

Lempster, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Business Office: Tuesday and Wednesday, 8-4, Thursday, 8-1;
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday to Wednesday, 8-5:30,
Friday, 8-12, first and last Saturday each month, 8-12

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 5
District 8
Sullivan County Districts 4, 8

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: This territory was originally granted in 1735 by Massachusetts Governor Belcher as Number 9, the ninth in a line of forts established to guard against Indian attacks. It was regranted in 1753 by Governor Benning Wentworth under the name Dupplin, after Sir Thomas Hay, Lord Dupplin of Scotland, who had been in charge of the settlement of Nova Scotia. The town was granted yet again in 1761 as Lempster, named for Sir Thomas Fermor of Lempster, England, who was a Wentworth relation. Settlers were not able to meet the prescribed terms, so a regrant charter was issued in 1767. By 1770 only eight families had settled there, and a charter extension was requested of and issued by Governor John Wentworth in 1772.

Villages and Place Names: Dodge Hollow, East Lempster, Keyes Hollow

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 415 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Lempster totaled 761 over 50 years, from 360 in 1970 to 1,121 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Lempster was 1,152 residents, which ranked 180th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 35.6 persons per square mile of land area. Lempster contains 32.3 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$1,740,974
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Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds
Appointed:	Conservation; joint Loss
Public Library	Miner Memorial

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Sullivan County Sheriff		
Fire Department	Volunteer		
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Valley Regional, Claremont	15 miles	25	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
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	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.65		
2022 Equalization Ratio	62.1		
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.64		
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	89.8%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.1%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	6.1%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	653		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	575		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	5		
Five or More Units in Structure	3		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	70		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	1,152	43,958	
2020	1,118	43,063	
2010	1,154	43,742	
2000	97	40,560	
1990	948	38,652	
1980	637	36,063	

DEMOGRAPHICS				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	407	Female	410		
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5	63				
Age 5 to 19	117				
Age 20 to 34	115				
Age 35 to 54	243				
Age 55 to 64	126				
Age 65 and over	153				
Median Age	46.0 years				
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 607					
High school graduate or higher	90.8%				
Bachelor's degree or higher	23.1%				

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income	\$33,842		
Median family income	\$92,083		
Median household income	\$76,250		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$54,167		
Female	\$46,719		
Individuals below the poverty level	7.5%		

LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2012	2022			
Civilian labor force	656	629			
Employed	623	616			
Unemployed	33	13			
Unemployment rate	5.0%	2.1%			

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	n	50			
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$ 967			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	n	59			
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$ 891			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	57	109			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 951	\$ 926			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	64	27			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 597	\$ 506			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	121	136			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 764	\$ 842			
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Lempster operates K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Claremont, Newport, or Sunapee** District: **SAU 71**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont; Newport)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	114			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; Colby-Sawyer; New England**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Lempster Wind, LLC	Wind farm		2008
OneWay Auto Repair	Auto repair		2014
Bonnie Plants	Greenhouse, growers		2018

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	10	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 7		
	Distance	18 miles	
Railroad		No	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Parlin Field, Newport	Runway	3,450 ft. asphalt	
Lighted?	No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	38 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		56 miles	
Portland, Maine		149 miles	
Boston, Mass.		107 miles	
New York City, NY		243 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		225 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.1%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	6.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	34.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	12.7%
Commuting to another NH community	80.2%
Commuting out-of-state	7.1%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	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
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	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
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee
	Other: