

Orange, NH



Community Contact

Town of Orange

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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

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

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 7
Grafton County Districts 9, 18

Incorporated: 1790

Origin: This township was chartered by Governor John Wentworth in 1769 as Cardigan, a name that had been used for some time. In 1779, residents petitioned for incorporation so taxes could be collected, and requested a name change to Bradford or Warwick. The petition failed, and in 1783 a second petition was made, with a request to name the town Middleton. That petition failed also, and a third petition was made in 1789, with a request to name the town Liscomb. The name Liscomb was subsequently crossed out and replaced with Orange in the 1790 incorporation document. Orange was probably chosen because of the large quantities of yellow-orange ochre found in Mount Cardigan.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 131 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Orange totaled 178 over 50 years, from 103 in 1970 to 281 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 91 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by 15 percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Orange was 284 residents, which ranked 230th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 12.3 persons per square mile of land area. Orange contains 23.1 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$259,132
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$923,757
Zoning Ordinance	1985/18
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning**
 Appointed: **Zoning**

Public Library **No Library**

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		No
Fire Department		Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service		Canaan - Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	20 miles	419
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	17 miles	23

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Granite State; NH Electric Coop; Eversource Energy	
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		No
Recycling Program		Voluntary
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited
Cable Television Access		Yes
Public Access Television Station		No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Satellite
	Residential	Satellite/DSL

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.23
2022 Equalization Ratio	92.0
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.38
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	93.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	1.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	174
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	136
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	38

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2022	284	91,126
2020	277	91,118
2010	331	89,118
2000	299	81,826
1990	237	74,998
1980	197	65,806

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021		
Population by Gender		
Male	182	Female 169
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		4
Age 5 to 19		52
Age 20 to 34		92
Age 35 to 54		97
Age 55 to 64		36
Age 65 and over		70
Median Age		40.6 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 252		
High school graduate or higher		96.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher		42.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income	\$46,586
Median family income	\$82,500
Median household income	\$95,417
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$44,821
Female	\$44,821
Individuals below the poverty level	9.4%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	188	177
Employed	182	171
Unemployed	6	6
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	0	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	n	10
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$ 925
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	5	3
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 69	\$ 270
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	n	13
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$ 776

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Mascoma Valley Regional (Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Orange)** District: **SAU 62**

Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) Elementary Middle/Junior High High School Private/Parochial

Number of Schools

Grade Levels

Total Enrollment

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: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
FC Hammond & Sons	Lumber	14	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-89, Exit 17	
Distance	14 miles	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lebanon Municipal	Runway	5,496 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	21 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		64 miles
Portland, Maine		158 miles
Boston, Mass.		114 miles
New York City, NY		284 miles
Montreal, Quebec		202 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	69.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	3.1%
Worked at home	15.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	17.8%
Commuting to another NH community	74.3%
Commuting out-of-state	7.9%

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
X	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
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Dartmouth Skiway, Ragged Mountain
	Other: Mount Cardigan State Park