Newport, NH

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County
Sullivan

Labor Market Area
Newport, NH LMA

Tourism Region
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee

Regional Development
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
District 2
Executive Council
District 1
State Senate
District 8
State Representative
Sullivan County Districts 6, 9

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 who edited the book “Poems for Children” that included “Mary Had A Little Lamb.” She 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 459 over 49 years, from 5,899 in 1970 to 6,358 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a six percent increase between 1970 and 1980; population decreased by two percent between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Newport was 6,358 residents, which ranked 55th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 146.1 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 $32,693,694
Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019 $18,963,855
Zoning Ordinance 1965/19
Master Plan 2013
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 No
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)
2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) $32.53
2019 Equalization Ratio 92.2
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) $29.46
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
Residential Land and Buildings 67.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings 28.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other 4.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)
Total Housing Units 2,816
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached 1,777
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure 374
Five or More Units in Structure 324
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units 341

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)
Total Population Community County
2019 6,358 43,146
2010 6,507 43,742
2000 6,276 40,560
1990 6,095 38,652
1980 6,229 36,063
1970 5,899 30,949

DEMographics AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019
Population by Gender
Male 3,287 Female 3,087

Population by Age Group
Under age 5 285
Age 5 to 19 1,118
Age 20 to 34 1,095
Age 35 to 54 1,765
Age 55 to 64 930
Age 65 and over 1,181
Median Age 44.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
High school graduate or higher 87.6%
Bachelor’s degree or higher 21.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $ (ACS 2015-2019)
Per capita income $29,714
Median family income $61,071
Median household income $54,816

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
Male $51,758
Female $45,768

Individuals below the poverty level 12.2%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average 2009 2019
Civilian labor force 2,914 3,597
Employed 2,706 3,521
Unemployed 208 76
Unemployment rate 7.1% 2.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment 2009 2019
Goods Producing Industries
Average Employment 1,433 1,231
Average Weekly Wage $1,015 $1,178

Service Providing Industries
Average Employment 1,503 1,640
Average Weekly Wage 589 710

Total Private Industry
Average Employment 2,936 2,871
Average Weekly Wage 797 911

Government (Federal, State, and Local)
Average Employment 419 459
Average Weekly Wage 680 761

Total, Private Industry plus Government
Average Employment 3,355 3,330
Average Weekly Wage 782 890

### Education and Child Care

**Schools students attend:** Newport operates grades K-12  
**Career Technology Center(s):** Sugar River Valley RTC (Newport)  
**District:** SAU 43  
**Region:** 10

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<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<td>Number of Schools</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>PK 1-5</td>
<td>6-8</td>
<td>9-12</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>439</td>
<td>198</td>
<td>325</td>
<td>107</td>
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**Nearest Community College:** River Valley  
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### Largest Businesses

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<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<td>Sturm Ruger &amp; Co.</td>
<td>Sporting firearms</td>
<td>1,250</td>
<td>1949</td>
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<td>Bar Harbor Bank and Trust</td>
<td>Banking services</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>1865</td>
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<td>LaValley Building Supply</td>
<td>Building components</td>
<td>97</td>
<td>1962</td>
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<td>Sugar River Bank</td>
<td>Banking services</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>1895</td>
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<td>Carroll Concrete</td>
<td>Concrete products</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>1973</td>
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<td>Premier Precision/RDS</td>
<td>Machine parts</td>
<td>64</td>
<td>2008</td>
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<td>Shaw's</td>
<td>Supermarket</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>1980</td>
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<td>Newport Health Center</td>
<td>Health care</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>1991</td>
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<td>Latva Machine Co., Inc.</td>
<td>Precision machine parts</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>1979</td>
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<td>Hartford Eichenauer, Inc.</td>
<td>Heating elements</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>1982</td>
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### Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Nearest Interstate, Exit</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<td>10, 11, 103</td>
<td>I-89, Exits 12A - 13</td>
<td>10 miles</td>
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<td>Railroad</td>
<td>No</td>
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**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 2015-2019)

- **Workers 16 years and over**  
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van 81.3%  
  - Carpoole, car/truck/van 12.2%  
  - Public transportation 0.4%  
  - Walked 2.6%  
  - Other means 3.5%  
  - Worked at home 15.5%  
  - Mean Travel Time to Work 25.4 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**  
- Working in community of residence 34.4%  
- Commuting to another NH community 50.1%  
- Commuting out-of-state 15.5%

### Recreation, Attractions, and Events

- 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
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- 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