Littleton, NH

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County
Grafton

Labor Market Area
Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part

Tourism Region
White Mountains

Planning Commission
North Country Council

Regional Development
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
District 2
District 1
Grafton County Districts 1, 14

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 580 over 49 years, from
5,290 in 1970 to 5,870 in 2019. The largest decennial percent changes were five percent
 increases between 1970 and 1980, 1980 and 1990; between 1990 and 2000 the
population did not change. The 2019 Census estimate for Littleton was
5,870 residents, which ranked 59th among New Hampshire's
incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 117.3 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, 2018**: $10,944,209
- **Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018**: $16,516,859
- **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; River District; 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 25
- **Littleton Regional, Littleton**

### 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**: Municipal & private
- **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 & Residential

### Property Taxes
- **(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)**
  - 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $23.10
  - 2019 Equalization Ratio: 91.4
  - 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $15.89
  - 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type:
    - Residential Land and Buildings: 58.5%
    - Commercial Land and Buildings: 30.4%
    - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 11.1%

### Housing
- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - Total Housing Units: 3,523
  - Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 1,915
  - Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
    - Two to Four Units in Structure: 807
    - Five or More Units in Structure: 533
    - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 268

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)
- **(US Census Bureau)**
  - Total Population: Community
    - 2019: 5,870
    - 2010: 5,928
    - 2000: 5,850
    - 1990: 5,851
    - 1980: 5,558
    - 1970: 5,290
  - County
    - 2019: 89,886
    - 2010: 89,118
    - 2000: 81,826
    - 1990: 74,998
    - 1980: 65,806
    - 1970: 54,914

### Demographics
- **American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019**
  - Population by Gender:
    - Male: 2,756
    - Female: 3,159
  - Population by Age Group:
    - Under age 5: 342
    - Age 5 to 19: 649
    - Age 20 to 34: 1,017
    - Age 35 to 54: 1,317
    - Age 55 to 64: 1,526
    - Age 65 and over: 1,234
    - Median Age: 49.9 years
  - Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:
    - High school graduate or higher: 93.3%
    - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 27.2%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $
- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - Per capita income: $31,098
  - Median family income: $51,916
  - Median household income: $40,233
  - Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers:
    - Male: $40,659
    - Female: $36,897
  - Individuals below the poverty level: 20.2%

### Labor Force
- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - Annual Average:
    - 2009: 3,424
    - 2019: 3,233
  - Civilian labor force:
    - 2009: 3,213
    - 2019: 3,161
  - Employed:
    - 2009: 211
    - 2019: 78
  - Unemployed:
    - 2009: 78
    - 2019: 62.2%
  - Unemployment rate:
    - 2009: 2.0%
    - 2019: 2.4%

### Employment & Wages
- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - Annual Average Covered Employment:
    - 2009: 4,090
    - 2019: 4,506
  - Goods Producing Industries:
    - Average Employment:
      - 2009: 690
      - 2019: 734
      - Average Weekly Wage:
        - 2009: $692
        - 2019: $944
  - Service Providing Industries:
    - Average Employment:
      - 2009: 3,399
      - 2019: 3,771
      - Average Weekly Wage:
        - 2009: $634
        - 2019: $843
  - Total Private Industry:
    - Average Employment:
      - 2009: 4,090
      - 2019: 4,506
      - Average Weekly Wage:
        - 2009: $644
        - 2019: $860
  - Government (Federal, State, and Local):
    - Average Employment:
      - 2009: 405
      - 2019: 416
      - Average Weekly Wage:
        - 2009: $850
        - 2019: $896
  - Total, Private Industry plus Government:
    - Average Employment:
      - 2009: 4,495
      - 2019: 4,921
      - Average Weekly Wage:
        - 2009: $662
        - 2019: $863
### EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Schools students attend:</th>
<th>Littleton operates grades K-12</th>
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<tr>
<td>Career Technology Center(s):</td>
<td>Hugh J. Galen Career &amp; Technical Center; White Mountains RHS</td>
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<tr>
<td>District:</td>
<td>SAU 84</td>
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<td>Region:</td>
<td>3</td>
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**Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)**

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<th>Number of Schools</th>
<th>1</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>K-1-6</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>348</td>
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**Nearest Community College:** White Mountains

**Nearest Colleges or Universities:** Granite State College-Littleton

### LARGEST BUSINESSES

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<th>Employer Information Supplied by Municipality</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Shaw’s Supermarket</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Littleton Regional Hospital</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Littleton Coin</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Tender Corporation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Burney Corporation</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Wal-Mart</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Lowe’s</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Home Depot</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Littleton Food Co-Op</strong></td>
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<td><strong>GenFoot America (Kamik Outdoor Footwear)</strong></td>
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### TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<tr>
<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>302</th>
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<tr>
<td>State Routes</td>
<td>10, 18, 116, 135</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-93, Exits 41 - 44</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distance</td>
<td>Local access</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Railroad</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
<td>NCT</td>
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**Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation**

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<tr>
<th>Mt Washington Reg, Whitefield</th>
<th>Runway</th>
<th>4,001 ft. asphalt</th>
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<td>Lighted?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Navigation Aids?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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**Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service**

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<tr>
<th>Lebanon Municipal</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>67 miles</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport</td>
<td>1</td>
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**Driving distance to select cities:**

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<th>Manchester, NH</th>
<th>103 miles</th>
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<tr>
<td>Portland, Maine</td>
<td>111 miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Boston, Mass.</td>
<td>153 miles</td>
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<td>New York City, NY</td>
<td>341 miles</td>
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<td>Montreal, Quebec</td>
<td>167 miles</td>
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### COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>83.0%</th>
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<tr>
<td>Carpoled, car/truck/van</td>
<td>9.1%</td>
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<td>Public transportation</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>Walked</td>
<td>4.3%</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
<td>3.6%</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>6.2%</td>
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<td>Mean Travel Time to Work</td>
<td>20.0 minutes</td>
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**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

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<th>Working in community of residence</th>
<th>51.3</th>
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<tr>
<td>Commuting to another NH community</td>
<td>42.5</td>
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<td>Commuting out-of-state</td>
<td>6.2</td>
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### RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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