

# Orange, NH

## Community Contact

Town of Orange  
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## Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen, second and fourth Monday, 6 pm - 7:30 pm;  
 Town Clerk: Tuesday, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, first Saturday of  
 month, 9 am - 11 am, or by appointment

## County

Grafton

Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

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 2  
 Grafton County District 10

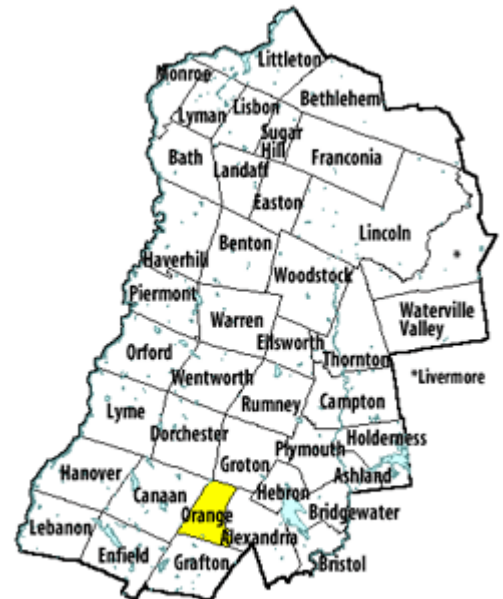
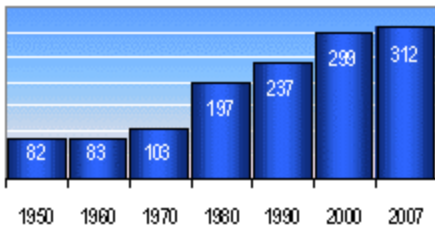
**Incorporated:** 1790

**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 217 over 50 years, from 82 in 1950 to 299 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was 91 percent between 1970 and 1980, a numeric change of 94. The 2007 Census estimate for Orange was 312 residents, which ranked 225th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 13.2 persons per square mile of land area. Orange contains 23.1 square miles of land area and 0.03 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2003	\$189,972
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1985/00
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning

Public Library      **No Library**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Part-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Canaan - Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance    Staffed Beds
<b>Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon</b>	<b>20 miles      396</b>
<b>Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon</b>	<b>17 miles      25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	Granite State; NH Electric Coop; PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Yes
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Yes
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	No
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business      unknown
	Residential      unknown

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

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.31
2007 Equalization Ratio	100
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.93
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	1.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.9%

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

2007 Total Housing Units	147
2007 Single-Family Units	118
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	2
2007 Multi-Family Units	5
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	24

**DEMOGRAPHICS***(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2007	312	85,514
2000	299	81,826
1990	237	74,998
1980	197	65,806
1970	103	54,914

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	157	Female	142
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			21
Age 5 to 19			62
Age 20 to 34			48
Age 35 to 54			114
Age 55 to 64			26
Age 65 and over			28
Median Age			38.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			77.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher			17.4%

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999***(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$17,456
Median 4-person family income	\$40,625
Median household income	\$41,250
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$34,750
Female	\$25,938
Families below the poverty level	6.3%

**LABOR FORCE***(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	263	200
Employed	261	195
Unemployed	2	5
Unemployment rate	0.8%	2.5%

**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	0	0
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	\$0
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	0	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	4	4
Average Weekly Wage	\$82	\$189
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	4	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$82	n

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: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Plymouth State University**

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

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

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-89, Exit 17</b>	
Distance	<b>14 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>21 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>115 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>130 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>284 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>204 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>85.1%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>13.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>1.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>31.5 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>3%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>93%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5%</b>

## 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)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	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): <b>Dartmouth Skiway, Ragged Mountain</b>
	Other: <b>Mount Cardigan State Park</b>