

# Unity, NH



## Community Contact

## Unity Board of Selectmen

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## Municipal Office Hours

Town Clerk Monday and Wednesday, 8-6, Tuesday and Thursday, 8-3; Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9-3, Wednesday, 10-6

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Sullivan  
Claremont, NH Micropolitan NECTA  
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee  
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee  
Capital Regional Development Council

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 2  
District 8  
Sullivan County Districts 3, 7

**Incorporated:** 1764

**Origin:** This territory was first chartered in 1753, and named Buckingham, after John Hobart, first Earl of Buckinghamshire. Grants of this area had been given by both the early Massachusetts government and by Governor Benning Wentworth, causing dispute among those looking to claim the land. The town was incorporated as Unity in 1764 when the grant terms provided a friendly resolution to the dispute. In the charter document, the grantees were allowed to come to mutual agreement the size of each tract, when usually the tracts were to be divided into equal shares for all those named in the grant.

**Villages and Place Names:** East Unity, Quaker City, West Unity

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 538 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Unity totaled 763 over 50 years, from 709 in 1970 to 1,472 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 54 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by 12 percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Unity was 1,508 residents, which ranked 164th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 40.8 persons per square mile of land area. Unity contains 37.0 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019		\$1,717,885	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$3,710,063	
Zoning Ordinance		2005/17	
Master Plan		1996	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Town Clerk; Trustees of Library; Supervisor of Checklist; Treasurer; Trustees of Trust Fund		
Appointed:	Conservation; Library; Tax Collector		
Public Library	Unity Free Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Sullivan County Sheriff's Dept covers Unity	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Valley Regional, Claremont		10 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		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		Yes	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		No	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.99	
2022 Equalization Ratio		70.2	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.31	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		86.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		10.0%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		667	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		564	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		3	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		100	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022		1,508	43,958
2020		1,518	43,063
2010		1,671	43,742
2000		1,535	40,560
1990		1,343	38,652
1980		1,092	36,063
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	730	Female	760
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			8
Age 5 to 19			190
Age 20 to 34			222
Age 35 to 54			292
Age 55 to 64			283
Age 65 and over			495
Median Age			56.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,187			
High school graduate or higher			84.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			17.7%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$29,699
Median family income			\$75,417
Median household income			\$66,319
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$55,521
Female			\$51,250
Individuals below the poverty level			9.8%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		925	866
Employed		903	849
Unemployed		22	17
Unemployment rate		2.4%	2.0%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		n	n
Average Weekly Wage		n	n
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		n	n
Average Weekly Wage		n	n
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		19	10
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 309	\$ 767
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		222	181
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 680	\$ 916
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		241	191
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 651	\$ 909
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Unity operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Claremont**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont)**

District: **SAU 6**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-8</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>100</b>			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Upper Valley Educators Institute; Colby-Sawyer**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)      Total Facilities:      Total Capacity:

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Not Available			

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 7</b>	
Distance	<b>12 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Claremont Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>3,098 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>32 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>62 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>154 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>112 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>246 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>215 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.2%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Other means	<b>0.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>7.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>27.7 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>15.4%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>76.7%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>7.9%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee</b>
	Other: