Unity, NH

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County
Sullivan

Labor Market Area
Claremont, NH Micropolitan NECTA

Tourism Region
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee

Regional Development
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
District 2

Executive Council
District 2

State Senate
District 8

State Representative
Sullivan County Districts 6, 9

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 911 over 49 years, from 709 in 1970 to 1,620 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 54 percent between 1970 and 1980; the smallest was a nine percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2019 Census estimate for Unity was 1,620 residents, which ranked 155th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 [US Census Bureau]: 43.8 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**: $1,848,463
- **Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019**: $3,733,874
- **Zoning Ordinance**: 2005/17
- **Master Plan**: 1996
- **Capital Improvement Plan**: No
- **Industrial Plans Reviewed By**: Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**

- **Elected**: Selectmen; Planning; Zoning
- **Appointed**: Conservation; Library

**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)**

- **Valley Regional, Claremont**: Distance 10 miles, Staffed Beds 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, Pay-As-You-Throw Program, 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)**
  - **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $28.49
  - **2019 Equalization Ratio**: 100.8
  - **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $28.61

- **2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
  - **Residential Land and Buildings**: 86.2%
  - **Commercial Land and Buildings**: 10.2%
  - **Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other**: 3.7%

**HOUSING**

- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - **Total Housing Units**: 726
  - **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 610
  - **Units in Multiple-Family Structures**:
    - **Two to Four Units in Structure**: 11
    - **Five or More Units in Structure**: 0
    - **Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units**: 105

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

- **(US Census Bureau)**
  - **Total Population**
    - **Community**: 1,620
    - **County**: 43,146
  - **2019**: 1,620
  - **2010**: 1,671
  - **2000**: 1,535
  - **1990**: 1,343
  - **1980**: 1,092
  - **1970**: 709

**DEMographics**

- **AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019**
  - **Population by Gender**
    - Male: 743
    - Female: 870
  - **Population by Age Group**
    - Under age 5: 17
    - Age 5 to 19: 162
    - Age 20 to 34: 254
    - Age 35 to 54: 336
    - Age 55 to 64: 367
    - Age 65 and over: 477
    - **Median Age**: 56.1 years
  - **Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
    - High school graduate or higher: 80.3%
    - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 16.0%

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $**

- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - **Per capita income**: $30,950
  - **Median family income**: $84,792
  - **Median household income**: $69,702
  - **Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**
    - Male: $47,344
    - Female: $42,917
  - **Individuals below the poverty level**: 9.9%

**LABOR FORCE**

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - **Annual Average**
    - **Civilian labor force**: 2009, 798; 2019, 877
    - **Employed**: 2009, 774; 2019, 859
    - **Unemployed**: 2009, 24; 2019, 18
  - **Unemployment rate**: 3.0% (2009); 2.1% (2019)

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - **Annual Average Covered Employment**
    - **2009**: 19
    - **2019**: 6
  - **Average Weekly Wage**
    - **2009**: $380
    - **2019**: $827
  - **Goods Producing Industries**
    - **Average Employment**: 5
    - **Average Weekly Wage**: $603
  - **Service Providing Industries**
    - **Average Employment**: 14
    - **Average Weekly Wage**: $299
  - **Total Private Industry**
    - **Average Employment**: 19
    - **Average Weekly Wage**: $380
  - **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
    - **Average Employment**: 244
    - **Average Weekly Wage**: $593
  - **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
    - **Average Employment**: 263
    - **Average Weekly Wage**: $578

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: Unity operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Claremont District: SAU 6 Career Technology Center(s): Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont) Region: 10

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) Number of Schools: 1 Grade Levels: PK 1-8 Total Enrollment: 92

Nearest Community College: River Valley School
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Dartmouth; Colby-Sawyer

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

LARGEST BUSINESSES

PRODUCT/SERVICE

EMPLOYEES

ESTABLISHED

Not Available

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access

US Routes
State Routes

Nearest Interstate, Exit
I-91 (VT), Exit 7
Distance 12 miles

Railroad No
Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Claremont Municipal Runway 3,098 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes
Navigation Aids? Yes

Claremont Municipal

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Lebanon Municipal

Distance 32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH 62 miles
Portland, Maine 154 miles
Boston, Mass. 112 miles
New York City, NY 246 miles
Montreal, Quebec 215 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van 84.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van 10.1%
Public transportation 0.0%
Walked 0.0%
Other means 5.9%
Worked at home 10.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work 26.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

Working in community of residence 15.3
Commuting to another NH community 74.2
Commuting out-of-state 10.5

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X 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

X Fishing/Hunting

X Boating/Marinas

X Snowmobile Trails
Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee

Other: