Lyme, NH

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County
Grafton
Labor Market Area
Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part
Tourism Region
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Planning Commission
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Development
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
District 2
District 1
District 5
Grafton County District 12

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: This was another of the many towns granted along the Connecticut River in 1761. Lyme takes its name from Old Lyme, which lies at the mouth of the Connecticut River. For many years, the town's name was spelled as Lime in official state documents, however this eventually was decreed a misspelling. Most of the original grantees were from Palmer and Brimfield in Massachusetts, or from Londonderry, New Hampshire. Lyme was one of the 16 towns involved in a protracted border dispute with the independent state of Vermont, before it was admitted to the Union in 1791.

Villages and Place Names: Lyme Center

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 816 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Lyme totaled 653 over 58 years, from 1,026 in 1960 to 1,679 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was a 19 percent increase between 1980 and 1990; the smallest change was two percent between 2000 and 2010. The 2018 Census estimate for Lyme was 1,679 residents, which ranked 153rd among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 31.2 persons per square mile of land area. Lyme contains 53.8 square miles of land area and 1.2 square miles of inland water area.
**Municipal Services**

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<tr>
<th>Type of Government</th>
<th>Selectmen</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017</td>
<td>$3,797,718</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018</td>
<td>$6,817,913</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1989/08</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>1988</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Zoning Administration</td>
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**Boards and Commissions**

Elected: Selectmen; Planning
Appointed: Zoning; Library; Conservation; Recreation; Heritage; Energy

Public Library Converse Free

**Emergency Services**

- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Volunteer
- Emergency Medical Service: Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)
- Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon: 12 miles, 406 Staffed Beds
- Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon: 16 miles, 25 Staffed Beds

**Utilities**

- Electric Supplier: NH Electric Coop; VT Public Service
- 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: Mandatory
- Telephone Company: Fairpoint
- Cellular Telephone Access: Limited
- Cable Television Access: Limited
- Public Access Television Station: No
- High Speed Internet Service: Business Limited, Residential Limited

**Property Taxes** *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

- 2018 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $27.19
- 2018 Equalization Ratio: 91.9
- 2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $24.86

**2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**

- Residential Land and Buildings: 93.7%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 5.2%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.5%

**Housing** *(ACS 2014-2018)*

- Total Housing Units: 772
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 712
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 20
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 15
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 25

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

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<tr>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2018</td>
<td>1,679</td>
<td>89,786</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>1,716</td>
<td>89,118</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>1,681</td>
<td>81,826</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>1,533</td>
<td>74,998</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>1,289</td>
<td>65,806</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>1,112</td>
<td>54,914</td>
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**Demographics** *(American Community Survey (ACS) 2014-2018)*

Population by Gender

- Male: 812
- Female: 870

Population by Age Group

- Under age 5: 100
- Age 5 to 19: 285
- Age 20 to 34: 228
- Age 35 to 54: 412
- Age 55 to 64: 242
- Age 65 and over: 415
- Median Age: 48.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

- High school graduate or higher: 97.6%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 68.4%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $** *(ACS 2014-2018)*

- Per capita income: $62,992
- Median family income: $132,500
- Median household income: $106,786

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

- Male: $105,074
- Female: $80,385

Individuals below the poverty level: 2.6%

**Labor Force** *(NHES – ELMI)*

- Annual Average: 2008, 2018
- Civilian labor force: 1,033, 840
- Employed: 1,009, 824
- Unemployed: 24, 16
- Unemployment rate: 2.3%, 1.9%

**Employment & Wages** *(NHES – ELMI)*

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2008, 2018
- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 95, 62
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,542, $2,270
- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 228, 255
  - Average Weekly Wage: $862, $792
- Total Private Industry
  - Average Employment: 323, 317
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,062, $1,081
- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 75, 84
  - Average Weekly Wage: $662, $843

- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 397, 401
  - Average Weekly Wage: $987, $1,031

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: Lyme operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Dresden Cooperative (Hanover NH and Norwich VT) or Thetford VT

Career Technology Center(s): Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT); River Bend Career & Technical Center (VT)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

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<th>Number of Schools</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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Total Enrollment

184

Total Capacity

135

Nearest Community College: River Valley

Nearest Colleges or Universities: Dartmouth; Plymouth State University

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 2 Total Capacity: 74

LARGEST BUSINESSES

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<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>ESTABLISHED</th>
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<tr>
<td>Dartmouth Skiway</td>
<td>119</td>
<td>1761</td>
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<td>Town of Lyme</td>
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<td>Dowd’s Country Inn</td>
<td>81</td>
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<td>Lyme School District</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Loch Lyme Lodge</td>
<td>42</td>
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<td>Estates &amp; Gallup</td>
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<td>Lyme Inn</td>
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<td>CrossRoads Academy</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wagner Forest Management, Ltd.</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
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Nearest Interstate, Exit I-91 (VT), Exit 14

Distance 3 miles

Railroad No

Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Lebanon Municipal

Runway 5,496 ft. asphalt

Lighted? Yes Navigation Aids? Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Lebanon Municipal

Distance 16 miles

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1

Driving distance to select cities:

- Manchester, NH: 85 miles
- Portland, Maine: 177 miles
- Boston, Mass.: 135 miles
- New York City, NY: 282 miles
- Montreal, Quebec: 193 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2014-2018)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
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<td>Carpoooled, car/truck/van</td>
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<td>Walked</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>9.9%</td>
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<td>Mean Travel Time to Work</td>
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Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018

- Working in community of residence: 21.5%
- Commuting to another NH community: 61.6%
- Commuting out-of-state: 16.9%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

- X 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
- X Youth Sports: Football
- X Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- X Fishing/Hunting
- 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): Dartmouth Skiway

Other: Appalachian Trail