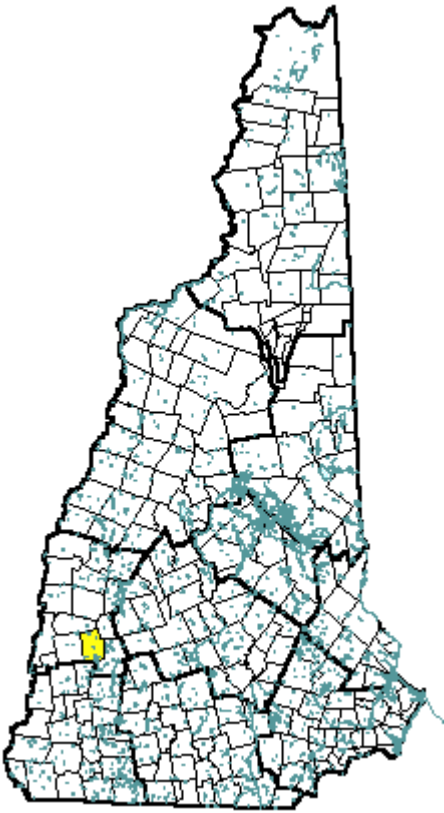


Lempster, NH



Community Contact

Town of Lempster
Phyllis M. Clark, Town Clerk
PO Box 33
East Lempster, NH 03605

Telephone
Fax
E-mail
Web Site

(603) 863-3213
(603) 863-8105
not available
not available

Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 am - 12 noon, plus Wednesday,
5 pm - 8 pm

County

Sullivan
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee
Western Region Development Corp.

Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 8
District 22

Incorporated: 1772

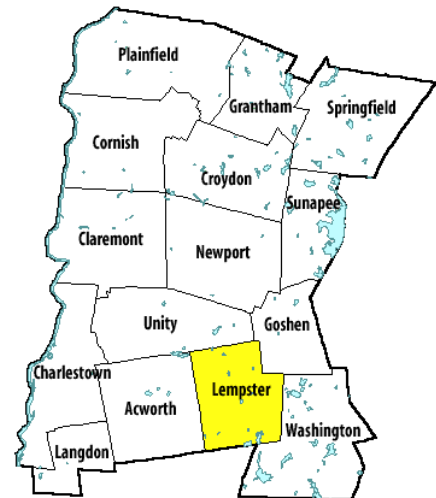
Origin: This town was originally granted in 1735 by Massachusetts Governor Belcher as Number 9, the ninth in a line of forts established to guard against Indian attacks. It was regranted in 1753 by Governor Benning Wentworth, as Dupplin, after Sir Thomas Hay, Lord Dupplin of Scotland, who had been in charge of the settlement of Nova Scotia. Following the Peace of Paris in 1761, when terms of many grants had not been carried out, the town was regranted as Lempster, named for Sir Thomas Fermor of Lempster, England, who was a Wentworth relation.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 415 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Lempster's population grew three times larger over the last fifty years, with above average growth rates over three of the last five decades. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 12 percent decrease between 1950-1960 to a 77 percent increase between 1970-1980. Lempster's population increased by a total of 662 residents, going from 309 in 1950 to 971 residents in 2000. The 2003 Census estimate for Lempster was 1,044 residents, which ranked 180th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 30.8 persons per square mile of land area. Lempster contains 32.3 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: Dodge Hollow, East Lempster, Keyes Hollow



Sullivan County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
2004 Annual Budget	\$755,780
Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	1987
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Board of Selectmen; Planning Board
Appointed:	Conservation Commission; Library Trustees

Public Library Miner Memorial

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

Nearest Hospital(s):

Valley Regional, Claremont

Distance: 15 miles Staffed Beds: 28

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop.
Natural Gas Supplier	None
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	None
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business unknown
	Residential unknown

PROPERTY TAXES

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$20.30
2003 Equalization Ratio	100.0
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$20.23
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	91.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.2%
Other Property including Utilities	4.3%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	601
2002 Single-Family Units	492
Building Permits Issued	11
2002 Multi-Family Units	17
Building Permits Issued	0
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	92

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	1,044	42,048
2000	971	40,458
1990	947	38,592
1980	637	36,063
1970	360	30,949

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	494	Female 477

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	52
Age 5 to 19	203
Age 20 to 34	138
Age 35 to 54	352
Age 55 to 64	89
Age 65 and over	137
Median Age	41.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	81.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	15.3%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$19,172
Median 4-person family income	\$45,385
Median household income	\$40,458

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$31,484
Female	\$22,566

Families below the poverty level

3.2%

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	485	477
Employed	463	463
Unemployed	22	14
Unemployment rate	4.5%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1993 2003

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	21	11
Average Weekly Wage	\$345	\$503

Service Providing Industries

Average Employment	8	27
Average Weekly Wage	\$609	\$451

Total Private Industry

Average Employment	29	38
Average Weekly Wage	\$420	\$465

Government (Federal, State, and Local)

Average Employment	9	62
Average Weekly Wage	\$138	\$407

Total, Private Industry plus Government

Average Employment	39	100
Average Weekly Wage	\$351	\$429

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-8 are part of Goshen-Lempster Cooperative (Goshen, Lempster); grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Newport, Sunapee, Kearsarge, Keene, Fall Mountain, or Claremont** District: **SAU 71**

Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley Tech Center** Region: **10**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	192			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Claremont**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Colby-Sawyer; New England**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Jolly Roger Moto-Sports Park (seasonal)	Motor sports park	15	1996
Onnela Lumber Company	Sawmill	7	1940's

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	31
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91, Exit 7
	Distance	18 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Newport
	Runway	3,450 feet
	Lighted?	No
	Navigational Aids?	Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Lebanon
	Distance	38 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	56 miles
	Portland, Maine	148 miles
	Boston, Mass.	105 miles
	New York City, NY	238 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	225 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

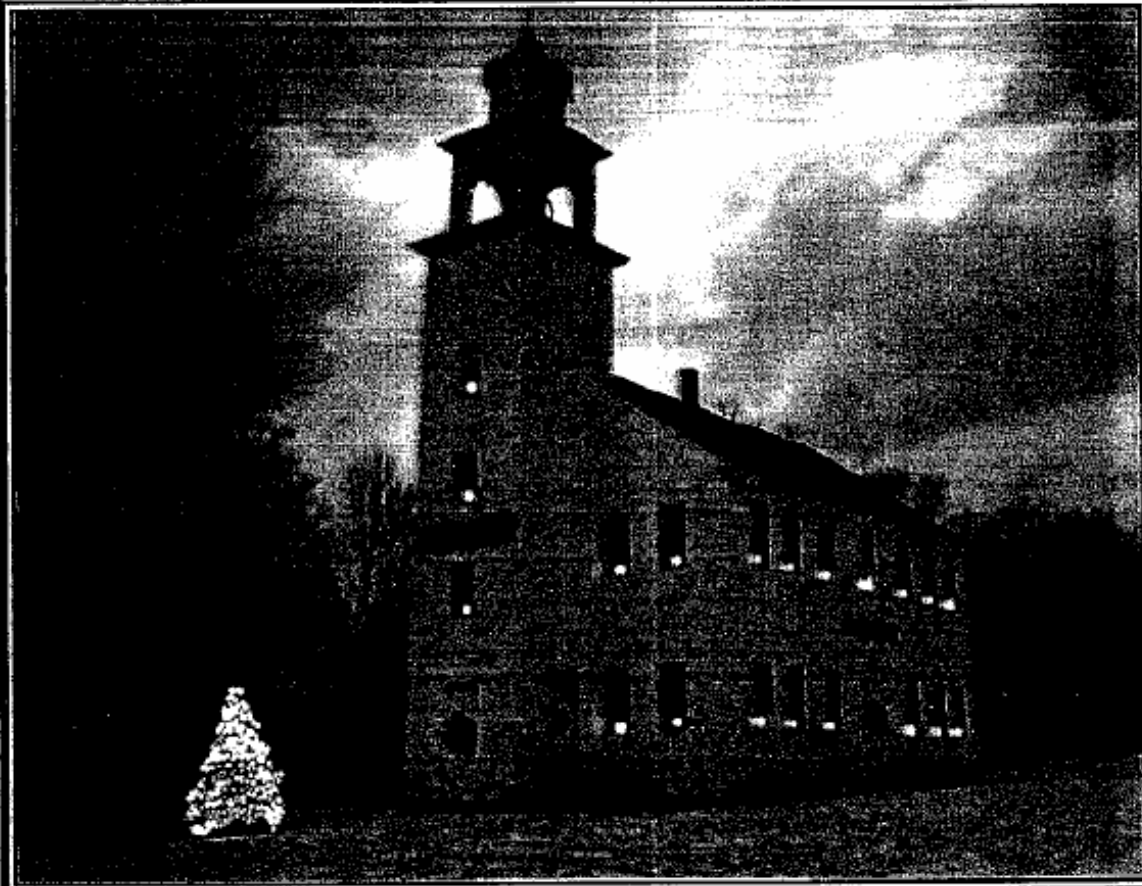
Workers 16 years and over	
	Drove alone, car/truck/van 73.1%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van 15.6%
	Public transportation 0.0%
	Walked 2.8%
	Other means 0.8%
	Worked at home 7.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
	Working in community of residence 20%
	Commuting to another NH community 76%
	Commuting out-of-state 4%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	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
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee
	Other: Summer camps

