

# Jefferson, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Office: Monday to Friday, 8-3; Town Clerk: Monday, 8-1 and 4-7, Tuesday, 8-11; Tax Collector: third Tuesday each month, 6-8, or by appointment**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Coös**  
**Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part**  
**White Mountains**  
**North Country Council**  
**Coös Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
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**Coös County Districts 4, 7**

**Incorporated: 1796**

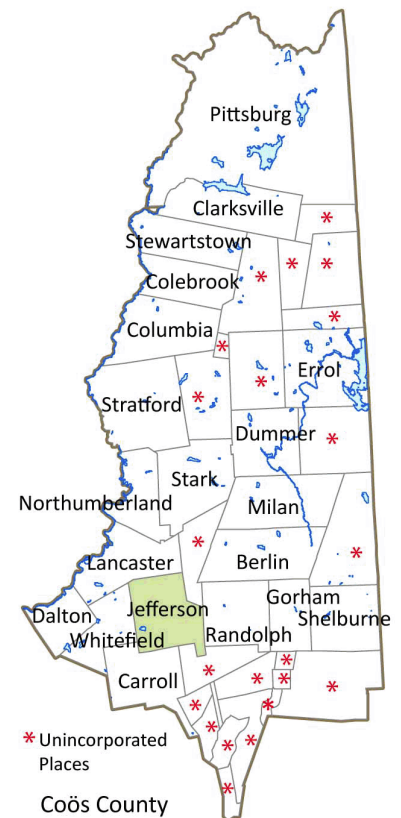
**Origin:** This territory was first granted in 1765 as Dartmouth, after William Legge, Earl of Dartmouth and patron of Dartmouth College. The location was so deep in unexplored territory that few took up their claims, and a regrant was issued to several influential men from about the state. Those who did settle the area included Samuel Hale and Colonel Joseph Whipple of Portsmouth, who cut trails through the forests to build a manor house. Colonel Whipple was a brother of William Whipple, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and an ardent supporter of Thomas Jefferson. At the Colonel's suggestion, the town was incorporated in 1796 as Jefferson, four years prior to Thomas Jefferson's election as President.

**Villages and Place Names:** Baileys, Highlands, Jefferson Highlands, Riverton, Starr King, Waumbeck Junction, Cherry Mountain, Meadows

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 111 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Jefferson totaled 306 over 50 years, from 714 in 1970 to 1,020 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 20 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population declined by eight percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Jefferson was 1,066 residents, which ranked 184th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 21.3 persons per square mile of land area. Jefferson contains 50.1 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$914,523	
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Zoning Ordinance		1987/17	
Master Plan		2022	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Checklist; Town Clerk, Treasurer		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Tax Collector		
Public Library	Jefferson Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		Voulnteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster		8 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Limited	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$18.56	
2022 Equalization Ratio		81.8	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$15.10	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		85.4%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		8.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		6.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		691	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		574	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		25	
Five or More Units in Structure		13	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		79	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,066		31,504
2020	1,043		31,268
2010	1,107		33,055
2000	1,008		33,156
1990	960		34,879
1980	803		35,014
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	439	Female	478
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		26	
Age 5 to 19		98	
Age 20 to 34		89	
Age 35 to 54		174	
Age 55 to 64		214	
Age 65 and over		316	
Median Age		59.1 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		762	
High school graduate or higher		90.4%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		32.9%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$39,801	
Median family income		\$64,276	
Median household income		\$58,617	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$55,938	
Female		\$43,750	
Individuals below the poverty level		4.7%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		647	632
Employed		612	617
Unemployed		35	15
Unemployment rate		5.4%	2.4%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		39	37
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 580	\$ 863
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		383	298
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 430	\$ 487
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		422	335
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 443	\$ 528
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		38	35
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 549	\$ 354
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		460	370
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 452	\$ 512
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of White Mountains Regional (Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield)** District: **SAU 36**

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				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities:

Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Santa's Village	Seasonal amusement	200	
Ingerson Transportation	Trucking	15	
Old Corner Store	Convenience store, deli	12	
Hicks Logging	Logging	14	1997
Evergreen Motel	Lodging	2	1960

#### Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	2
	State Routes	115, 115A, 116
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exits 35 - 36	
	Distance	21 miles
Railroad	Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Mt Washington Reg, Whitefield</b>	Runway	4,001 ft. asphalt
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	93 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		115 miles
Portland, Maine		112 miles
Boston, Mass.		165 miles
New York City, NY		357 miles
Montreal, Quebec		176 miles

##### COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	0.9%
Worked at home	6.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	16.3%
Commuting to another NH community	77.7%
Commuting out-of-state	6.0%

##### 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)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	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): **Bretton Woods**

Other: **Pondicherry Sanctuary**