

Franconia, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

County
Labor Market Area
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Election Districts

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Selectmen: Tuesday to Thursday, 8-4:30, Friday, 8-1:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday and Wednesday, 8-4, Thursday, 8-6, Friday, 8-1:30

Grafton

Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part
White Mountains
North Country Council
Grafton County Economic Development Council

District 2
District 2
District 1
Grafton County District 2

Incorporated: 1764

Origin: Franconia was first chartered in 1764, but settlers were unable to meet the prescribed terms, and in 1772 it was regranted along with a substantial portion of Lincoln as Morristown. There was considerable conflict of claim between the original grantees of Franconia and Lincoln and the Morristown grantees, and following a court decision that forfeiture of grant was illegal, ownership was returned to the original settlers. The western section of Franconia was at one time mined for copper and magnetic iron ore. Franconia Notch is well known for its natural features, including the Old Man of the Mountains, which fell on May 3, 2003, Profile and Echo Lakes, the Flume, and the Basin. Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway was the first passenger tramway built in North America.

Villages and Place Names: Mittersill, Franconia Notch

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 72 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Franconia totaled 431 over 50 years, from 655 in 1970 to 1,086 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 19 percent increase from 2000 to 2010. The town's population decreased by two percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Franconia was 1119 residents, which ranked 181st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 17.0 persons per square mile of land area. Franconia contains 65.7 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$3,914,509
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$1,399,494
Zoning Ordinance	1970/16
Master Plan	2008
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Water; Trust Funds; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Cemetery**
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recreation; CIP**

Public Library **Abbie Greenleaf**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Littleton Regional, Littleton	9 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Franconia Water

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	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)	\$12.20
2022 Equalization Ratio	74.1
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 9.02

2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	89.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	9.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	825
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	706
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	84
Five or More Units in Structure	34
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	1

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	1,119	91,126	
2020	1,083	91,118	
2010	1,104	89,118	
2000	926	81,826	
1990	823	74,998	
1980	743	65,806	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021			
Population by Gender			
Male	437	Female	545
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			11
Age 5 to 19			114
Age 20 to 34			152
Age 35 to 54			117
Age 55 to 64			225
Age 65 and over			363
Median Age			58.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		760
High school graduate or higher		97.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher		55.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)
Per capita income		\$44,507
Median family income		\$95,625
Median household income		\$74,167

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$61,250
Female	\$65,893
Individuals below the poverty level	6.6%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	644	656
Employed	621	645
Unemployed	23	11
Unemployment rate	3.6%	1.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	32	90
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 710	\$ 721
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	607	534
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 745	\$1,018
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	639	624
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 743	\$ 976
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	204	204
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 491	\$ 640
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	844	828
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 682	\$ 893

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-6 are part of Lafayette Regional (Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill); grades 7-12 are part of Profile (Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill)** District: **SAU 35**

Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	88			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; Northern VT - Lyndon (VT)**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **76**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Garnet Hill Catalog Sales	Clothing (natural fibers)	200	
Franconia Notch State Park	Tourism	339	
Cannon Mountain	Tourism	90	
Lafayette Center	Nursing Facility	98	
Presby Construction	Construction	48	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3	
	State Routes	18, 116, 117, 141, 142	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exits 34B, 34C, or 35 - 38		
	Distance	Local access	
Railroad		No	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Franconia Airport	Runway	2,305 ft. turf	
Lighted?	No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	68 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		81 miles	
Portland, Maine		96 miles	
Boston, Mass.		131 miles	
New York City, NY		331 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		192 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	4.3%
Other means	6.3%
Worked at home	3.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	19.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	33.8%
Commuting to another NH community	55.6%
Commuting out-of-state	10.6%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Cannon, Loon, Bretton Woods
	Other: Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Franconia Notch State Park; Flume Gorge; Old Man of the Mountain Memorial; Cannon Mountain Tramway