Orange, 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
US Congress
District 2
Executive Council
District 1
State Senate
District 2
State Representative
Grafton County Districts 6, 16

Incorporated: 1790

Origin: This township was chartered by Governor John Wentworth in 1769 as Cardigan, a name that had been used for some time. In 1779, residents petitioned for incorporation so taxes could be collected, and requested a name change to Bradford or Warwick. The petition failed, and in 1783 a second petition was made, with a request to name the town Middleton. That petition failed also, and a third petition was made in 1789, with a request to name the town Liscomb. The name Liscomb was subsequently crossed out and replaced with Orange in the 1790 incorporation document. Orange was probably chosen because of the large quantities of yellow-orange ochre found in Mount Cardigan.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 131 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Orange totaled 206 over 49 years, from 103 in 1970 to 309 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 91 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, a numeric change of 94. The 2019 Census estimate for Orange was 309 residents, which ranked 224th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 13.4 persons per square mile of land area. Orange contains 23.1 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.
## Municipal Services

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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019</td>
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<td>$651,955</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1985/00</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2004</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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### Boards and Commissions

- Elected: Selectmen; Planning Board
- Appointed: Zoning Board

### Public Library

- No Library

### Emergency Services

- Police Department: No
- Fire Department: Volunteer
- Emergency Medical Service: Canaan - Volunteer

- Nearest Hospital(s):
  - Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon: 20 miles, 406 Staffed Beds
  - Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon: 17 miles, 25 Staffed Beds

### Utilities

- Electric Supplier: Granite State; NH Electric Coop; Eversource Energy
- 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: No
- Recycling Program: Voluntary
- Telephone Company: Fairpoint
- Cellular Telephone Access: Limited
- Cable Television Access: Yes
- Public Access Television Station: No
- High Speed Internet Service: Business Satellite, Residential Satellite/DSL

### Property Taxes

- **NH Dept. of Revenue Administration**
  - 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $26.60
  - 2019 Equalization Ratio: 96.7
  - 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $25.45
  - 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type:
    - Residential Land and Buildings: 93.6%
    - Commercial Land and Buildings: 2.0%
    - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 4.4%

### Housing

- **ACS 2015-2019**
  - Total Housing Units: 150
  - Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 130
  - Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
    - Two to Four Units in Structure: 0
    - Five or More Units in Structure: 0
    - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 20

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

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<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>309</td>
<td>89,886</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>331</td>
<td>89,118</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>299</td>
<td>81,826</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>237</td>
<td>74,998</td>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>197</td>
<td>65,806</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>103</td>
<td>54,914</td>
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### Demographics

#### American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019

**Population by Gender**

- Male: 135
- Female: 129

**Population by Age Group**

- Under age 5: 30
- Age 5 to 19: 50
- Age 20 to 34: 58
- Age 35 to 54: 51
- Age 55 to 64: 75
- Age 65 and over: 53.9 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

- High school graduate or higher: 97.6%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 40.7%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $

#### (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $39,041
- Median family income: $69,750
- Median household income: $68,750
- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers:
  - Male: $46,250
  - Female: $40,500
- Individuals below the poverty level: 6.8%

### Labor Force

#### (NHES – ELMl)

- Annual Average: 2009 - 2019
- Civilian labor force: 208 - 179
- Employed: 200 - 175
- Unemployed: 8 - 4
- Unemployment rate: 3.8% - 2.2%

### Employment & Wages

#### (NHES – ELMl)

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009 - 2019
- Goods Producing Industries:
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n
- Service Providing Industries:
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n
- Total Private Industry:
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n
- Government (Federal, State, and Local):
  - Average Employment: 5 - 4
  - Average Weekly Wage: $98 - $159
- Total, Private Industry plus Government:
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Mascoma Valley Regional (Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Orange)  
Career Technology Center(s): Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT)  
District: SAU 62  
Region: 7

**Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)**
- Number of Schools
- Grade Levels
- Total Enrollment

**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: 1  
- Total Capacity: 9

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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**EMPLOYEES**

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**Established**

**FC Hammond & Sons**

**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**
- **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**

**Nearest Ski Area(s):** Dartmouth Skiway, Ragged Mountain  
**Other:** Mount Cardigan State Park

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

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<th>Road Access</th>
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<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-89, Exit 17</td>
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**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: 21 miles
  - Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport: 1

**Driving distance to select cities:**
- Manchester, NH: 64 miles
- Portland, Maine: 158 miles
- Boston, Mass.: 114 miles
- New York City, NY: 284 miles
- Montreal, Quebec: 202 miles

**COMMITING TO WORK**

(ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Car/Truck/Van</th>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
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Mean Travel Time to Work: 28.7 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

- Working in community of residence: 7.3%
- Commuting to another NH community: 80.3%
- Commuting out-of-state: 12.4%