

# Wakefield, NH

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Carroll**  
**Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion**  
**Lakes**  
**Strafford Regional**  
**Wentworth Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 1**  
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**District 3**  
**Carroll County District 5**

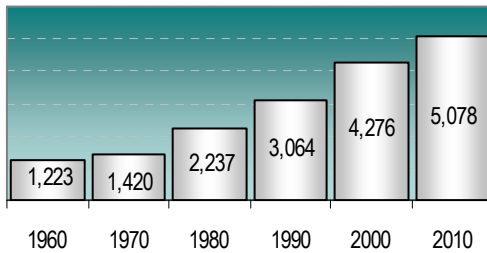
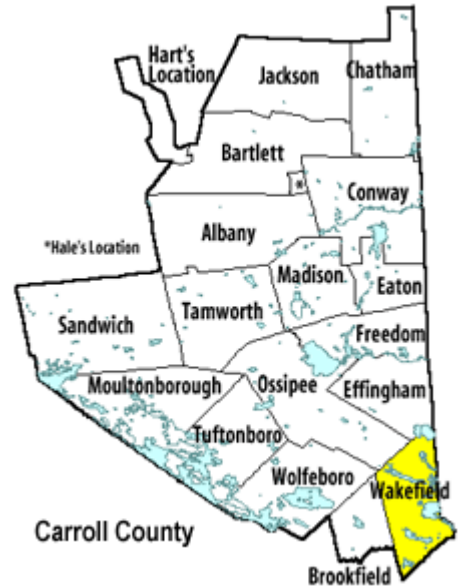
**Incorporated:** 1774

**Origin:** This territory was settled by colonists from Dover and Somersworth who received a charter from the Masonian Proprietors in 1749. The settlement was known variously as Ham's-town, East-town, and Watertown. In 1774, residents petitioned the Proprietors for incorporation with township powers and privileges, and it was incorporated as Wakefield by Governor John Wentworth. Wakefield in Yorkshire, England, was the location of Wentworth Castle, the home of Wentworth ancestors. In 2002, the Wakefield Town Hall was listed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

**Villages and Place Names:** East Wakefield, North Wakefield, Sanbornville, Union, Woodman, Province Lake

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 646 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Wakefield totaled 3,855 over 50 years, from 1,223 in 1960 to 5,078 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 58 percent between 1970 and 1980, followed by increases of 37 percent and 40 percent over the next two decades. The 2010 Census estimate for Wakefield was 5,078 residents, which ranked 67th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 128.7 persons per square mile of land area. Wakefield contains 39.5 square miles of land area and 5.2 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2011	<b>\$4,235,644</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2010-2011	<b>\$9,035,311</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1986/10</b>
Master Plan	<b>2003</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Budget; School; Assessors</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Cemetery; Zoning; Heritage; Parks &amp; Recreation</b>

Public Library	<b>Gafney Library, Inc.; Wakefield Library Association</b>
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**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time &amp; volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro</b>	<b>13 miles 25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Sanbornville Water Department</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Yes Yes</b>

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

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$11.69</b>
2010 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$11.62</b>
2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>96.1%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>3.2%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>0.7%</b>

**HOUSING** (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	<b>4,086</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>3,639</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>168</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>48</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>231</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	<b>5,078</b>	<b>47,818</b>
2000	<b>4,276</b>	<b>43,918</b>
1990	<b>3,064</b>	<b>35,526</b>
1980	<b>2,237</b>	<b>27,929</b>
1970	<b>1,420</b>	<b>18,548</b>

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

## Population by Gender

Male	<b>2,276</b>	Female	<b>2,725</b>
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## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>120</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>1,061</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>459</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,910</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>582</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>869</b>
Median Age	<b>44.1 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>91.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>13.6%</b>

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

Per capita income	<b>\$22,229</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$59,341</b>
Median household income	<b>\$45,841</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$46,667</b>
Female	<b>\$33,857</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>5.6%</b>

**LABOR FORCE** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	<b>2,159</b>	<b>2,499</b>
Employed	<b>2,084</b>	<b>2,317</b>
Unemployed	<b>75</b>	<b>182</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>7.3%</b>

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

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>57</b>	<b>70</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$538</b>	<b>\$618</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>326</b>	<b>347</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$268</b>	<b>\$690</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>383</b>	<b>417</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$308</b>	<b>\$678</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>244</b>	<b>327</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$399</b>	<b>\$641</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>627</b>	<b>745</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$344</b>	<b>\$662</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

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

Schools students attend: **Wakefield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Rochester**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Voc. Center; Somersworth Reg. Voc. Center; Creteau Voc. Center, Rochester**

District: **SAU 64**  
 Region: **12**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>444</b>			

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **127**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Nasson (ME)**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Lovell Lake Food Center	Convenience store	35	
Poor Peoples Pub	Restaurant	35	
Longmeadow Hardware	Hardware	18	
Badman Family Practice	Health care services	7	1993

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>16, 109, 110, 153</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-95, Exit 5</b>	
Distance	<b>6 miles; 40 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>NH Northcoast</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Skyhaven, Rochester</b>	Runway	<b>4,001 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Portland (ME) International Jetport</b>	Distance	<b>48 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>62 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>52 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>94 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>307 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>259 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>86.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>5.1%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>2.9%</b>
Other means	<b>1.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>3.5%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>34.0 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010**

Working in community of residence	<b>29.7%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>65.2%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.1%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock, King Pine</b>
	Other: