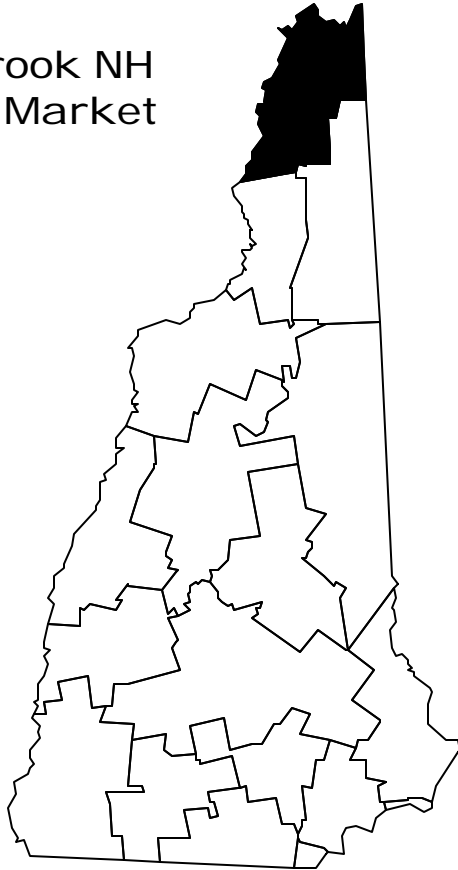


4.0 Colebrook NH Labor Market Area



The northernmost LMA, the current Colebrook Labor Market Area, was made up of five towns and one unincorporated place from the former Berlin Labor Market Area (1980). The town of Colebrook is the largest town in the LMA, with a 1990 population of 2,444 and an estimated number of residents declared working of 1,171. Conversely, Dixville has the smallest population based on a 1990 count of 50, with 23 estimated residents working. Table 4.1 shows the population of all six towns and summarizes the commuting data. A total of 2,458 labor

market area residents were reported to be working, of that total, 1,297 workers commuted out of their place of residence to another town, place, or state. The remaining 1,161 residents stayed within their respective locations to work. The sum of the workforce, residents and nonresidents, in the LMA communities was 2,387, with the largest workforce for a town (Colebrook), totaling 1,362. Surprisingly, Dixville's workforce numbered 383, with 370 nonresidents commuting in to work. Connecting roadways for the LMA are US3, NH26, and NH145.

Commuting-out Table 4.2 shows an interesting association that took place between the largest and the smallest populations. The town of Colebrook, with the largest commute-out numbers, appears to have made use of Route NH26 to send 144 workers to Dixville, thereby providing almost 38 percent of Dixville's workforce. Dixville had 10 commuters, seven went to Colebrook and three going all the way to Massachusetts, at least during the census period. Workers from Columbia, Stratford, and Stewartstown sent another 123 commuters to Dixville. Stewartstown, with a 69.2% commuting-out rate and Route US3 as a logical connection, sent 140 of its workers to Colebrook. Columbia and Clarksville had commuting-out rates in excess of 86 percent, with the Town of Colebrook heading the destination lists. Because of close proximity Vermont was the border state that Colebrook LMA commuters most frequently travelled to, the number exceeded 320. Stewartstown sent out the largest number of out-of-state commuters (113),

the majority going to nearby Vermont. Colebrook and Pittsburg also sent 77 and 76 workers, respectively, to the Green Mountain State.

Looking at the LMA commute-in totals, Table 4.3 reveals Pittsburg and Dixville at opposite ends of the incoming percentage rate spectrum. Pittsburg is the state's largest town, geographically, covering as many square miles as twenty or more seacoast area towns. Only 15.0% of Pittsburg's workforce were nonresidents commuting in. On the other hand, Dixville, with its small population, took in 96.6% of its workers from beyond its borders.

Stewartstown had 63 nonresidents commute in from Vermont, which represented one third of all incoming commuters for that town. In fact, of the Vermont total of 63, Canaan, at the opposite end of a bridge crossing the Connecticut River, provided 54 commuters, more than any New Hampshire town providing workers to Stewartstown. Vermont, as a nearby neighbor, not only held the distinction of being the commute-out leader, but also led commuting into the LMA, thanks to Canaan VT. Canaan also sent 63 workers into Colebrook and 27 to three other New Hampshire towns. Massachusetts was incoming runner-up among the border states (see Table 4.3), as the Bay State dispatched 17 Medway workers that were employed in Dixville at census time.

