

Thornton, NH



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Town of Thornton

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Grafton

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

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Grafton County District 4

Incorporated: 1763

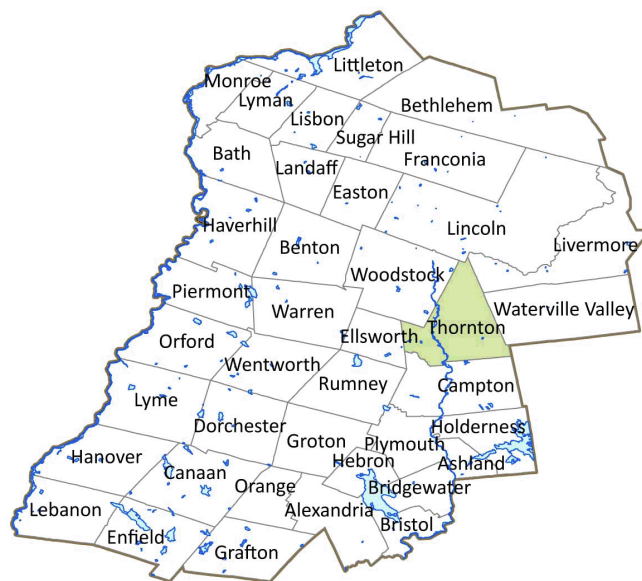
Origin: This territory was chartered in 1763, and named for Dr. Matthew Thornton. The grant was given to him in return for his service as surgeon in the Pepperell expedition of 1745. Dr. Thornton, whose practice was in Merrimack, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, a justice of 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 2,130 over 50 years, from 594 in 1970 to 2,724 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 60 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, followed by a 58 percent increase over the next decade. The town's population increased by nine percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Thornton was 2,809 residents, which ranked 114th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 55.9 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.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$3,691,583	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022		\$5,165,319	
Zoning Ordinance		1970/19	
Master Plan		2013	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Trust Funds; Planning; Library; Treasurer; Overseer Public Welfare; Cemetery		
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning		
Public Library	Thornton Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth		15 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; 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		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.01	
2022 Equalization Ratio		59.4	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$11.85	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		94.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		3.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.1%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		1,918	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,573	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		64	
Five or More Units in Structure		177	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		104	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	2,809		91,126
2020	2,708		91,118
2010	2,490		89,118
2000	1,847		81,826
1990	1,506		74,998
1980	952		65,806
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	1,515	Female	1,189
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		154	
Age 5 to 19		424	
Age 20 to 34		414	
Age 35 to 54		704	
Age 55 to 64		563	
Age 65 and over		445	
Median Age		45.3 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		2,034	
High school graduate or higher		98.4%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		38.1%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$37,745	
Median family income		\$85,391	
Median household income		\$72,973	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$46,850	
Female		\$42,276	
Individuals below the poverty level		5.2%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		1,585	1,663
Employed		1,517	1,634
Unemployed		68	29
Unemployment rate		4.3%	1.7%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		19	23
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 660	\$ 896
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		88	197
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 392	\$ 701
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		106	220
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 439	\$ 721
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		64	34
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 477	\$ 990
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		170	254
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 453	\$ 757
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Thornton operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)				District: SAU 48
Career Technology Center(s):	Plymouth Applied Technology Center				
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	K 1-8				
Total Enrollment	185				

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**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
Not Available			

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	74.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.1%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.7%
Other means	5.8%
Worked at home	10.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	23.4%
Commuting to another NH community	74.4%
Commuting out-of-state	2.2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	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
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	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
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon Mountain, Waterville Valley
	Other: Waterville Valley; Loon Mountain; White Mountains