**TOWN OF LEMPSTER
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Incorporated 1767



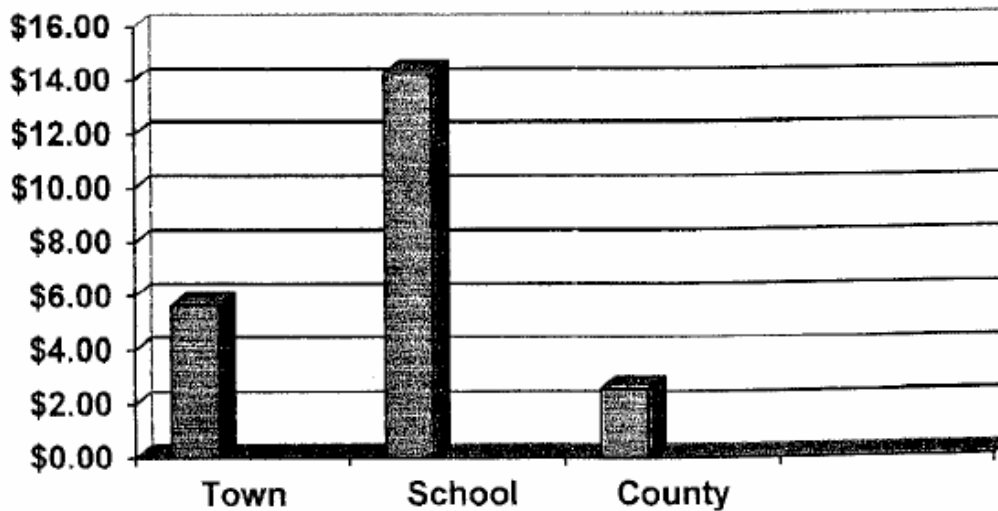
**2005
ANNUAL TOWN
&
SCHOOL REPORT**

TAX RATE HISTORY Lempster, N.H.

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Town	\$ 7.62	\$ 4.52	\$ 6.01	\$ 5.67
Local School	14.96	10.36	12.65	11.43
State Educ.	6.18	2.91	2.63	2.87
County	4.06	2.51	2.82	2.57
TOTAL	\$32.82	\$20.30	\$24.11	\$22.54

2005 TAX RATE BREAKDOWN

TOWN	\$ 5.67
SCHOOL	\$14.30
COUNTY	\$ 2.57
TOTAL	\$22.54 per \$1,000 of valuation



SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Value of Land:

Current Use Land	\$ 1,533,172.00
Conservation Restriction Assessment	\$ 20,580.00
Residential	\$ 28,652,900.00
Commercial	\$ 709,700.00
Total Taxable Land	\$ 30,916,352.00

Value of Buildings:

Residential	\$ 40,009,700.00
Manufactured Homes	\$ 3,152,800.00
Commercial	\$ 2,043,300.00
Total Taxable Buildings	\$ 45,205,800.00

Total Public Utilities **\$ 1,859,300.00**

Total Valuation Before Exemptions **\$ 77,981,452.00**

Exemptions:

