1998
Lowe's	Home improvement center	125	2006
Home Depot	Home improvement center	104	2005
Littleton Food Co-Op	Grocery store	89	2009
GenFoot America (Kamik Outdoor Footwear)	Boots, shoe products	61	1993

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	302
	State Routes	10, 18, 116, 135
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exits 41 - 44	
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		NCT
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Mt Washington Reg, Whitefield	Runway	4,001 ft. asphalt
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?
		Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	67 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		103 miles
Portland, Maine		111 miles
Boston, Mass.		153 miles
New York City, NY		341 miles
Montreal, Quebec		167 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	74.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	8.1%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	5.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	18.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	77.1%
Commuting to another NH community	16.7%
Commuting out-of-state	6.2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Bretton Woods, Cannon Mountain, Mt. Eustis
	Other: Littleton Main Street; Moore Reservoir; Art Show; Historical Society; Pollyanna Sculpture; Riverwalk