

# Lyme, NH



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County	<b>Grafton</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Upper Valley Lake Sunapee</b>
Regional Development	<b>Grafton County Economic Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 5</b>
State Representative	<b>Grafton County District 12</b>

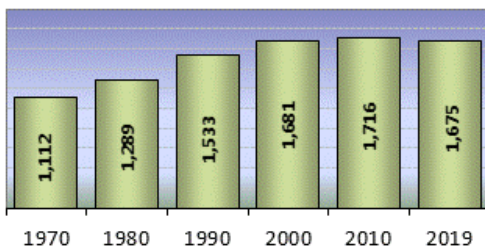
**Incorporated:** 1761

**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 563 over 49 years, from 1,112 in 1970 to 1,675 in 2019. 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 2019 Census estimate for Lyme was 1,675 residents, which ranked 153rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 31.1 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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$4,457,189</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$7,316,291</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1989/08</b>
Master Plan	<b>1988</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Zoning Administration</b>

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning</b>
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Library; Conservation; Recreation; Heritage; Energy</b>

Public Library **Converse Free**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department		<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)		
	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon</b>	<b>12 miles</b>	<b>406</b>
<b>Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon</b>	<b>16 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>NH Electric Coop; VT Public Service</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>	
Sanitation		
	<b>Private septic</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Limited</b>
	Residential	<b>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$27.19</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>94.2</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$25.18</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>92.6%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>5.0%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.3%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>826</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>764</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>21</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>6</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>35</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2019	<b>1,675</b>	<b>89,886</b>
2010	<b>1,716</b>	<b>89,118</b>
2000	<b>1,681</b>	<b>81,826</b>
1990	<b>1,533</b>	<b>74,998</b>
1980	<b>1,289</b>	<b>65,806</b>
1970	<b>1,112</b>	<b>54,914</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>905</b>	Female <b>947</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	<b>125</b>	
Age 5 to 19	<b>353</b>	
Age 20 to 34	<b>215</b>	
Age 35 to 54	<b>450</b>	
Age 55 to 64	<b>256</b>	
Age 65 and over	<b>453</b>	
Median Age	<b>46.7 years</b>	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher	<b>96.7%</b>	
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>66.4%</b>	

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$65,151</b>
Median family income	<b>\$130,833</b>
Median household income	<b>\$112,625</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$109,643</b>
Female	<b>\$81,250</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>3.0%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>1,038</b>	<b>845</b>
Employed	<b>1,009</b>	<b>826</b>
Unemployed	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>83</b>	<b>60</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,346</b>	<b>\$2,278</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>241</b>	<b>265</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 844</b>	<b>\$ 873</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>324</b>	<b>325</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 973</b>	<b>\$1,131</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>73</b>	<b>87</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 711</b>	<b>\$ 851</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>397</b>	<b>412</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 925</b>	<b>\$1,072</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Lyme operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tutioned to Dresden Cooperative (Hanover NH and Norwich VT) or Thetford VT** District: **SAU 76**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT); River Bend Career & Technical Center (VT)** Region: **4 & 7**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			1
Grade Levels	K 1-8			K 1-8
Total Enrollment	184			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	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Dartmouth Skiway	Ski area	119	
Town of Lyme	Municipal services	84	1761
Dowd's Country Inn	Bed & breakfast	81	
Lyme School District	Education	44	
Loch Lyme Lodge	Hotel	42	
Estates & Gallup	General contractors	36	
Lyme Inn	Bed & breakfast	35	
CrossRoads Academy	Education	28	
Wagner Forest Management, Ltd.	Forest management	24	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes		<b>10</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 14</b>	
	Distance		<b>3 miles</b>
Railroad			<b>No</b>
Public Transportation			<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,496 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance		<b>16 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			<b>85 miles</b>
Portland, Maine			<b>177 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.			<b>135 miles</b>
New York City, NY			<b>282 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec			<b>193 miles</b>

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Dartmouth Skiway</b>
	Other: <b>Appalachian Trail</b>

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>76.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>10.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>.0%</b>
Walked	<b>3.1%</b>
Other means	<b>9.2%</b>
Worked at home	<b>17.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>22.7 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>22.7</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>60.1</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>17.2</b>