

Newport, 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 3, 7

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: The first grant of this territory was in 1753 as Grenville, after George Grenville, William Pitt's brother-in-law. Few of the grantees were able to take up claim, and in 1761, the town was granted to a new group as Newport, in honor of Henry Newport, a distinguished English soldier and statesman. This group also had difficulty settling, and was granted a charter renewal in 1769. One of the most well-known people born in Newport was Sarah Josepha Buell Hale, daughter of innkeeper Gordon Buell. She was one of the first women editors in America, and edited the book *Poems for Children* that included "Mary Had A Little Lamb." She also made a successful appeal to President Lincoln for creation of a national holiday, to be known as Thanksgiving Day.

Villages and Place Names: Chandlers Mills, Guild, Kelleyville, North Newport, Chandler Station

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 780 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Newport totaled 401 over 50 years, from 5,899 in 1970 to 6,300 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a six percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Newport was 6,426 residents, which ranked 54th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 147.7 persons per square mile of land area. Newport contains 43.5 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019		\$9,693,694	
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Zoning Ordinance		1965/19	
Master Plan		2012	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Library; Zoning; Heritage; Airport; Recreation		
Public Library	Richards Free		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Valley Regional, Claremont		11 miles	25
New London Hospital, New London		13 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop.		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Newport Water Works		
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications; Windstream	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.90	
2022 Equalization Ratio		98.5	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.43	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		71.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		25.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,819	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,802	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		359	
Five or More Units in Structure		408	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		250	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	6,426		43,958
2020	6,299		43,063
2010	6,507		43,742
2000	6,276		40,560
1990	6,095		38,652
1980	6,229		36,063
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	3,076	Female	3,240
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			294
Age 5 to 19			1,003
Age 20 to 34			1,451
Age 35 to 54			1,575
Age 55 to 64			850
Age 65 and over			1,143
Median Age			42.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 4,466			
High school graduate or higher			90.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			26.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$31,830
Median family income			\$66,304
Median household income			\$65,435
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$57,563
Female			\$45,786
Individuals below the poverty level			19.4%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	3,832		3,564
Employed	3,650		3,486
Unemployed	182		78
Unemployment rate	4.7%		2.2%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,250		1,216
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,278		\$1,436
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,578		1,481
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 599		\$ 907
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,829		2,697
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 899		\$1,145
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	456		414
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 691		\$ 886
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,284		3,111
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 870		\$1,111
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Newport operates grades K-12**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley RTC (Newport)**

District: **SAU 43**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-8
Total Enrollment	323	194	292	161

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Upper Valley Educators Institute; Colby-Sawyer**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **143**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Sturm Ruger & Co.	Sporting firearms	1,250	1949
LaValley Building Supply	Building components	97	1962
Bar Harbor Bank and Trust	Banking services	110	1865
Hartford Eichenauer, Inc.	Heating elements	45	1982
Latva Machine Co., Inc.	Precision machine parts	50	1979
Newport Health Center	Health care	54	1991
Carroll Concrete	Concrete products	70	1973
Sugar River Bank	Banking services	75	1895
Premier Precision/RDS	Machine parts	64	2008
Shaw's	Supermarket	58	1980

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10, 11, 103
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exits 12A - 13
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		CTS
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	29 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		55 miles
Portland, Maine		148 miles
Boston, Mass.		106 miles
New York City, NY		256 miles
Montreal, Quebec		211 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	76.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.3%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	2.1%
Other means	3.2%
Worked at home	7.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	35.7%
Commuting to another NH community	52.7%
Commuting out-of-state	11.6%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	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
	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
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Sunapee, Okemo**

Other: **Covered Bridges; Lake Sunapee; Parlin Field Airport; Rails to Trails; Sugar River; Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Team Pinnacle Events; Winter Carnival; Farmer's Market; Concerts on The Common; Library Arts Center Exhibits**