

Sunapee, NH



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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

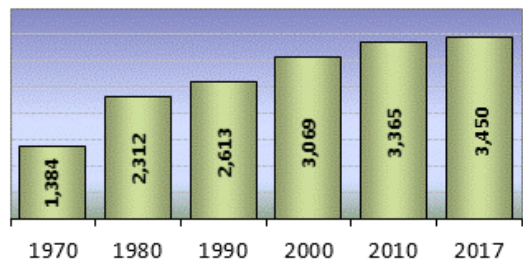
Incorporated: 1781

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 2,286 over 57 years, from 1,164 in 1960 to 3,450 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 67 percent



between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, ten percent between 2000 and 2010. The 2017 Census estimate for Sunapee was 3,450 residents, which ranked 104th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 163.7 persons per square mile of land area. Sunapee contains 21.0 square miles of land area and 4.0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$7,296,303
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Zoning Ordinance	1987/18
Master Plan	2010
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer
Appointed:	Conservation; Budget; Recreation
Public Library	Abbott

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
New London Hospital, New London	8 miles	25

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Municipal	
Sanitation	Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal	None	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No	
Recycling Program	Mandatory	
Telephone Company	Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes	
Cable Television Access	Limited	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited
	Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.37
2017 Equalization Ratio	95.4
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.65
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.8%

HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	2,632
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,193
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	213
Five or More Units in Structure	176
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	50

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	3,450	43,077	
2010	3,365	43,742	
2000	3,069	40,560	
1990	2,613	38,652	
1980	2,312	36,063	
1970	1,384	30,949	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2013-2017			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,811	Female	1,593
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			148
Age 5 to 19			518
Age 20 to 34			517
Age 35 to 54			920
Age 55 to 64			560
Age 65 and over			741
Median Age			48.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			97.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			42.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2013-2017)	
Per capita income			\$34,447
Median family income			\$90,809
Median household income			\$63,750
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$40,625
Female			\$39,972
Individuals below the poverty level			5.6%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	1,731	1,676
Employed	1,680	1,644
Unemployed	51	32
Unemployment rate	2.9%	1.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	177	126
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 678	\$ 857
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	284	307
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 559	\$ 729
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	461	434
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 605	\$ 767
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	188	197
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 660	\$ 875
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	649	631
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 621	\$ 800

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	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	158	107	140	190

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **56**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Sunapee School District	Education	95	
Town of Sunapee	Municipal services	58	1781
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

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	5.1%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	7.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017	
Working in community of residence	24.5
Commuting to another NH community	68.1
Commuting out-of-state	7.4

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
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	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
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee
	Other: Lake Sunapee Cruises; Sunapee State Beach