

Sunapee, NH



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Town of Sunapee

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Municipal Office Hours

**Town Manager: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8-5,
Wednesday, 8-1; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday, 8-4:30, Wednesday, 8-12:30**

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 2
District 8
Sullivan County Districts 5, 8

Incorporated: 1781

Origin: This territory was first settled by Oliver Corey and other soldiers from the French wars, and known as Corey's Town. Oliver Corey was a grantee on the 1768 charter naming the town Saville. Another grantee, John Wendell, became a principal landowner, and the town was renamed Wendell in 1781 upon petition of residents. The name Sunapee was substituted for Wendell by the Legislature in 1850. Town, lake, and mountain share the name Sunapee, which comes from the Algonquin words "suna," meaning goose, and "apee," meaning lake. The Algonquin called the area Goose Lake because it was a favorite spot of wild geese.

Villages and Place Names: Burkehaven, Fernwood, Georges Mills, Granliden, Wendell

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 267 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Sunapee totaled 1,964 over 50 years, from 1,384 in 1970 to 3,348 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 67 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Sunapee was 3,434 residents, which ranked 106th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 163.0 persons per square mile of land area. Sunapee contains 21.1 square miles of land area and 4.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen/Town Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$9,545,063	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2023-2024		\$14,146,920	
Zoning Ordinance		1987/23	
Master Plan		2010	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer; Cemetery		
Appointed:	Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Capital Improvement; Firewards		
Public Library	Abbott		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
New London Hospital, New London		8 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Municipal	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Key Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
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)		\$13.99	
2022 Equalization Ratio		55.0	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 7.68	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		95.1%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		3.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.7%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,335	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,879	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		208	
Five or More Units in Structure		198	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		50	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	3,434		43,958
2020	3,342		43,063
2010	3,365		43,742
2000	3,069		40,560
1990	2,613		38,652
1980	2,312		36,063
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	1,902	Female	1,446
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			96
Age 5 to 19			427
Age 20 to 34			553
Age 35 to 54			686
Age 55 to 64			668
Age 65 and over			918
Median Age			52.9 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		2,702	
High school graduate or higher			86.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			41.2%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$44,109
Median family income			\$99,702
Median household income			\$92,762
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$57,052
Female			\$60,536
Individuals below the poverty level			14.2%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	1,705		1,689
Employed	1,636		1,647
Unemployed	69		42
Unemployment rate	4.0%		2.5%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	137		105
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 825		\$1,295
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	260		352
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 479		\$ 890
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	397		456
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 598		\$ 983
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	208		212
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 720		\$ 960
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	605		669
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 640		\$ 976
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Sunapee operates grades K-12**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley RTC (Claremont)**

District: **SAU 85**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	159	85	129	215

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

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

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **9**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Micro-Precision, Inc.	Machining	40	1961
Town of Sunapee	Municipal services	96	1781
Bonin Machine Shop	Machine tools	2	1994
Bar Harbor Bank	Banking services	4	1868
Sugar River Bank	Banking services	8	1895
Sunapee School District	Education	95	
Smith Machine Shop	Machining	15	1990
Sunapee Cove	Assisted Living	25	2014

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (<i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i>)				RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
Road Access	US Routes			X	Municipal Parks
	State Routes	11, 103, 103B			YMCA/YWCA
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 12A			Boys Club/Girls Club
	Distance	Local access		X	Golf Courses
Railroad		No			Swimming: Indoor Facility
Public Transportation		No			Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation				X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
Parlin Field, Newport	Runway	3,450 ft. asphalt			Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No			Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service				X	Bowling Facilities
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	28 miles			Museums
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1			Cinemas
Driving distance to select cities:				X	Performing Arts Facilities
Manchester, NH		55 miles		X	Tourist Attractions
Portland, Maine		148 miles		X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
Boston, Mass.		105 miles		X	Youth Sports: Baseball
New York City, NY		259 miles		X	Youth Sports: Soccer
Montreal, Quebec		211 miles		X	Youth Sports: Football
				X	Youth Sports: Basketball
				X	Youth Sports: Hockey
					Campgrounds
				X	Fishing/Hunting
				X	Boating/Marinas
				X	Snowmobile Trails
					Bicycle Trails
				X	Cross Country Skiing
				X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
				X	Overnight or Day Camps
					Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee
					Other: Lake Sunapee Cruises; Sunapee State Beach
COMMUTING TO WORK (<i>ACS 2017-2021</i>)					
Workers 16 years and over					
Drove alone, car/truck/van		84.9%			
Carpooled, car/truck/van		3.0%			
Public transportation		0.0%			
Walked		4.2%			
Other means		0.0%			
Worked at home		7.9%			
Mean Travel Time to Work		27.2 minutes			
Percent of Working Residents					
Working in community of residence		21.5%			
Commuting to another NH community		76.3%			
Commuting out-of-state		2.2%			