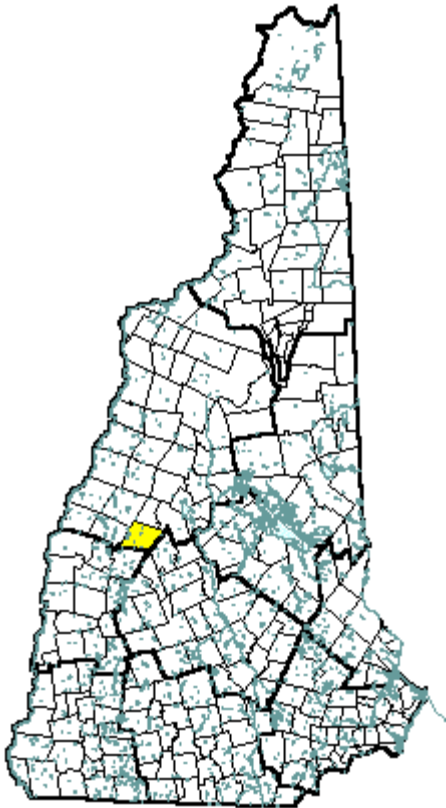


Grafton, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 3:30 pm

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Lebanon NH-VT Micro-NECTA, NH Portion
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 1
District 5
Grafton County District 10

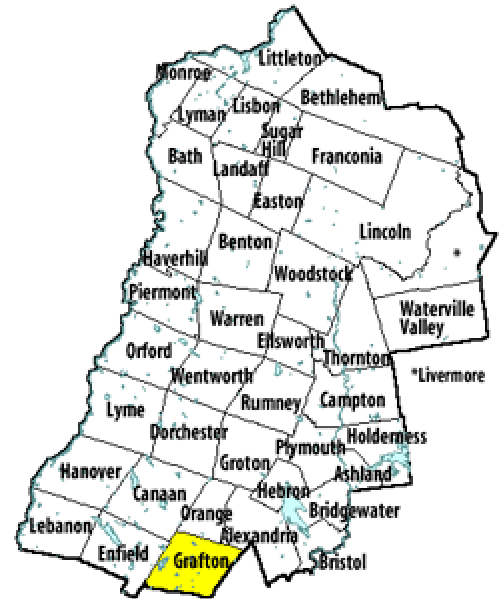
Incorporated: 1778

Origin: This town was named for Augustus Henry Fitzroy, Duke of Grafton, Earl of Arlington and Euston, Viscount Thetford, and Baron Sudbury. The Duke was a pro-American member of English government prior to the Revolution, and related to Governor Benning Wentworth. Grafton County and Thetford, Vermont, were also named in honor of the Duke. Grantees of the initial 1761 charter voted to surrender their grant in 1762. The land was regranted in 1769 to new colonists, including John Hancock and James Otis, well-known Boston patriots.

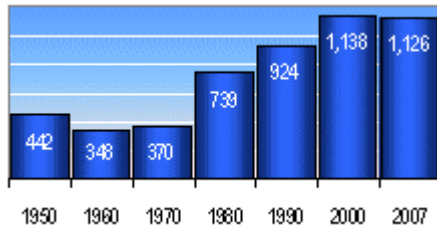
Villages and Place Names: East Grafton, Grafton Center, Robinson Corner, Cardigan Station

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 403 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Grafton totaled 696 over 50 years, from 442 in 1950 to 1,138 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was 100 percent between 1970 and 1980, doubling the population over those ten years. The 2007 Census estimate for Grafton was 1,126 residents, which ranked 175th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area (NH

Office of Energy & Planning): 29.9 persons per square mile of land area.

Grafton contains 41.6 square miles of land area and 0.8 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2000	\$578,402
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	1987
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Trust Funds; Library
Appointed:	Recreation

Public Library **Grafton Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
New London Hospital, New London	22 miles	25
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	23 miles	25
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	25 miles	396

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	Valley Propane
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	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	No
Cable Television Access	No
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	No
Residential	No

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.42
2007 Equalization Ratio	100
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.33

2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	96.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	1.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.4%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	795
2007 Single-Family Units	601
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	6
2007 Multi-Family Units	44
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	150

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	1,126	85,514
2000	1,138	81,826
1990	924	74,998
1980	739	65,806
1970	370	54,914

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	601	Female	537

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	72
Age 5 to 19	240
Age 20 to 34	191
Age 35 to 54	406
Age 55 to 64	114
Age 65 and over	115
Median Age	38.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	81.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	21.9%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$16,944
Median 4-person family income	\$41,875
Median household income	\$38,654

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$30,074
Female	\$23,750

Families below the poverty level **4.2%****LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	364	671
Employed	348	646
Unemployed	16	25
Unemployment rate	4.4%	3.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	0	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	11	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$194	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	11	42
Average Weekly Wage	\$194	\$324
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	14	22
Average Weekly Wage	\$194	\$308
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	24	64
Average Weekly Wage	\$194	\$319

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				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region; River Valley**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Grafton	Municipal services	12	1778
Ruggles Mine (seasonal)	Amusement	10	

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

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	4A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-89, Exit 17; I-93, Exit 23	
Distance	19 miles; 21 miles	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Newfound Valley, Bristol	Runway	1,930 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	26 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		55 miles
Portland, Maine		110 miles
Boston, Mass.		105 miles
New York City, NY		289 miles
Montreal, Quebec		210 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	72.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	17.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	6.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	36.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	16%
Commuting to another NH community	76%
Commuting out-of-state	8%

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
X	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
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged Mountain
	Other: Ruggles Mine