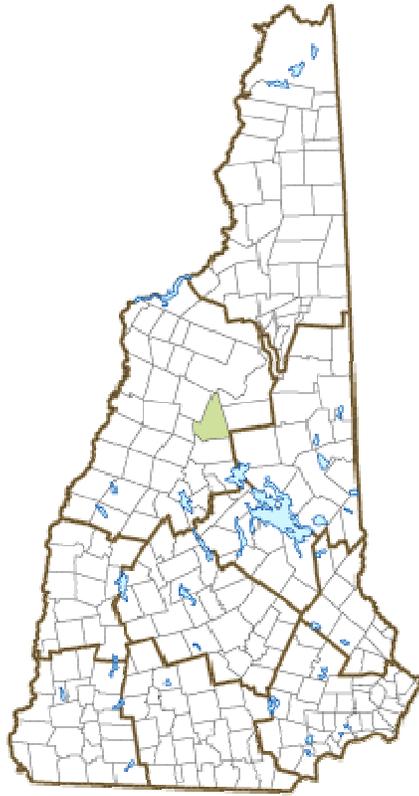


# Thornton, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Friday, 8 am - 3:30 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Tuesday, 8:30 am - 7 pm, Friday, 8 am - 3:30 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Grafton**  
**Plymouth, NH LMA**  
**White Mountains**  
**North Country Council**  
**Grafton County Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
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**Grafton County Districts 6, 16**

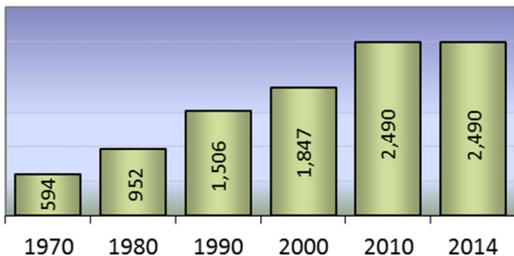
**Incorporated: 1763**

**Origin:** This territory was chartered in 1763, and named for Dr. Matthew Thornton. The grant was given to him in return for his service as surgeon in the Pepperell expedition of 1745. Dr. Thornton, whose practice was in Merrimack, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, a justice of the Superior Court, speaker of the House of Representatives, member of the State Senate, delegate to the Continental Congress, and "president" of the state following the Revolutionary War. No settlements were made under the first grant, and a second was issued in 1768; the first settlements were made in 1770.

**Villages and Place Names:** Goose Hollow, West Thornton

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 385 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Thornton totaled 2,010 over 54 years, from 480 in 1960



to 2,490 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of

60 percent between 1970 and 1980, this was followed by a 58 percent increase over

the next decade. The 2014 Census estimate for Thornton was 2,490 residents, which ranked 123rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau):** 49.5 persons per square mile of land area. Thornton contains 50.3 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	<b>\$2,915,634</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$4,408,489</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1970/15</b>
Master Plan	<b>2013</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Trust Funds; Planning; Library; Treasurer; Overseer Public Welfare**  
 Appointed: **Conservation; Zoning**

Public Library **Thornton Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>	
Fire Department		<b>Municipal</b>	
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Municipal</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Time Warner</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Limited</b>
Residential	<b>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.10</b>
2015 Equalization Ratio	<b>106.1</b>
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.26</b>
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.8%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>2.1%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.1%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2010-2014)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,971</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,664</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>51</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>52</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>204</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2014	<b>2,490</b>	<b>89,360</b>
2010	<b>2,490</b>	<b>89,118</b>
2000	<b>1,847</b>	<b>81,826</b>
1990	<b>1,506</b>	<b>74,998</b>
1980	<b>952</b>	<b>65,806</b>
1970	<b>594</b>	<b>54,914</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,337</b>	Female	<b>1,153</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>71</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>335</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>433</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>746</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>448</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>457</b>
Median Age			<b>48.2 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>90.6%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>44.1%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2010-2014)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$30,647</b>
Median family income	<b>\$67,303</b>
Median household income	<b>\$57,708</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$40,938</b>
Female	<b>\$37,143</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>4.1%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,178</b>	<b>1,578</b>	
Employed	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,526</b>	
Unemployed	<b>33</b>	<b>52</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>20</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 478</b>	<b>n</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>95</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 437</b>	<b>n</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>115</b>	<b>67</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 444</b>	<b>\$ 465</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 613</b>	<b>\$ 412</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>137</b>	<b>82</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 471</b>	<b>\$ 455</b>	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Thornton operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)</b>				District: <b>SAU 48</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Plymouth Applied Technology Center</b>				Region: <b>5</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>				
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>				
Total Enrollment	<b>182</b>				

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **57**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Not Available			

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>49, 175</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 29</b>
	Distance	<b>Local access</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Plymouth Regional</b>	Runway	<b>2,380 ft. turf</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>58 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>72 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>105 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>122 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>319 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>199 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>1.5%</b>
Other means	<b>2.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>7.0%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>27.8 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>16.3</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>79.5</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4.2</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Loon Mountain, Waterville Valley</b>
	Other: <b>Waterville Valley; Loon Mountain; White Mountains</b>