

# Sunapee, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,**  
**8 am - 5 pm, Wednesday, 8 am - 1 pm, second, fourth**  
**Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon**

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 1**  
**District 8**  
**Sullivan County Districts 2, 9**

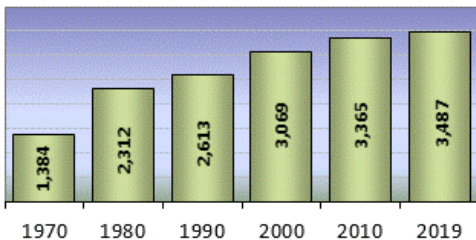
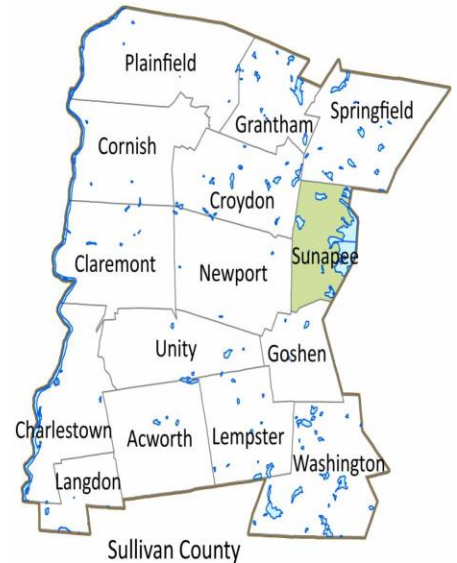
**Incorporated: 1781**

**Origin:** This territory was first settled by Oliver Corey and other soldiers from the French wars, and known as Corey's Town. Oliver Corey was a grantee on the 1768 charter naming the town Saville. Another grantee, John Wendell, became a principal landowner, and the town was renamed Wendell in 1781 upon petition of residents. The name Sunapee was substituted for Wendell by the Legislature in 1850. Town, lake, and mountain share the name Sunapee, which comes from the Algonquin Indian words "suna," meaning goose, and "apee," meaning lake. The Indians called the area Goose Lake because it was a favorite spot of wild geese.

**Villages and Place Names:** Burkehaven, Fernwood, Georges Mills, Granliden, Wendell

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 267 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Sunapee totaled 2,103 over 49 years, from 1,384 in 1970 to 3,487 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 67 percent between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, ten percent between 2000 and 2010. The 2019 Census estimate for Sunapee was 3,487 residents, which ranked 104th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 165.5 persons per square mile of land area. Sunapee contains 21.1 square miles of land area and 4.1 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen/Town Manager</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$7,940,054</b>		
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1987/18</b>		
Master Plan	<b>2010</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Trust Funds; Water &amp; Sewer</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Capital Improvement</b>		
Public Library	<b>Abbott</b>		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Part-time</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>New London Hospital, New London</b>	<b>8 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Municipal</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</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> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.93</b>		
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>83.7</b>		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$13.31</b>		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.1%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>3.7%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.2%</b>		
<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)			
Total Housing Units	<b>2,592</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>2,167</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>258</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>132</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>35</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>3,487</b>	<b>43,146</b>	
2010	<b>3,365</b>	<b>43,742</b>	
2000	<b>3,069</b>	<b>40,560</b>	
1990	<b>2,613</b>	<b>38,652</b>	
1980	<b>2,312</b>	<b>36,063</b>	
1970	<b>1,384</b>	<b>30,949</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,792</b>	Female	<b>1,657</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>158</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>577</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>497</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>922</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>589</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>706</b>		
Median Age	<b>44.6 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>97.6%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>41.8%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2015-2019)			
Per capita income	<b>\$42,787</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$94,198</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$73,682</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$51,694</b>		
Female	<b>\$46,809</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>8.3%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,666</b>	<b>1,697</b>	
Employed	<b>1,591</b>	<b>1,653</b>	
Unemployed	<b>75</b>	<b>44</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>143</b>	<b>117</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 737</b>	<b>\$1,056</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>285</b>	<b>338</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 480</b>	<b>\$ 729</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>429</b>	<b>455</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 566</b>	<b>\$ 813</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>210</b>	<b>206</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 703</b>	<b>\$ 967</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>639</b>	<b>660</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 611</b>	<b>\$ 861</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Sunapee operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 85**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont)** Region: **10**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>148</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>184</b>

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Colby-Sawyer; Northeast Catholic College**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **45**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Sunapee School District	Education	95	
Micro-Precision, Inc.	Machining	40	1961
Smith Machine Shop	Machining	15	1990
Sugar River Bank	Banking services	8	1895
Lake Sunapee Bank	Banking services	4	1868
Bonin Machine Shop	Machine tools	2	1994
Town of Sunapee	Municipal services		1781

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>11, 103, 103B</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-89, Exit 12A</b>
	Distance	<b>Local access</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Parlin Field, Newport</b>	Runway	<b>3,450 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted?	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>28 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>55 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>148 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>105 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>259 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>211 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.2%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>4.7%</b>
Other means	<b>8.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>24.0 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>71.1</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>6.2</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	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>Mount Sunapee</b>
	Other: <b>Lake Sunapee Cruises; Sunapee State Beach</b>