Effingham, NH

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Municipal Office Hours
Selectmen: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm, Friday, 9 am - 12 noon, closed Wednesday; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday, Thursday, 10 am - 6 pm, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon

County: Carroll
Labor Market Area: Wolfeboro, NH LMA
Tourism Region: Lakes
Planning Commission: Lakes Region
Regional Development: Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress: District 1
Executive Council: District 1
State Senate: District 3
State Representative: Carroll County Districts 5, 8

Incorporated: 1778

Origin: This town was first settled by the Leavitts of Hampton, led by Captain John Leavitt, a soldier who had fought the French and Indians at Lake George. The territory was known as Leavittstown from the time of the initial charter in 1749 until 1778. The name Effingham was probably selected by Governor Wentworth in honor of the Howard family, who were Earls of Effingham and related to the governor by marriage, although the name was not used until the town’s 1778 incorporation, after the start of the Revolution.

Villages and Place Names: Center Effingham, Chases Mill, Effingham Falls, Grape Corner, Pine River, South Effingham, Drake’s Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 154 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Effingham totaled 1,149 over 58 years, from 329 in 1960 to 1,478 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was a 66 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 58 percent increase over the next decade. The 2018 Census estimate for Effingham was 1,478 residents, which ranked 164th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 38.0 persons per square mile of land area. Effingham contains 38.9 square miles of land area and 1.1 square miles of inland water area.
MUNICIPAL SERVICES
Type of Government  Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019  $2,249,652
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Zoning Ordinance  2000/15
Master Plan  2013
Capital Improvement Plan  No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By
Boards and Commissions
Elected: Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library
Appointed: Conservation; Historic District
Public Library  Effingham Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Police Department  Full-time
Fire Department  Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service  Volunteer/Contracted
Nearest Hospital(s)  Distance  Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro  20 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  Voluntary
Telephone Company  Time Warner Cable; Fairpoint
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)
2018 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)  $21.85
2018 Equalization Ratio  98.4
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)  $21.79
2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
Residential Land and Buildings  86.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings  9.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other  4.1%

HOUSING
(ACS 2014-2018)
Total Housing Units  967
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached  806
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure  20
Five or More Units in Structure  49
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units  92

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)
(US Census Bureau)
Total Population
Community  County
2018  1,478  48,779
2010  1,465  47,818
2000  1,277  43,918
1990  944  35,526
1980  599  27,929
1970  360  18,548

DEMographics
AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2014-2018
Population by Gender
Male  706  Female  831
Population by Age Group
Under age 5  113
Age 5 to 19  257
Age 20 to 34  293
Age 35 to 54  317
Age 55 to 64  277
Age 65 and over  280
Median Age  44.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
High school graduate or higher  93.3%
Bachelor’s degree or higher  25.0%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $
(ACS 2014-2018)
Per capita income  $30,039
Median family income  $65,625
Median household income  $58,466
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
Male  $48,125
Female  $36,477
Individuals below the poverty level  10.1%

LABOR FORCE
(NHES – ELM)
Annual Average
2008  2018
Civilian labor force  765  712
Employed  736  689
Unemployed  29  23
Unemployment rate  3.8%  3.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES
(NHES – ELM)
Annual Average Covered Employment
2008  2018
Goods Producing Industries
Average Employment  n  11
Average Weekly Wage  n  $ 765
Service Providing Industries
Average Employment  n  47
Average Weekly Wage  n  $ 535
Total Private Industry
Average Employment  n  58
Average Weekly Wage  n  $ 577
Government (Federal, State, and Local)
Average Employment  18  38
Average Weekly Wage  $ 356  $ 764
Total, Private Industry plus Government
Average Employment  n  96
Average Weekly Wage  n  $ 652

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**Education and Child Care**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro) District: SAU 49

Career Technology Center(s): Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro) Region: 9

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
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Grade Levels: K 1-6  
Total Enrollment: 114

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Granite State College-Conway

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 1  
Total Capacity: 17

**Largest Businesses**  

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<td>Green Mountain Treatment Center</td>
<td>Substance abuse treatment</td>
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<td>Boyles Family Market</td>
<td>Convenience store</td>
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<td>Thermalarm Products, Inc.</td>
<td>Alarm thermometers</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

- Road Access: US Routes 25, 153  
- State Routes 1-93, Exit 24  
- Nearest Interstate, Exit: 42 miles

- Railroad: No  
- Public Transportation: No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
Eastern Slopes, Fryeburg ME  
Runway: 4,200 ft. asphalt  
Lighted: Yes  
Navigation Aids: Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
Portland (ME) International  
Distance: 44 miles  
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport: 6

Driving distance to select cities:  
- Manchester, NH: 78 miles  
- Portland, Maine: 48 miles  
- Boston, Mass.: 115 miles  
- New York City, NY: 326 miles  
- Montreal, Quebec: 235 miles

**Commuting to Work (ACS 2014-2018)**

- Workers 16 years and over  
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 86.1%  
  - Carpoled, car/truck/van: 5.6%  
  - Public transportation: 0.0%  
  - Walked: 1.3%  
  - Other means: 7.0%  
  - Worked at home: 5.5%

- Mean Travel Time to Work: 30.9 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018**

- Working in community of residence: 12.8%  
- Commuting to another NH community: 81.2%  
- Commuting out-of-state: 6.0%

**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  
- 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  
- Fishing/Hunting  
- Boating/Marinas  
- Snowmobile Trails  
- Bicycle Trails  
- Cross Country Skiing  
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
- Overnight or Day Camps  
- Nearest Ski Area(s): King Pine

Other: Watts Sanctuary; Annual Street Fair