Blind	\$ 45,000.00
Elderly	\$ 729,500.00
Total Exemptions	\$ 774,500.00

**Net Valuation Without
Utilities on Which Tax Rate
For State Education Tax is
Computed**

\$ 77,206,952.00

TOWN OF LEMPSTER
2006 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2005	2005	
	APPROPRIATION	EXPENDED	PROPOSED
Executive	\$ 69,185.00	\$ 68,828.97	\$ 84,465.00
Election & Registration	\$ 2,850.00	\$ 2,520.19	\$ 3,690.00
Financial Admin.	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Legal Expense	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
Employee Benefits	\$ 61,200.00	\$ 41,142.41	\$ 72,825.00
Planning Board	\$ 10,600.00	\$ 7,564.73	\$ 13,600.00
General Govern. Bldgs.	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 15,915.09	\$ 16,900.00
Appraisal of Property	\$ 9,825.00	\$ 15,462.70	\$ 23,197.00
Conservation Com.	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,400.00
Cemeteries	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 1,463.00	\$ 6,000.00
Insurance	\$ 15,300.00	\$ 15,561.88	\$ 16,000.00
Contingency	\$ 5,000.00		\$ 5,000.00
Police Dept.	\$ 47,315.00	\$ 45,583.01	\$ 55,072.00
Health Officer Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Ambulance Service	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
Fire Department	\$ 34,112.00	\$ 31,880.63	\$ 51,407.00
Rescue Squad	\$ 10,912.00	\$ 10,542.86	\$ 12,150.00
Building Inspection	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,725.00	\$ 1,800.00
Emgcy Mgnt/Forest Fire	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 584.38	\$ 2,400.00
Highway Department	\$ 237,874.00	\$ 292,640.29	\$ 257,719.00
Street Lights	\$ 650.00	\$ 460.21	\$ 650.00
Solid Waste	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 72,719.31	\$ 99,456.00
Health Agencies	\$ 5,400.00	\$ 2,717.00	\$ 5,400.00
Sullivan Hospice	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Southwest Com. Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,034.00
West Central Services	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,050.00
Direct Assistance	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 500.89	\$ 5,500.00
Sullivan Nutrition	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Parks & Recreation	\$ 600.00	\$ 865.00	\$ 1,000.00
Library	\$ 11,415.00	\$ 11,415.00	\$ 13,365.00
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 500.00	\$ 498.00	\$ 500.00
Princ./LT Notes	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ -
Int./LT Notes	\$ 907.00	\$ 906.38	\$ -
Int. TAN Notes	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 672,995.00	\$ 663,746.93	\$ 762,480.00
2005 SPECIAL ARTICLES			
Art. 7 Highway Truck	\$ 27,365.00	\$ 26,942.58	
Art. 8 Fire Dept. Grant	\$ 55,080.00	\$ 55,080.00	
Art. 9 Mounument	\$ 500.00	\$ -	

TOWN OF LEMPSTER
2006 PROPOSED BUDGET

Art. 10 Owl	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 1,241.65		
Art. 11 Police Cruiser	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
Art. 12 Forest Fire Truck CR	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Art. 13 Twn Bldg. Repair ET	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00		
Art. 14 Master Plan	\$ 12,550.00	\$ 2,296.81		
Art. 15 Fire Dept. Pump CR	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
Art. 16 Public Safety Bldg. CR	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00		
Art. 17 Rescue Truck CR	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		
Art. 18 Revaluation CR	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00		
Art. 19 Highway Truck CR	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Art. 20 Town Bridge CR	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00		
Art. 21 Transfer Station CR	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Art. 22 New Cemetery CR	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00		
Art. 23 Fire Dept. Equipment ET	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00		
Art. 24 Hwy Dept. Equip. ET	\$ 7,251.00	\$ 7,251.00		
Art. 25 Cemetery Fence	\$ 2,500.00	\$		
2006 SPECIAL AND INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES				
Art. 4 - Full-Time Clerk			\$ 26,950.00	
Art. 5 - Police Cruiser			\$ 32,225.00	
Art. 8 - Veterans Memorial ET			\$ 1,000.00	
Art. 10 - Owl			\$ 1,000.00	
Art. 11 - Old Home Day			\$ 1,000.00	
Art. 12 - Library Painting			\$ 6,000.00	
Art. 13 - CPA			\$ 6,500.00	
Art. 15 - Hwy Gar. Removal			\$ 9,600.00	
Art. 17 - Meeting Hse Roof			\$ 21,000.00	
Art. 18 - Mtn Rd Shim/Pave			\$ 98,000.00	
Art. 19 - Flood Damage Rep.			\$ 114,000.00	
Art. 20 - Town Bridge CR			\$ 5,000.00	
Art. 24 - Hwy Dept. Equip. CR			\$ 8,970.00	
Art. 25 - Forest Fire Truck CR			\$ 1,000.00	
Art. 27 - Fire Pumper CR			\$ 5,000.00	
Art. 28 - Rescue Truck CR			\$ 10,000.00	
Art. 31 - Town Bldg. Repair ET			\$ 42,877.00	
Art. 32 - Municipal Charrette			\$ 30,220.00	
Art. 33 - Transfer Station CR			\$ 1,000.00	
Art. 34 - Landfill Closure CR			\$ 1,000.00	
Art. 35 - Cemetery Fence CR			\$ 3,000.00	
Art. 36 - New Cemetery GR			\$ 5,000.00	
Art. 37 - Highway Truck			\$ 27,365.00	
Art. 38 - Highway Grader CR			\$ 10,000.00	
TOTAL	\$ 858,641.00	\$ 834,058.97	\$ 1,230,187.00	