

Sullivan County

County Offices

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County Services: Attorney's Office, Board of Commissioners, County Manager, Delegation, Department of Corrections, Facilities, High Sheriff, Human Resources, Natural Resources, Registrar of Deeds, Sullivan County Health Care, Treasurer

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Sullivan County is located on the western border of the state, south of center, bordering Vermont to the west with a 36-mile stretch of the Connecticut River. Sullivan County came into existence in 1827, made up of communities taken from Cheshire County. The name was in honor of General John Sullivan, a Revolutionary War hero, and author of New Hampshire's motto, "Live Free or Die." General Sullivan served as a member of the Continental Congress, Adjutant General to George Washington, and Major General of the Northern Army. He was elected "President" of New Hampshire in 1786, and the town of Sullivan in Cheshire County was named for him in 1787.

Sullivan County contains 537.8 square miles of land area and 14.3 square miles of inland water area. As of the 2020 Census, the population density was 80.1 persons per square mile. Sullivan County includes one city, Claremont, and 14 towns. The county seat is Newport..

COUNTY POPULATION

2021	2010	2000	1990	1980
43,533	43,742	40,458	38,592	36,063

Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial/Annual Population Estimates

DEMOGRAPHICS

By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	21,574	21,531
18 years and over	17,445	17,641
65 years and over	4,364	4,965
Median Age	45.4 years	47.5 years

By Age Group:		
Under age 5		1,993
Age 5 to 19		6,852
Age 20 to 34		7,053
Age 35 to 54		10,710
Age 55 to 64		7,168
Age 65 and over		9,329
Median Age		46.5 years

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

Due to differing methodologies, Annual Population Estimates and 5-Year Average ACS Demographics data may not match.

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian Labor Force	2011	2021
Employed	23,965	22,909
Unemployed	22,857	22,147
Unemployment Rate	1,108	762

2021 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town

Acworth	4.5%	Lempster	3.6%
Charlestown	4.7%	Newport	3.0%
Claremont	3.4%	Plainfield	1.9%
Cornish	4.0%	Springfield	1.9%
Croydon	2.3%	Sunapee	3.3%
Goshen	3.2%	Unity	2.3%
Grantham	2.7%	Washington	4.2%
Langdon	4.0%		

Source: NHES/ELMI

LARGEST BUSINESSES	COMMUNITY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Sturm Ruger & Co.	Newport	Sporting firearms	1,250
Whelen Engineering	Charlestown	Emergency lights	981
Claremont School District	Claremont	Education	446
Valley Regional Hospital	Claremont	Health care services	264
Wal-Mart	Claremont	Retail store	209
City of Claremont	Claremont	Municipal services	146
National Field Representatives	Claremont	Mortgage services	138
Red River Computer	Claremont	IT services	126
NH Industries	Claremont	Manufacturing	115
Town of Grantham	Grantham	Municipal services	114
Design Standards, Inc	Charlestown	Medical instruments	110
Bar Harbor Bank and Trust	Newport	Banking services	110
Fall Mountain Regional School District	Charlestown	Education	109
CANAM Group	Claremont	Manufacturing	103
LaValley Building Supply	Newport	Building components	97
Town of Sunapee	Sunapee	Municipal services	96
Sunapee School District	Sunapee	Education	95
Claremont Savings Bank	Claremont	Banking services	94
Crown Point Cabinetry	Claremont	Custom cabinetry	86
Student Conservation Association	Charlestown	Non-profit youth conservation agency	84
Town of Charlestown	Charlestown	Municipal services	75
Sugar River Bank	Newport	Banking services	75
G K N Aerospace	Charlestown	Aircraft engine parts	70
Carroll Concrete	Newport	Concrete products	70
Premier Precision/RDS	Newport	Machine parts	64
Airgas, Inc	Charlestown	Welding equipment, industrial/medical gases	60
Shaw's	Newport	Supermarket	58
Newport Health Center	Newport	Health care	54
Grantham School District	Grantham	Education	53
Latva Machine Co., Inc.	Newport	Precision machine parts	50

Source: Employer data were provided by individual municipalities; not all municipalities provided data.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT & WAGES – ANNUAL AVERAGE		
	2011	2021
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Annual Average Employment	13,190	13,487
Average Weekly Wage	\$724	\$997
Total Private Industry		
Annual Average Employment	10,617	11,250
Average Weekly Wage	\$732	\$1,021
Private Goods-Producing Establishments		
Annual Average Employment	3,204	3,748
Average Weekly Wage	\$956	\$1,259
Private Service-Providing Establishments		
Annual Average Employment	7,413	7,502
Average Weekly Wage	\$635	\$903
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Annual Average Employment	2,573	2,237
Average Weekly Wage	\$688	\$873

Source: NHES/ELMI. 'n' = data do not meet disclosure standards. Data represent workers covered by unemployment insurance.

INCOME AND POVERTY	
Per Capita Income	\$35,238
Median Family Income	\$64,587
Median Household Income	\$84,723
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	
Male	\$53,838
Female	\$49,923
Percent of individuals below the poverty level	12.5%
Persons under 18 years of age	14.7%
Persons 65 years of age or older	8.1%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

NEAREST HOSPITALS	STAFFED BEDS
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	23
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	94
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon	396
Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Windsor VT	35
New London Hospital, New London	25
Valley Regional, Claremont	25

Source: NH Hospital Association

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population, age 25 and over	32,274
Less than 9th grade	952
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,054
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	12,105
Some college, no degree	4,675
Associate's degree	2,939
Bachelor's degree	5,792
Graduate or professional degree	3,757

Percent of age 25 and over population:

High school graduate or higher	90.7%
With a Bachelor's degree or higher	29.6%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year 2017-2021

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

School Districts Serving Strafford County Municipalities

- Barrington (grades K-8)
- Coe-Brown Academy, Northwood (grades 9-12)
- Dover (grades K-12)
- Eliot, Maine - Rollinsford students (grades 7-12)
- Farmington (grades K-12)
- Governor Wentworth Regional: Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro (grades K-12)
- Middleton (grades K-6)
- Milton (grades K-12)
- Oyster River Cooperative: Durham, Lee, Madbury (grades K-12)
- Rochester (grades K-12)
- Rollinsford (grades K-6)
- Somersworth (grades K-12)
- Strafford (grades K--8)

Career Technology Centers

Concord Regional Technical Center (Concord)
Cheshire Career Center (Keene)
Fall Mountain Regional HS Career/Technical Ed (Langdon)
Hartford Area Career and Technology Center (Hartford VT)
Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center (Claremont)
Sugar River Valley Regional Technical Center (Newport)

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Nearest Community Colleges

River Valley Community College (Claremont)

Nearest Colleges and Universities

New England College (Henniker)
Keene State College (Keene)
Antioch University New England (Keene)
Colby-Sawyer College (New London)
Dartmouth College (Hanover)
Magdalen College for the Liberal Arts (Warner)

Source: NH Department of Education

NH LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, 2021

Total Licensed Facilities	30
Total Capacity	910

Source: NH DHHS, Bureau of Child Care Licensing

COMMUTING TO WORK

Total Workers, 16 years and over	19,923
Car, truck or van: drove alone	16,236
Car, truck or van: carpooled	1,717
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	12
Walked	352
Other means	202
Worked at home	1,404
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.9

Percent of working residents who:

Work in county of residence	58.0%
Commute to some other NH county	31.6%
Commute out of the state or the country	10.4%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	US Routes	5 (Vermont)
	State Routes	4A, 10, 11, 12, 12A, 31, 103, 103B, 114, 120, 123, 123A, 2nd NH Turnpike

Nearest Interstate/Exits

I-89 Exits 5 (Hopkinton), 12A (Sunapee), 13, 14 (Grantham), 15 (Enfield);
I-91 Exits 5 (Westminster VT), 6 (Rockingham VT), 7 (Springfield VT), 8 (Weathersfield VT), 9 (Hartland VT)

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines
Lebanon Regional	1
Manchester-Boston Regional	4

Source: Local mapping data

HOUSING UNITS

<i>Total Housing Units</i>	21,892
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	15,755
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,153
Five or More Units in Structure	2,043
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	1,941

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year 2017-2021

CURRENT HOUSING MARKET**New Hampshire Association of Realtors¹**

YTD Dec 2022 Median Sale Price, Residential	\$299,500
YTD Dec 2022 Average Days on Market	31

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey²

2022 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom	\$1,224
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Source: see footnotes

2021 LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY PROPERTY TYPE

<i>Property Type</i>	<i>Share of Total Valuation</i>
Residential Land and Buildings	85.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.7%

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

PROPERTY TAX RATES, 2021

Town	Total Tax Rate per \$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate per \$1000
Acworth	\$22.93	75.9	\$17.40
Charlestown	\$31.61	86.9	\$27.20
Claremont	\$40.98	75.2	\$29.93
Cornish	\$22.71	80.8	\$18.23
Croydon	\$14.22	92.0	\$13.00
Goshen	\$25.29	79.2	\$19.98
Grantham	\$22.92	77.0	\$17.60
Langdon	\$21.89	97.6	\$21.26
Lempster	\$23.76	79.7	\$15.24
Newport	\$33.00	69.6	\$22.57
Plainfield	\$26.55	74.2	\$19.42
Springfield	\$19.83	78.0	\$15.39
Sunapee	\$13.63	77.6	\$10.55
Unity	\$28.62	77.4	\$22.12
Washington	\$22.43	71.4	\$15.98

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

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² **Source:** 2022 NH Residential Rental Cost Survey, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. Copyright NHHFA 2022. <www.nhfa.org>

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Sullivan County Community Contacts

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<i>address</i>	PO Box 37 Acworth NH 03601	PO Box 385 Charlestown NH 03603	14 North Street Claremont NH 03743
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<i>web site</i>	www.acworthnh.net	www.charlestown-nh.gov	www.claremontnh.com
<i>office hours</i>	Selectmen: M-Th 8-1; Town Clerk: W 4:30-7, Sat 8-12; Tax Collector: M 2-4	Selectmen: MW 7-4, TTh 8-4, F 7-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MW 7-4, TTh 8-4, F 7-12, 2nd & last Sat. 9-12	City Hall, City Manager: M-F 8-5; City Clerk/Central Collections: M-F 9-12:30 & 1:30-5
	Town of Cornish	Town of Croydon	Town of Goshen
<i>address</i>	488 Town House Road Cornish NH 03745	879 NH Route 10 Croydon NH 03773	PO Box 68 Goshen NH 03752
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<i>office hours</i>	Selectmen: M 6:30-8:30, Th 3-5; Administrator: M 12:30-8:30, T 8:30-4, Th 9:30-5, F 8:30-12:30; Town Clerk: TTh 5-7, W 12-3 & 5-7, last Sat 9-12; Tax Collector: M 9-11:30	Town Hall: MTW 12-6; Selectboard: Meet 2nd & 4th T at 7; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTW 12-6	Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-Th 7:30-12 & 1-4
	Town of Grantham	Town of Langdon	Town of Lempster
<i>address</i>	Grantham Town Bldg, 300 Route 10 South Grantham NH 03753	122 NH Route 12A #1 Langdon NH 03602	856 NH Route 10 Lempster NH 03605
<i>phone</i>	603-863-6021	603-835-2389	603-863-3213 or 603-863-2698
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<i>web site</i>	www.granthamnh.net	www.langdonnh.org	www.lempsternh.org
<i>office hours</i>	Selectmen, Town Administrator: M-F 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-Th 8-5, F 8-12 & 1-4	Selectmen: meet M at 7; Admin. Assistant: MW 9-1; Town Clerk: M 1:30-3, W 3-6, 1st Sat 8-11	Business Office: TW 8-4, Th 8-1; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: TWTh 8-5:30, F 8-12, 1st & last Sat. 8-12
	Town of Newport Planning Dept.	Town of Plainfield	Town of Springfield
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	Town of Sunapee	Unity Board of Selectmen	Town of Washington
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<i>office hours</i>	Town Manager: MTThF 8-5, W 8-2; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTThF 8-4:30, W 8-12:30	Town Clerk MW 8-6, TTh 8-3; Tax Collector MTTh 9-3, W 10-6; Selectmen's Secretary: M 1-4, TW 9-5, closed Friday	Selectmen: MTWF 9-3, Th 9-4, Meet Th 7pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Th 2-7, F 9-3, last Sat 9-12

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