Effingham, NH

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Municipal Office Hours
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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 1,118 over 49 years, from 360 in 1970 to 1,478 in 2019. 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 2019 Census estimate for Effingham was 1,478 residents, which ranked 164th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (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**

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020</td>
<td>$2,775,288</td>
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<td>$2,623,833</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>2000/15</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2013</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
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Boards and Commissions

- Elected: Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library
- Appointed: Conservation; Historic District

Public Library  
Effingham Public

**Emergency Services**

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<th>Police Department</th>
<th>Full-time</th>
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<td>Fire Department</td>
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<td>Emergency Medical Service</td>
<td>Volunteer/Contracted</td>
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Nearest Hospital(s)

- Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro
  - Distance: 20 miles
  - Staffed Beds: 25

**Utilities**

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<th>Electric Supplier</th>
<th>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</th>
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<tr>
<td>Natural Gas Supplier</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Water Supplier</td>
<td>Private wells</td>
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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**

(ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
<th>Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>$26.90</td>
<td>84.4</td>
<td>$22.62</td>
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2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

- Residential Land and Buildings: 86.5%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 10.1%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 3.4%

**Housing**

(ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Total Housing Units</th>
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<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
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Units in Multiple-Family Structures:

- Two to Four Units in Structure: 13
- Five or More Units in Structure: 27
- Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 74

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)**

(US Census Bureau)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>1,478</td>
<td>48,910</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>1,465</td>
<td>47,818</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>1,277</td>
<td>43,918</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>944</td>
<td>35,526</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>599</td>
<td>27,929</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>360</td>
<td>18,548</td>
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**Demographics**

(ACS 2015-2019)

Population by Gender

- Male: 712
- Female: 918

Population by Age Group

- Under age 5: 115
- Age 5 to 19: 305
- Age 20 to 34: 312
- Age 35 to 54: 378
- Age 55 to 64: 246
- Age 65 and over: 274
- Median Age: 41.0 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 93.4%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 24.6%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $**

(ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $31,507
- Median family income: $77,935
- Median household income: $70,000

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

- Male: $48,125
- Female: $32,264

Individuals below the poverty level: 9.8%

**Labor Force**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average

- Civilian labor force: 778
- Employed: 726
- Unemployed: 52
- Unemployment rate: 6.7% 2.8%

**Employment & Wages**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average Covered Employment

- Goods Producing Industries: 55
- Service Providing Industries: 676
- Government (Federal, State, and Local): 55
- Total Private Industry: 688

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro)  
Career Technology Center(s): Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)  

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

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

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**  
- Green Mountain Treatment Center: Substance abuse treatment  
- Boyles Family Market: Convenience store  

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality  

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**  
- Road Access: US Routes 25, 153  
- Nearest Interstate, Exit: I-93, Exit 24  
- Distance: 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 2015-2019)**  
- Workers 16 years and over  
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 84.5%  
  - Carpooled, car/truck/van: 8.1%  
  - Public transportation: 0.0%  
  - Walked: 0.9%  
  - Other means: 6.5%  
  - Worked at home: 7.8%  
- Mean Travel Time to Work: 32.7 minutes  

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**  
- Working in community of residence: 10.7%  
- Commuting to another NH community: 81.5%  
- Commuting out-of-state: 7.8%  

**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