

# Lyme, NH



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## Grafton

Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part  
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee  
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee  
Grafton County Economic Development Council

**District 2  
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District 5  
Grafton County District 12**

**Incorporated:** 1761

**Origin:** This was another of the many towns granted along the Connecticut River in 1761. Lyme takes its name from Old Lyme, which lies at the mouth of the Connecticut River. For many years, the town's name was spelled as Lime in official state documents, however this eventually was decreed a misspelling. Most of the original grantees were from Palmer and Brimfield in Massachusetts, or from Londonderry, New Hampshire. Lyme was one of the 16 towns involved in a protracted border dispute with the independent state of Vermont, before it was admitted to the Union in 1791.

**Villages and Place Names:** Lyme Center

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 816 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Lyme totaled 639 over 50 years, from 1,112 in 1970 to 1,751 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 19 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by two percent from 2010 to 2020. Census estimate for Lyme was 1,757 residents, which ranked 150th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 32.6 persons per square mile of land area. Lyme contains 53.8 square miles of land area and 1.2 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$3,413,697	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022		\$7,874,145	
Zoning Ordinance		1989/08	
Master Plan		1988	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Zoning Administration	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning		
Appointed:	Zoning; Library; Conservation; Recreation; Heritage; Energy		
Public Library	Converse Free		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon		12 miles	419
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon		16 miles	23
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		NH Electric Coop; VT Public Service	
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		Mandatory	
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)		\$23.98	
2022 Equalization Ratio		81.7	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$19.27	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		93.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		4.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.0%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		776	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		707	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		36	
Five or More Units in Structure		6	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		27	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,757		91,126
2020	1,745		91,118
2010	1,716		89,118
2000	1,681		81,826
1990	1,533		74,998
1980	1,289		65,806
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	800	Female	858
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			84
Age 5 to 19			280
Age 20 to 34			245
Age 35 to 54			387
Age 55 to 64			251
Age 65 and over			411
Median Age			47.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,202			
High school graduate or higher			98.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher			67.1%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$76,485
Median family income			\$139,474
Median household income			\$125,156
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$126,250
Female			\$72,174
Individuals below the poverty level			2.4%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	855		822
Employed	826		803
Unemployed	29		19
Unemployment rate	3.4%		2.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	80		59
Average Weekly Wage	\$2,787		\$2,622
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	233		235
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 801		\$ 953
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	313		294
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,311		\$1,286
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	75		77
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 760		\$1,043
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	388		371
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,205		\$1,235
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Lyme operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tutioned to Dresden Cooperative (Hanover NH and Norwich VT) or Thetford VT** District: **SAU 76**

Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT); River Bend Career & Technical Center (VT)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>			<b>K 1-8</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>193</b>			<b>124</b>

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Upper Valley Educators Institute; Plymouth State**

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

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **74**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Dartmouth Skiway	Ski area	75	
Town of Lyme	Municipal services	25	1761
Dowd's Country Inn	Bed & breakfast	28	
Lyme School District	Education	50	
Loch Lyme Lodge	Hotel		
Estates & Gallup	General contractors	32	
Lyme Inn	Bed & breakfast	2	
CrossRoads Academy	Education	28	
Wagner Forest Management, Ltd.	Forest management	12	

#### Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)				RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
Road Access	US Routes			<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	State Routes	<b>10</b>			YMCA/YWCA
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 14</b>				Boys Club/Girls Club
Distance	<b>3 miles</b>				Golf Courses
Railroad	<b>No</b>				Swimming: Indoor Facility
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>				Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation				<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,496 ft. asphalt</b>			Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>			Bowling Facilities
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service					Museums
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>16 miles</b>			Cinemas
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	<b>1</b>				Performing Arts Facilities
Driving distance to select cities:				<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
Manchester, NH	<b>85 miles</b>			<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
Portland, Maine	<b>177 miles</b>			<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
Boston, Mass.	<b>135 miles</b>			<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
New York City, NY	<b>282 miles</b>				Youth Sports: Football
Montreal, Quebec	<b>193 miles</b>			<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b> (ACS 2017-2021)					Youth Sports: Hockey
Workers 16 years and over				<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>67.1%</b>			<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>11.3%</b>			<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>			<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
Walked	<b>0.4%</b>			<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
Other means	<b>0.4%</b>			<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
Worked at home	<b>20.8%</b>			<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>22.4 minutes</b>				Overnight or Day Camps
Percent of Working Residents					Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Dartmouth Skiway</b>
Working in community of residence	<b>32.7%</b>				Other: <b>Appalachian Trail</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>53.8%</b>				
Commuting out-of-state	<b>13.5%</b>				