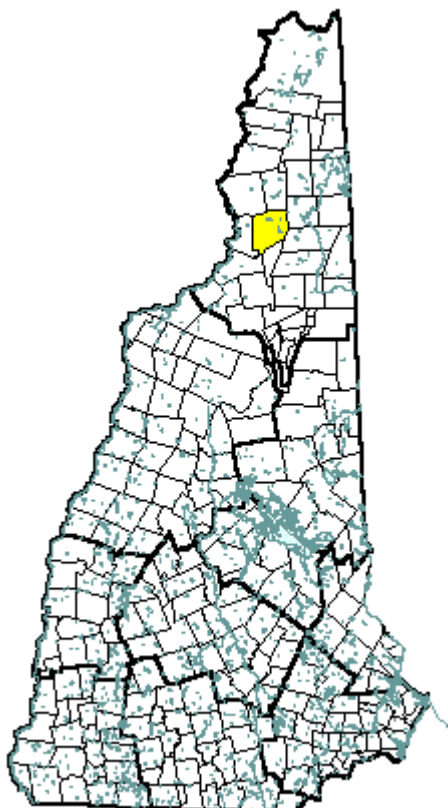


# Stark, NH



## Community Contact

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 Fax  
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**not available**

## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon**

## County

**Coos**

Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Berlin NH Micro-NECTA**  
**Great North Woods**  
**North Country Council**  
**Coos Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
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**Coos County District 2**

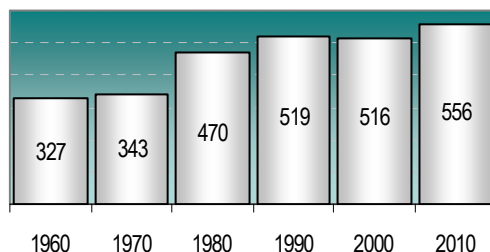
**Incorporated:** 1795

**Origin:** This town was chartered in 1774 as Percy, the family name of the Duke of Northumberland. At the time of the charter, a member of that family, Thomas Percy, was the king's chaplain. The town was incorporated as Percy in 1795. In 1832 the name was changed to Stark in honor of General John Stark, hero of Bunker Hill and the Battle of Bennington. New Hampshire owes its motto, "Live Free or Die," to General Stark, who was the first to carry the new thirteen-star American flag into battle. He wrote those words in July 1809, in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington. Stark is the location of the Stark Bridge, one of New Hampshire's scenic covered bridges, built in 1862.

**Villages and Place Names:** Crystal, Percy

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 48 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Stark totaled 229 over 50 years, from 327 in 1960 to 556 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 37 percent between 1970 and 1980;



population declined from 1990 to 2000. The 2010 Census estimate for Stark was 556 residents, which ranked 215th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

## Population Density and Land Area, 2010

(US Census Bureau): 9.5 persons per square mile of land area. Stark contains 58.7 square miles of land area and 0.9 square miles of inland water area.



\*Unincorporated Places

**Coos County**

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	<b>\$513,685</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005	<b>\$1,017,896</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>No Board</b>
Master Plan	<b>Update in progress</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning</b>
Appointed:	<b>Library</b>

Public Library **Stark Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Part-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Milan &amp; Dummer - Volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster</b>	<b>19 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Portland Natural Gas</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>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>No</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>No</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.91</b>
2010 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.63</b>

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>75.9%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>3.1%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>21.0%</b>

**HOUSING** (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	<b>438</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>378</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>22</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>4</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>34</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	<b>556</b>	<b>33,055</b>
2000	<b>516</b>	<b>33,156</b>
1990	<b>519</b>	<b>34,879</b>
1980	<b>470</b>	<b>35,014</b>
1970	<b>343</b>	<b>34,189</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010**

## Population by Gender

Male	<b>314</b>	Female	<b>227</b>
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## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>29</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>68</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>54</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>145</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>124</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>121</b>
Median Age	<b>52.6 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>93.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>13.3%</b>

**INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	<b>\$22,977</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$42,143</b>
Median household income	<b>\$38,421</b>

## Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	<b>\$36,154</b>
Female	<b>\$20,500</b>

Families below the poverty level **8.8%****LABOR FORCE** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	<b>237</b>	<b>222</b>
Employed	<b>226</b>	<b>199</b>
Unemployed	<b>11</b>	<b>23</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>4</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$308</b>	<b>n</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$49</b>	<b>\$141</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>20</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$100</b>	<b>n</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend:	<b>Stark operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Northumberland</b>			District: <b>SAU 58</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Gallen Regional Voc. Center, Littleton; White Mountain Regional High, Whitefield</b>			Region: <b>03</b>
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-6</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>21</b>			

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Town of Stark	Municipal services	41	
Barrett Salt	Rock salt	3	1991

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>110</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 41</b>
	Distance	<b>35 miles</b>
Railroad	<b>St. Lawrence &amp; Atlantic</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Berlin Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,200 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>104 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>135 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>115 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>188 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>367 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>161 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>87.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>1.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.3%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Other means	<b>5.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>27.2 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>10.4%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>83.8%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.8%</b>

**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
<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
Campgrounds
<b>X</b> Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b> Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b> Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b> Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b> Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Overnight or Day Camps
Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Balsams Wilderness</b>
Other: <b>Covered Bridge; Nash Stream Forest; John Stark Statue; Heritage Center</b>