

Franconia, NH



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County

Grafton

Labor Market Area

Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part

Tourism Region

White Mountains

Planning Commission

North Country Council

Regional Development

Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 1

State Representative

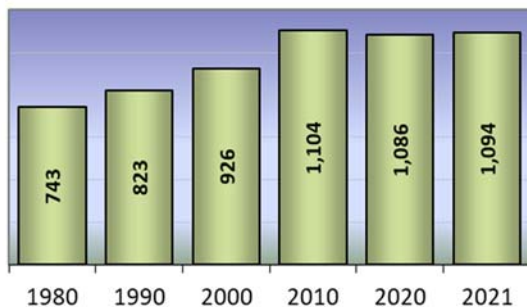
Grafton County District 2

Incorporated: 1764

Origin: Franconia was first chartered in 1764, but settlers were unable to meet the prescribed terms, and in 1772 it was regranted along with a substantial portion of Lincoln as Morrystown. There was considerable conflict of claim between the original grantees of Franconia and Lincoln and the Morrystown grantees, and following a court decision that forfeiture of grant was illegal, ownership was returned to the original settlers. The western section of Franconia was at one time mined for copper and magnetic iron ore. Franconia Notch is well known for its natural features, including the Old Man of the Mountains, which fell on May 3, 2003, Profile and Echo Lakes, the Flume, and the Basin. Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway was the first passenger tramway built in North America.

Villages and Place Names: Mittersill, Franconia Notch

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 72 residents in 1790



Population Trends:

Population change for Franconia totaled 351 over

41 years, from 743 in 1980 to 1,094 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 19 percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2021 Census estimate for Franconia was 1,094 residents, which ranked 182nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 16.6 persons per square mile of land area. Franconia contains 65.7 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$3,914,509
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$1,399,494
Zoning Ordinance	1970/16
Master Plan	2008
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Water; Trust Funds; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Cemetery**
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recreation; CIP**

Public Library **Abbie Greenleaf**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Littleton Regional, Littleton	9 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Franconia Water

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary

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

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$12.95
2021 Equalization Ratio	95.6
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$12.33

2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	89.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	9.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	870
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	771
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	45
Five or More Units in Structure	41
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	13

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2021	1,094	92,201
2020	1,087	91,123
2010	1,104	89,118
2000	926	81,826
1990	823	74,998
1980	743	65,806

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020		
Population by Gender		
Male	472	Female 556
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		10
Age 5 to 19		91
Age 20 to 34		166
Age 35 to 54		146
Age 55 to 64		254
Age 65 and over		361
Median Age		57.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	97.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	56.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2016-2020)	
Per capita income	\$47,494
Median family income	\$94,924
Median household income	\$92,689

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$56,458
Female	\$63,750
Individuals below the poverty level	1.2%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	640	641
Employed	616	619
Unemployed	24	22
Unemployment rate	3.8%	3.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	41	82
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 771	\$ 737
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	619	528
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 775	\$ 964
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	660	611
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 775	\$ 934
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	219	196
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 485	\$ 630
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	879	807
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 703	\$ 860

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-6 are part of Lafayette Regional (Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill); grades 7-12 are part of Profile (Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill)** District: **SAU 35**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	94			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **76**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Franconia Notch State Park	Tourism	339	
Garnet Hill Catalog Sales	Clothing (natural fibers)	200	
Lafayette Center	Nursing Facility	98	
Cannon Mountain	Tourism	90	
Presby Construction	Construction	48	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		3
	State Routes	18, 116, 117, 141, 142	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exits 34B, 34C, or 35 - 38	
	Distance		Local access
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Franconia Airport	Runway	2,305 ft.	turf
Lighted?	No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	68 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			1
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		81 miles	
Portland, Maine		96 miles	
Boston, Mass.		131 miles	
New York City, NY		331 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		192 miles	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		76.6%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		6.5%	
Public transportation		0.7%	
Walked		4.7%	
Other means		5.6%	
Worked at home		5.8%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		20.0 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence		82.5%	
Commuting to another NH community		6.7%	
Commuting out-of-state		10.8%	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Cannon, Loon, Bretton Woods
	Other: Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Franconia Notch State Park; Flume Gorge; Old Man of the Mountain Memorial; Cannon Mountain Tramway