



Northfield, NH

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Municipal Office Hours **Selectmen: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm, Tuesday, 8:30 am - 7 pm, Wednesday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

County **Merrimack**
Labor Market Area **Franklin NH Micro-NECTA**
Tourism Region **Lakes**
Planning Commission **Lakes Region**
Regional Development **Capital Regional Development Council**

Election Districts
US Congress **District 2**
Executive Council **District 2**
State Senate **District 7**
State Representative **Merrimack County District 6**

Incorporated: 1780

Origin: Like many other towns, Northfield began with a group of residents who felt they lived too far from the center of town, in this case Canterbury, making it inconvenient to attend public affairs. Petitioners were granted a separate township in 1780. The Northfield library was called the Northfield Improving Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge, the same title used by Benjamin Franklin in 1743 for the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. The library began with a supply of 24 books, charging an annual membership fee of \$5, and continued under that name until 1842.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 606 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Northfield totaled 3,008 over 50 years, from 1,561 in 1950 to 4,569 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 40 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, this followed a 39 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2006 Census estimate for Northfield was 5,185 residents, which ranked 62nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2006: 181.4 persons per square mile of land area. Northfield contains 28.6 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government **Selectmen**
 Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005 **\$3,102,340**
 Budget: School Appropriations **Cooperative School District**
 Zoning Ordinance **1973/06**
 Master Plan **2004**
 Capitol Improvement Plan **Yes**
 Industrial Plans Reviewed By **Planning Board**

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen**
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation**

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2006	5,185	148,085
2000	4,569	136,716
1990	4,277	120,618
1980	3,051	98,302
1970	2,193	80,925
Census 2000 Demographics		
Population by Gender		
Male	2,261	Female 2,287
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		263

Public Library		Hall Memorial	Age 5 to 19	1,142
			Age 20 to 34	782
EMERGENCY SERVICES			Age 35 to 54	1,600
Police Department		Full-time	Age 55 to 64	364
Fire Department		Full-time	Age 65 and over	397
Town Fire Insurance Rating		5/9	Median Age	36 years
Emergency Medical Service		Full-time		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
Franklin Regional, Franklin	3 miles	49	High school graduate or higher	81.6%
			Bachelor's degree or higher	15.2%
UTILITIES			ANNUAL INCOME, 1999	<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop		Per capita income	\$18,466
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan		Median 4-person family income	\$48,787
Water Supplier	Tilton-Northfield Aqueduct Co.		Median household income	\$44,333
Sanitation		Municipal	Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	Male	\$33,051
Solid Waste Disposal			Female	\$25,000
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	Families below the poverty level	0.9%
Recycling		Voluntary		
Telephone Company		Verizon	LABOR FORCE	<i>(NHES - ELMI)</i>
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	Annual Average	1996 2006
Cable Television Access		Yes	Civilian Labor Force	2,816 2,891
Public Access Television Station		No	Employed	2,739 2,794
High Speed Internet Service:			Unemployed	77 97
Business		Yes	Unemployment Rate	2.7% 3.4%
Residential		Yes		
PROPERTY TAXES	<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>		EMPLOYMENT & WAGES	<i>(NHES - ELMI)</i>
2006 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.22		Annual Average Covered Employment	1996 2006
2006 Equalization Ratio	81.5		Goods Producing Industries	
2006 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.47		Average Employment	474 513
			Average Weekly Wage	\$502 \$822
2006 Percent of Local Assessed Value by Property Type			Service Providing Industries	
Residential Land and Buildings	87.0%		Average Employment	244 387
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.2%		Average Weekly Wage	\$337 \$494
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.9%		Total Private Industry	
HOUSING	<i>(NH Office of Energy and Planning)</i>		Average Employment	718 900
2006 Total Housing Units	2,052		Average Weekly Wage	\$446 \$681
2006 Single-Family Units	1,269		Government (Federal, State, and Local)	
Single-Family Permits Issued, Net Change of Units	8		Average Employment	28 127
2006 Multi-Family Units	563		Average Weekly Wage	\$390 \$631
Multi-Family Permits Issued, Net Change of Units	0		Total, Private plus Government	
2006 Manufactured Housing Units	220		Average Employment	746 1,027
			Average Weekly Wage	\$444 \$675

n = indicates that the data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Winnisquam Regional (Northfield, Sanbornton, Tilton)** District: **SAU 59**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2			
Grade Levels	P K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	536			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2007: Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **104**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord; Laconia**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Freudenberg-NOK	Manufacturing	200	1997
Wyman Gordon	Investment castings	200	1951
Eptam Plastics	Manufacturing	100	2002
Tobin Tool	Manufacturing	100	1997
Spaulding Youth Center	Youth program	25	
Blouin Steel	Manufacturing	10	1998
Pike Industries	Asphalt	10	1998

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	132, 140
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 19
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		State owned line
Public Transportation		No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Laconia Municipal

Runway		5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	40 miles
Number of Passsenger Airlines Serving Airport		8

Driving distance to selected cities:

Manchester, NH	35 miles
Portland, ME	99 miles
Boston, MA	85 miles
New York City, NY	288 miles
Montreal, Quebec	236 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(US Census)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.1%
Other Means	1.4%
Worked at home	1.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.4 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:

Working in community of residence	13%
Commuting to another NH community	85%
Commuting out-of-state	3%

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
- Tourists Attractions
- X** 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
- Campgrounds
- X** Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- X** Snowmobile Trails
- X** Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- X** Beach or Waterfront Recreational Area
- Overnight or Day Camps
- Nearest Ski Area(s): **Ragged, Gunstock Mtns**
- Other: **Pines Community Center**

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2007. Community Response Received 10/11/07

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