

# Unity, NH



## Community Contact

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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**  
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**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 2021 Census estimate for Unity was 1,482 residents, which ranked 165th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau):** 40.1 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	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	<b>\$1,848,463</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$3,559,402</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>2005/17</b>
Master Plan	<b>1996</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Town Clerk</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Library; Tax Collector</b>

Public Library **Unity Free Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Sullivan County Sheriff's Dept covers Unity</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b>	<b>10 miles 25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>NH Electric Coop; Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>No</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet:	Business Residential
	<b>Limited Limited</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$28.62</b>
2021 Equalization Ratio	<b>77.4</b>
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.12</b>
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>86.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>10.0%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.7%</b>

**HOUSING** (ACS 2017-2021)

Total Housing Units	<b>667</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>564</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>3</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>100</b>

**POPULATION** (Decennial Census/ACS 2017-2021)

Total Population	Community	County
2021	<b>1,490</b>	<b>43,105</b>
2020	<b>1,518</b>	<b>43,063</b>
2010	<b>1,671</b>	<b>43,742</b>
2000	<b>1,535</b>	<b>40,560</b>
1990	<b>1,343</b>	<b>38,652</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS** (ACS 2017-2021)

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>730</b>	Female	<b>760</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>8</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>190</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>222</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>292</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>283</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>495</b>
Median Age			<b>56.4 years</b>
Educational Attainment			
Population age 25 or older			<b>1,187</b>
High school graduate or higher			<b>84.2%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>17.7%</b>

**INCOME, INFLATION-ADJUSTED** (ACS 2017-2021)

Per capita income	<b>\$29,699</b>
Median family income	<b>\$75,417</b>
Median household income	<b>\$66,319</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$55,521</b>
Female	<b>\$51,250</b>
Percent of individuals below poverty level	<b>9.8%</b>

**LABOR FORCE** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	<b>917</b>	<b>874</b>
Employed	<b>896</b>	<b>854</b>
Unemployed	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>250</b>	<b>189</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 634</b>	<b>\$ 912</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 296</b>	<b>\$ 783</b>
Goods-Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Service-Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>233</b>	<b>180</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 658</b>	<b>\$ 918</b>

n = data do not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Department of Education)*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)**

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>86</b>			

Nearest NH Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities *(with a physical campus)*: **Dartmouth; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Upper Valley Educators Institute; Colby-Sawyer**NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2021 *(DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)* Total Facilities: Capacity:**BUSINESSES** *(provided by municipality)***PRODUCT OR SERVICE****EMPLOYEES****ESTABLISHED**

Not Available

**TRANSPORTATION** *(distance 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 Commercial 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, New Hampshire		<b>62 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>154 miles</b>
Boston, Massachusetts		<b>112 miles</b>
New York City, New York		<b>246 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec, Canada		<b>215 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years of age and over:	<b>618</b>
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.2%</b>
Used public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Traveled by 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 Who:	
Work in community of residence	<b>15.4%</b>
Commute to other NH community	<b>76.7%</b>
Commute out-of-state	<b>7.9%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, 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: