Sugar Hill, NH

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County
Grafton
Labor Market Area Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part
Tourism Region White Mountains
Planning Commission North Country Council
Regional Development Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress District 2
Executive Council District 1
State Senate Grafton County Districts 2, 14
State Representative

Incorporated: 1962

Origin: This town was part of the 1768 charter of Gunthwaite, which was renamed Lisbon in 1824. Though settled about 1789, this town is New Hampshire's youngest, incorporated in 1962. After considerable litigation, it was carved out of Lisbon to be an independent voting unit. The name Sugar Hill comes from a large grove of sugar maples in the hills. In 1929, Austrian Sig Buchmayr established the first organized ski school in the United States near Peckett’s-on-Sugar Hill, one of the earliest resorts to promote winter vacationing.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 336 residents in 1970

Population Trends: Sugar Hill was incorporated in 1962, and the first Census for the town was in 1970. Since then, population change totaled 241, from 336 in 1970 to 577 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 Census estimate for Sugar Hill was 577 residents, which ranked 214th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 33.7 persons per square mile of land area. Sugar Hill contains 17.1 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government: Selectmen  
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021: $1,497,748  
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Zoning Ordinance: 1968/20  
Master Plan: 2014  
Capital Improvement Plan: Yes  
Industrial Plans Reviewed By: Planning Board

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

Nearest Hospital(s): Distance: Staffed Beds  
Littleton Regional, Littleton: 12 miles: 25

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier: Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop  
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: Voluntary

Telephone Company: Consolidated Communications; Spectrum; Fairpoint  
Cellular Telephone Access: Limited  
Cable Television Access: Limited  
Public Access Television Station: No  
High Speed Internet Service: Business: Limited  
Residential: Limited

**PROPERTY TAXES**

(£H Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $20.07  
2019 Equalization Ratio: 95.9  
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $19.20

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type  
Residential Land and Buildings: 94.0%  
Commercial Land and Buildings: 3.0%  
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.9%

**HOUSING**

(£C 2015-2019)

Total Housing Units: 465  
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 432  
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:  
Two to Four Units in Structure: 16  
Five or More Units in Structure: 17  
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 0

**POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)**

(£US Census Bureau)

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>577</td>
<td>89,886</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>563</td>
<td>89,118</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>564</td>
<td>81,826</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>545</td>
<td>74,998</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>397</td>
<td>65,806</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>336</td>
<td>54,194</td>
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**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(£AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019)

Population by Gender  
Male: 304  
Female: 377

Population by Age Group  
Under age 5: 12  
Age 5 to 19: 117  
Age 20 to 34: 28  
Age 35 to 54: 135  
Age 55 to 64: 222  
Age 65 and over: 167  
Median Age: 58.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over  
High school graduate or higher: 98.2%  
Bachelor’s degree or higher: 55.7%

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED **

(£ACS 2015-2019)

Per capita income: $48,820  
Median family income: $96,563  
Median household income: $88,750

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers  
Male: $68,068  
Female: $44,531

Individuals below the poverty level: 8.7%

**LABOR FORCE**

(£NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average: 2009: 2019  
Civilian labor force: 354: 349  
Employed: 340: 344  
Unemployed: 14: 5

Unemployment rate: 4.0%: 1.4%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(£NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009: 2019  
Goods Producing Industries  
Average Employment: 47: n  
Average Weekly Wage: $ 774: n  
Service Providing Industries  
Average Employment: 99: n  
Average Weekly Wage: $ 300: n

Total Private Industry  
Average Employment: 146: 124  
Average Weekly Wage: $ 452: $ 485

Government (Federal, State, and Local)  
Average Employment: 11: 12  
Average Weekly Wage: $ 610: $ 769

Total, Private Industry plus Government  
Average Employment: 157: 136  
Average Weekly Wage: $ 464: $ 510

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-6 are part of Lafayette Regional (Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill); grades 7-12 are part of Profile (Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill)

Career Technology Center(s): Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

- **Number of Schools**: 
- **Grade Levels**: 
- **Total Enrollment**: 

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton**

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

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<th>Total Facilities</th>
<th>Total Capacity</th>
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**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<td>Harman's Cheese &amp; Country Store</td>
<td>Store, mail order</td>
<td>1955</td>
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<td>Inn at Sunset Hill</td>
<td>Inn w/restaurant</td>
<td>2015</td>
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<td>Polly's Pancake Parlor</td>
<td>Restaurant, mail order</td>
<td>1938</td>
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<td>Sugar Hill Inn</td>
<td>Inn w/resturant</td>
<td>1972</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>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Nearest Interstate, Exit</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<td>18, 116, 117</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
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Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

| Franconia Airport | Runway 2,305 ft. turf | Lighted? No | Navigation Aids? No |

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

| Lebanon Municipal | Distance 64 miles | Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1 |

Driving distance to select cities:

- Manchester, NH: 99 miles
- Portland, Maine: 116 miles
- Boston, Mass.: 149 miles
- New York City, NY: 323 miles
- Montreal, Quebec: 177 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2015-2019)

| Workers 16 years and over | Drove alone, car/truck/van 70.1% | Carpooleoed, car/truck/van 3.4% | Public transportation 1.1% | Walked 10.6% | Other means 13.8% | Worked at home 7.2% | Mean Travel Time to Work 19.4 minutes |

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

- Working in community of residence 31.3%
- Commuting to another NH community 61.5%
- Commuting out-of-state 7.2%

**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
- Ice Skating Rink: Outdoor Facility
- Bowling Facilities
- Museums
- Cinemas
- Performing Arts Facilities
- Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- 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): Cannon Mountain

Other: Sugar Hill Historical Museum