

Unity, NH

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| Web Site | not available |
| Municipal Office Hours | Selectmen's Secretary: Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 am - 5 pm; Monday, Tuesday, 9 am - 5 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 6 pm, and Thursday, 8 am - 5 pm, closed Friday |
| County | Sullivan |
| Labor Market Area | Claremont NH Micro-NECTA |
| Tourism Region | Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee |
| Planning Commission | Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee |
| Regional Development | Capital Regional Development Council |
| Election Districts | |
| US Congress | District 2 |
| Executive Council | District 2 |
| State Senate | District 8 |
| State Representative | Sullivan County District 4 |

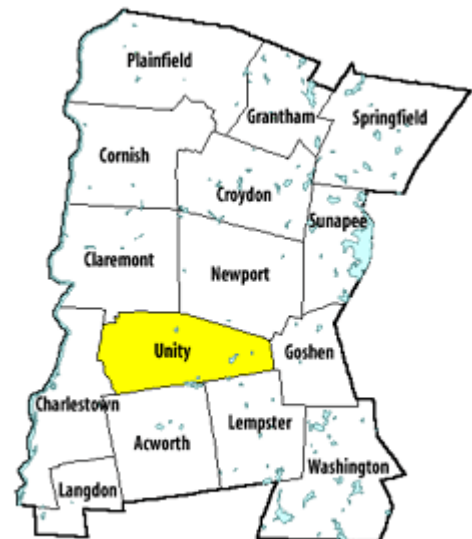
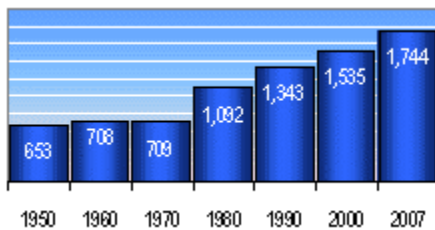
Incorporated: 1764

Origin: This territory was first chartered in 1753, and named Buckingham, after John Hobart, first Earl of Buckinghamshire. Grants of this area had been given by both the early Massachusetts government and by Governor Benning Wentworth, causing dispute among those looking to claim the land. The town was incorporated as Unity in 1764 when the grant terms provided a friendly resolution to the dispute. In the charter document, the grantees were allowed to come to mutual agreement the size of each tract, when usually the tracts were to be divided into equal shares for all those named in the grant.

Villages and Place Names: East Unity, Quaker City, West Unity

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 538 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Unity totaled 882 over 50 years, from 653 in 1950 to 1,535 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 54 percent between 1970 and 1980; the smallest was zero change between 1960 and 1970. The 2007 Census estimate for Unity was 1,744 residents, which ranked 151st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Sullivan County

Population Density and Land Area (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 45.2 persons per square mile of land area. Unity contains 37.0 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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| Type of Government | Selectmen |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006 | \$2,374,351 |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2006 | \$1,248,017 |
| Zoning Ordinance | 2005 |
| Master Plan | 1996 |
| Capital Improvement Plan | No |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | Planning Board |

Boards and Commissions

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| Elected: | Selectmen; Planning; Zoning |
| Appointed: | Conservation; Library |

Public Library **Unity Free Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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| Police Department | Sullivan County Sheriff's Dept covers Unity |
| Fire Department | Part-time & volunteer |
| Town Fire Insurance Rating | 9/10 |
| Emergency Medical Service | Full-time & volunteer |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | Distance Staffed Beds |
| Valley Regional, Claremont | 10 miles 25 |

UTILITIES

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Electric Supplier | NH Electric Coop; PSNH |
| Natural Gas Supplier | None |
| Water Supplier | Private wells; Sullivan County Home |
| 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 | Fairpoint |
| Cellular Telephone Access | Yes |
| Cable Television Access | No |
| Public Access Television Station | No |
| High Speed Internet Service: | Business Limited |
| | Residential Limited |

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

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| 2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$15.04 |
| 2007 Equalization Ratio | 100 |
| 2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$15.11 |
| 2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | 95.9% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 1.3% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 2.8% |

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

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| 2007 Total Housing Units | 682 |
| 2007 Single-Family Units | 527 |
| Residential Permits, Net Change of Units | 5 |
| 2007 Multi-Family Units | 11 |
| Residential Permits, Net Change of Units | 2 |
| 2007 Manufactured Housing Units | 144 |

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

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| Total Population | Community | County |
| 2007 | 1,744 | 42,689 |
| 2000 | 1,535 | 40,560 |
| 1990 | 1,343 | 38,652 |
| 1980 | 1,092 | 36,063 |
| 1970 | 709 | 30,949 |

Census 2000 Demographics

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| Population by Gender | | | |
| Male | 772 | Female | 758 |
| Population by Age Group | | | |
| Under age 5 | | | 78 |
| Age 5 to 19 | | | 257 |
| Age 20 to 34 | | | 250 |
| Age 35 to 54 | | | 487 |
| Age 55 to 64 | | | 143 |
| Age 65 and over | | | 315 |
| Median Age | | | 42.6 years |

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

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| High school graduate or higher | 78.6% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 13.1% |

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999*(US Census Bureau)*

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| Per capita income | \$17,908 |
| Median 4-person family income | \$47,045 |
| Median household income | \$41,594 |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | |
| Male | \$31,199 |
| Female | \$24,833 |
| Families below the poverty level | 6.8% |

LABOR FORCE*(NHES - ELM)*

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| Annual Average | 1997 | 2007 |
| Civilian labor force | 712 | 785 |
| Employed | 698 | 764 |
| Unemployed | 14 | 21 |
| Unemployment rate | 2.0% | 2.7% |

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES*(NHES - ELM)*

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| Annual Average Covered Employment | 1997 | 2007 |
| Goods Producing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 7 | 14 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$387 | \$604 |
| Service Providing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 8 | 9 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$243 | \$698 |
| Total Private Industry | | |
| Average Employment | 15 | 23 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$313 | \$642 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | |
| Average Employment | 34 | 42 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$275 | \$393 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | |
| Average Employment | 49 | 66 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$287 | \$482 |

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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| Schools students attend: | Unity operates grades 1-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Claremont | | | District: SAU 6 |
| Career Technology Center(s): | Sugar River Valley Technical Center, Newport or Claremont | | | Region: 10 |
| Educational Facilities | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
| Number of Schools | 1 | | | |
| Grade Levels | K 1-8 | | | |
| Total Enrollment | 119 | | | |
| NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: | Total Facilities: 0 | Total Capacity: 0 | | |
| Nearest Community College: | River Valley | | | |
| Nearest Colleges or Universities: | Dartmouth; Colby-Sawyer; Lebanon | | | |

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Not available | | | |

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

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| Road Access | US Routes | | |
| | State Routes | | |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit | | I-91 (VT), Exit 7 | |
| | Distance | 12 miles | |
| Railroad | | No | |
| Public Transportation | | No | |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation | | | |
| Claremont Municipal | Runway | 3,100 ft. asphalt | |
| Lighted? Yes | Navigation Aids? | Yes | |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service | | | |
| Lebanon Municipal | Distance | 32 miles | |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | | 1 | |
| Driving distance to select cities: | | | |
| Manchester, NH | | 53 miles | |
| Portland, Maine | | 153 miles | |
| Boston, Mass. | | 105 miles | |
| New York City, NY | | 248 miles | |
| Montreal, Quebec | | 220 miles | |

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

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| Workers 16 years and over | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | 83.2% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | 13.1% |
| Public transportation | 0.0% |
| Walked | 1.5% |
| Other means | 0.4% |
| Worked at home | 1.8% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | 27.9 minutes |
| Percent of Working Residents: | |
| Working in community of residence | 17% |
| Commuting to another NH community | 75% |
| Commuting out-of-state | 8% |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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| 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 |
| Tourist Attractions |
| 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 |
| Bicycle Trails |
| Cross Country Skiing |
| Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area |
| Overnight or Day Camps |
| Nearest Ski Area(s): King Ridge, Mount Sunapee |
| Other: |