Middleton, NH

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County Strafford
Labor Market Area Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region Lakes
Planning Commission Strafford Regional
Regional Development Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress District 1
Executive Council District 1
State Senate District 3
State Representative Strafford County District 1

Incorporated: 1778

Origin: This territory was first granted by the Masonian Proprietors in 1749. It may have been named for Sir Charles Middleton, Lord Barham, an admiral of the Navy who had served in the West Indies. Middleton was situated on the road between Exeter and Wolfeboro, the location of Governor John Wentworth's summer home, Kingswood. Neglect of the road caused the Governor to bill the proprietors for repairs that he had to make for safe travel to Kingswood. In 1785, residents of the northern portion of Middleton and part of Wolfeboro petitioned for a separately incorporated town. The first petition was at first denied, but then was granted in 1794 as Brookfield.

Villages and Place Names: Middleton Corners

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 617 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Middleton totaled 1,408 over 49 years, from 430 in 1970 to 1,838 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 71 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 66 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Middleton was 1,838 residents, which ranked 147th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 101.7 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Marlborough. Middleton contains 18.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

- **Type of Government**: Selectmen
- **Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018**: $2,156,844
- **Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018**: $5,012,011
- **Zoning Ordinance**: 1981/16
- **Master Plan**: 2017
- **Capital Improvement Plan**: Yes
- **Industrial Plans Reviewed By**: Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**

- **Elected**: Selectmen; Trust Funds; Budget; Checklist; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Moderator
- **Appointed**: Planning; Conservation; Zoning

**PUBLIC UTILITIES**

- **Solid Waste Disposal**: No
- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**: No
- **Sanitation**: Private septic
- **Water Supplier**: Private wells
- **Health Department**: No
- **Emergency Medical Service**: Part-time
- **Fire Department**: Volunteer
- **Police Department**: Full-time

**Utilities**

- **Electric Supplier**: Eversource Energy
- **Natural Gas Supplier**: None
- **Water Supplier**: Private wells
- **Telephone Company**: Firstlight
- **Cellular Telephone Access**: Limited
- **Cable Television Access**: Yes
- **Public Access Television Station**: No
- **High Speed Internet Service**: Residential Yes; Business Yes

**Property Taxes** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

- **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $26.28
- **2019 Equalization Ratio**: 91.8
- **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $24.04

**2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**

- Residential Land and Buildings: 93.7%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 2.9%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 3.4%

**Housing** (ACS 2015-2019)

- **Total Housing Units**: 840
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 758
- **Units in Multiple-Family Structures**: Two to Four Units in Structure 0; Five or More Units in Structure 0; Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units 82

**Public Library**

- No Library

**Emergency Services**

- Nearest Hospital(s)
  - Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro: 10 miles 25 Beds
  - Frisbie Memorial, Rochester: 15 miles 96 Beds

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $** (ACS 2015-2019)

- **Per capita income**: $34,200
- **Median family income**: $87,857
- **Median household income**: $76,964

**Demographics**

- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 889
  - Female: 894

- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 89
  - Age 5 to 19: 295
  - Age 20 to 34: 289
  - Age 35 to 54: 542
  - Age 55 to 64: 349
  - Age 65 and over: 219
  - Median Age: 42.4 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

- High school graduate or higher: 89.8%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 18.1%

**Labor Force** (NHES – ELM)

- **Annual Average Employment 2009**: 1,045
- **Civilian labor force**: 968
- **Employed**: 77
- **Unemployed**: 101
- **Unemployment rate**: 7.4%

**Employment & Wages** (NHES – ELM)

- **Annual Average Covered Employment 2009**: 1,045
- **Goods Producing Industries**
  - Average Employment: 18
  - Average Weekly Wage: $511
- **Service Providing Industries**
  - Average Employment: 140
  - Average Weekly Wage: $941

- **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
  - Average Employment: 15
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,058

- **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
  - Average Employment: 119
  - Average Weekly Wage: $952

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Middleton operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro)

District: SAU 61

Career Technology Center(s): Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)

Region: 9

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

- Number of Schools: 1
- Grade Levels: PK 1-6
- Total Enrollment: 137

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region

Nearest Colleges or Universities: University of NH

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 1  Total Capacity: 15

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

- Road Access
  - US Routes
  - State Routes 153
- Nearest Interstate, Exit Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-95, Exit 5
  - Distance 5 miles; 34 miles
- Railroad No
- Public Transportation No
- Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation Skyhaven, Rochester
  - Runway 4,200 ft. asphalt
  - Lighted? Yes
  - Navigation Aids? Yes
- Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service Portland (ME) International
  - Distance 57 miles
  - Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 6
- Driving distance to select cities:
  - Manchester, NH 52 miles
  - Portland, Maine 54 miles
  - Boston, Mass. 88 miles
  - New York City, NY 299 miles
  - Montreal, Quebec 265 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)**

- Workers 16 years and over
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van 86.3%
  - Carpoored, car/truck/van 7.3%
  - Public transportation 1.3%
  - Walked 0.4%
  - Other means 4.6%
  - Worked at home 6.8%
- Mean Travel Time to Work 38.2 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

- Working in community of residence 8.5
- Commuting to another NH community 84.7
- Commuting out-of-state 6.8

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- X 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
- X Tourist Attractions
  - Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
  - Youth Sports: Baseball
  - Youth Sports: Soccer
  - Youth Sports: Football
  - Youth Sports: Basketball
  - Youth Sports: Hockey
  - Campgrounds
- X Fishing/Hunting
- X Boating/Marinas
- X Snowmobile Trails
  - Bicycle Trails
  - Cross Country Skiing
- X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
  - Overnight or Day Camps

- Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock

Other: