

Cornish, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Sullivan
Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part
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 5
Sullivan County Districts 2, 7

Incorporated: 1765

Origin: Established in 1763, the town was once known as Mast Camp, because it was the shipping point for the tall masts floated down the river by the English for use by the Royal Navy. Cornish was named for Sir Samuel Cornish, a distinguished admiral of the Royal Navy. Cornish is known as a summer resort for artists and writers, with residents including Maxfield Parrish and Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Saint-Gaudens' home and studio were named a national historic site in 1964. Cornish also is the site of four covered bridges all on the National Register of Historic Places, including the Cornish-Windsor Bridge, which is the longest two-span covered bridge in the world.

Villages and Place Names: Ballock, Cornish Center, Cornish City, Cornish Flat, Cornish Mills, South Cornish, Squag City

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 982 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Cornish totaled 355 over 50 years, from 1,268 in 1970 to 1,623 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was an 18 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population decreased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Cornish was 1,651 residents, which ranked 157th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 39.3 persons per square mile of land area. Cornish contains 42.0 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$1,504,471	
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Zoning Ordinance		1955/20	
Master Plan		2006	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Library; Zoning		
Public Library	George H. Stowell Free		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Private	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Windsor VT		3 miles	25
Valley Regional, Claremont		10 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	NH Electric Coop; Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company	Consolidated; Comcast		
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited		
Cable Television Access	Limited		
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)		\$23.67	
2022 Equalization Ratio		76.2	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$17.94	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		94.2%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		1.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		4.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		825	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		748	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		14	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		63	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,651		43,958
2020	1,616		43,063
2010	1,640		43,742
2000	1,667		40,560
1990	1,639		38,652
1980	1,390		36,063
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	834	Female	866
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		93	
Age 5 to 19		195	
Age 20 to 34		213	
Age 35 to 54		341	
Age 55 to 64		354	
Age 65 and over		504	
Median Age		55.8 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		1,374	
High school graduate or higher		96.3%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		40.9%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$45,807	
Median family income		\$104,148	
Median household income		\$78,894	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$51,071	
Female		\$77,874	
Individuals below the poverty level		5.2%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		986	950
Employed		948	925
Unemployed		38	25
Unemployment rate		3.9%	2.6%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		n	28
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 713
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		n	31
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 834
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		n	59
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 776
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		74	76
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 695	\$ 751
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		n	135
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 762
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Cornish operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Claremont or the State of Vermont (Windsor and Hartford)				District: SAU 100
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	1				
Grade Levels	P K 1-8				
Total Enrollment	125				

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

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

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **34**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Cornish Elementary School	Education	30	1768
Dingee Machine Company	Fire apparatus	7	1979
Cornish Highway Department	Highway department	5	1768
12% Solution	Convenience store	4	1965

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12A, 120
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 9
	Distance	6 miles
Railroad		Amtrak
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Claremont Municipal	Runway	3,098 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	15 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		82 miles
Portland, Maine		174 miles
Boston, Mass.		132 miles
New York City, NY		251 miles
Montreal, Quebec		199 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.3%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.3%
Other means	0.8%
Worked at home	8.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	14.4%
Commuting to another NH community	71.1%
Commuting out-of-state	14.5%

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
X	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
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee, Mount Ascutney (VT)
	Other: Cornish Fair; St Gaudens National Historic Site