New Hampshire Commuting Patterns - 1990 U.S. Census

Table 4.1
Colebrook NH LMA - 1990 Census

Resident City/Town	RESIDENTS						Total Working In Town (Residents & Nonresidents)	NONRESIDENTS	
	Population 1990 Census	Estimated Residents Working	Commuting to Another Town to		Working In Town			Number of Workers	Percent of Total Working in Town
			Number of Workers	Percent	Number of Workers	Percent			
Clarksville	232	122	105	86.1%	17	13.9%	37	20	54.1%
Colebrook	2,444	1,171	396	33.8%	775	66.2%	1,362	587	43.1%
Columbia	661	312	270	86.5%	42	13.5%	72	30	41.7%
Dixville	50	23	10	43.5%	13	56.5%	383	370	96.6%
Pittsburg	901	379	204	53.8%	175	46.2%	206	31	15.0%
Stewartstown	1,048	451	312	69.2%	139	30.8%	327	188	57.5%

New Hampshire Commuting Patterns - 1990 U.S. Census

Table 4.2
Commuting Out - Colebrook NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Clarksville	Colebrook	Columbia	Dixville	Pittsburg
Estimated Residents Working:	122	1,171	312	23	379
Commuting to Another Town:	105	396	270	10	204
Commuting Rate:	86.1%	33.8%	86.5%	43.5%	53.8%
To Locations Within NH:	Colebrook 28 Stewartstown 21 Pittsburg 10	Dixville 144 Stewartstown 49 Nor'mberland 28 Stratford 17 Columbia 15 Carroll 11 Berlin 10	Colebrook 109 Dixville 59 Stratford 31 Nor'mberland 18	Colebrook 7	Colebrook 52 Stewartstown 38 Dixville 13
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 36 Other 0	Maine 7 Massachusetts 2 Vermont 77 Other 3	Maine 0 Massachusetts 10 Vermont 25 Other 4	Maine 0 Massachusetts 3 Vermont 0 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 2 Vermont 76 Other 4
Out Of State Locations:	Canaan,VT 35	Canaan,VT 60 Norton,VT 11	Canaan,VT 25 Norwood,MA 7	Boston,MA 3	Canaan,VT 74

New Hampshire Commuting Patterns - 1990 U.S. Census

Table 4.2 (continued)
 Commuting Out - Colebrook NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Stewartstown			
Estimated Residents Working:	451			
Commuting to Another Town:	312			
Commuting Rate:	69.2%			
To Locations Within NH:	Colebrook 140 Dixville 19			
Out Of State:	Maine 2 Massachusetts 2 Vermont 109 Other 0			
Out Of State Locations:	Canaan,VT 104			

New Hampshire Commuting Patterns - 1990 U.S. Census

Table 4.3
Commuting In - Colebrook NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Clarksville	Colebrook	Columbia	Dixville	Pittsburg
Estimated Residents Working:	37	1,362	72	383	206
Commuting to Another Town:	20	587	30	370	31
Commuting Rate:	54.1%	43.1%	41.7%	96.6%	15.0%
To Locations Within NH:	Stewartstown 9	Stewartstown 140 Columbia 109 Pittsburg 52 Stratford 42 Clarksville 28 Lebanon 21 Plymouth 18 Lancaster 10	Colebrook 15	Colebrook 144 Stratford 44 Columbia 59 Stewartstown 19 Pittsburg 13 Errol 11	Clarksville 10
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 5 Other 0	Maine 4 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 107 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 6 Other 0	Maine 10 Massachusetts 17 Vermont 35 Other 0	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 7 Other 0
Out Of State Locations:	Canaan,VT 5	Canaan,VT 63 Lemington,VT 20 Bloomfield,VT 19 Brighton,VT 5	Bloomfield,VT 4	Medway,ME 17 Canaan,VT 15 Brighton,VT 10 Upton,VT 6	Canaan,VT 7

New Hampshire Commuting Patterns - 1990 U.S. Census

Table 4.3 (continued)
 Commuting In - Colebrook NH LMA - 1990 Census

Towns:	Stewartstown			
Estimated Residents Working:	327			
Commuting to Another Town:	188			
Commuting Rate:	57.5%			
To Locations Within NH:	Colebrook 49 Pittsburg 38 Clarksville 21			
Out Of State:	Maine 0 Massachusetts 0 Vermont 63 Other 0			
Out Of State Locations:	Canaan,VT 54 Bloomfield,VT 5			