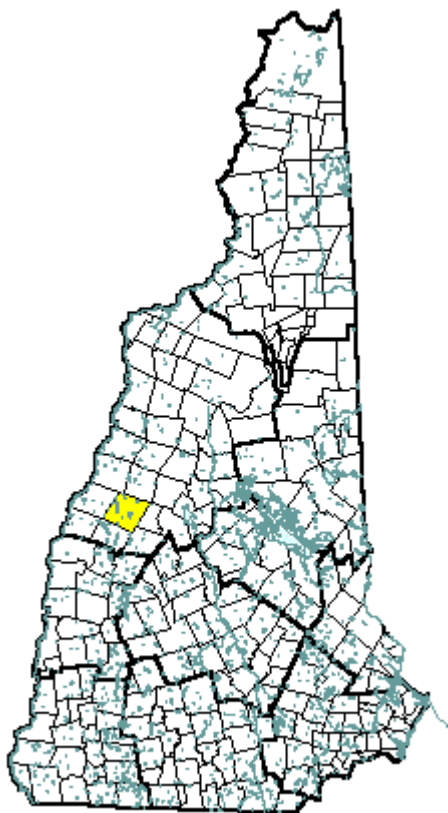


# Canaan, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 8 am - 1 pm, and Saturday 8 am - 12 noon

## County

Grafton

## Labor Market Area

Lebanon NH-VT Micro-NECTA, NH Portion

## Tourism Region

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

## Planning Commission

Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee

## Regional Development

Grafton County Economic Development Council

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 1  
District 2  
Grafton County District 10

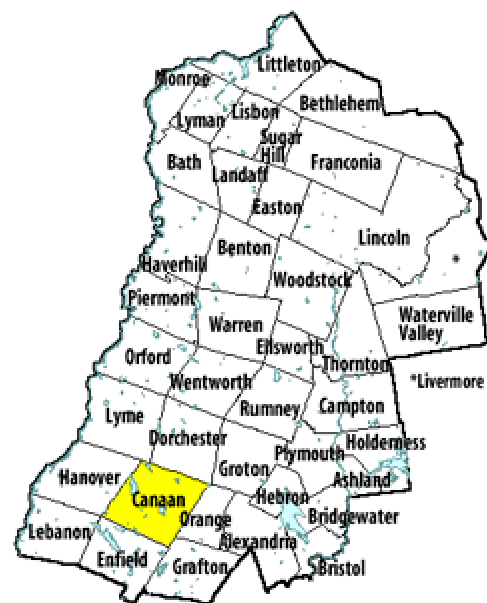
**Incorporated:** 1761

**Origin:** First chartered in 1761, the town probably took its name from the hometown of early settlers from Canaan, Connecticut. Not all the grantees became permanent settlers, and a new charter was issued in 1769. According to the Canaan Historical Society, the first train passed through in November 1847 with Daniel Webster on board, and the railroad operations sparked rapid business growth in Canaan Village. In September 1907, Canaan was the site of a tragic train accident, the collision of a passenger train and a freight, resulting in 25 dead and an equal number injured.

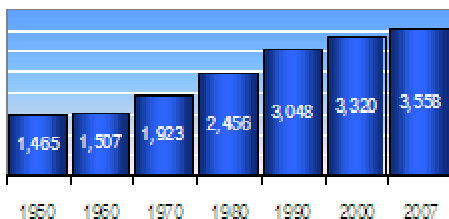
**Villages and Place Names:** Canaan Center, Canaan Street, West Canaan

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 504 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Canaan totaled 1,855 over 50 years, from 1,465 in 1950 to 3,320 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 28 percent increase, which occurred between 1960 and 1970, and also between 1970 and 1980. The 2007 Census estimate for Canaan was 3,558 residents, which ranked 101st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



**Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning):** 67.3 persons per square mile of land area. Canaan contains 53.3 square miles of land area and 1.8 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	<b>\$3,387,415</b>
Budget: School Appropriations,	<b>not available</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>No Board</b>
Master Plan	<b>2006</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Library; Road Agent; Police Chief**

Appointed: **Conservation**

Public Library **Canaan Town**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>6/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon</b>	<b>17 miles</b>	<b>396</b>
<b>Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>NH Electric Coop; National Grid</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Canaan Water Department</b>

Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>none</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>none</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Limited</b>
Residential	<b>Limited</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.31</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>100</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.25</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>85.9%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>11.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.5%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>1,802</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>1,354</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>17</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>175</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>2</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>273</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>3,558</b>	<b>85,514</b>
2000	<b>3,320</b>	<b>81,826</b>
1990	<b>3,048</b>	<b>74,998</b>
1980	<b>2,456</b>	<b>65,806</b>
1970	<b>1,923</b>	<b>54,914</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>1,626</b>	Female <b>1,693</b>

## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>203</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>761</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>533</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,170</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>330</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>322</b>
Median Age	<b>37.7 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>84.2%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>21.9%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$20,515</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$46,339</b>
Median household income	<b>\$43,220</b>

## Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	<b>\$32,946</b>
Female	<b>\$25,000</b>

Families below the poverty level **2.9%**

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>1,866</b>	<b>2,128</b>
Employed	<b>1,841</b>	<b>2,072</b>
Unemployed	<b>25</b>	<b>56</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>124</b>	<b>132</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$465</b>	<b>\$806</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>217</b>	<b>278</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$379</b>	<b>\$644</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>342</b>	<b>409</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$410</b>	<b>\$696</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>215</b>	<b>277</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$425</b>	<b>\$612</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>557</b>	<b>686</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$416</b>	<b>\$662</b>

n = indicates that data does 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 Career and Technical Center, White River Junction VT** Region: **07**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	6-9
Total Enrollment	295	443	465	199

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 7 Total Capacity: 117

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Colby-Sawyer; Lebanon**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Cardigan School	Private school	50	
Barker Steel	Steel fabrication	40	1999
CLE	Race track	25	
Mitchell Paddles, Inc.	Canoe paddles	5	1980
Finn Casperson, Inc.	Forestry		

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

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	118
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-89, Exit 17</b>	
	Distance	<b>10 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,496 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>18 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>80 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>136 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>130 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>281 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>202 miles</b>

## COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>10.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.0%</b>
Walked	<b>2.0%</b>
Other means	<b>0.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>5.9%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>28.2 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>20%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>71%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>9%</b>

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Dartmouth Skiway</b>
	Other: