

Effingham, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Hall: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 8-2, Wednesday, 8-12, closed Friday; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8-12, closed Friday

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Carroll
Wolfeboro, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 3
Carroll County District 4

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, New York. 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 1,331 over 50 years, from 360 in 1970 to 1,691 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 66 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, followed by a 58 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by 15 percent from 2010 to 2011. The 2022 Census estimate for Effingham was 1,763 residents, which ranked 149th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 45.4 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, 2020		\$2,775,288	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$3,407,576	
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$23.57	
2022 Equalization Ratio		59.4	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.98	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		86.2%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		11.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		901	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		780	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		8	
Five or More Units in Structure		34	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		79	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,763		52,199
2020	1,691		50,107
2010	1,465		47,818
2000	1,277		43,918
1990	944		35,526
1980	599		27,929
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	757	Female	998
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			150
Age 5 to 19			322
Age 20 to 34			365
Age 35 to 54			420
Age 55 to 64			220
Age 65 and over			278
Median Age			37.9 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,184			
High school graduate or higher			95.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher			20.9%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$33,188
Median family income			\$84,063
Median household income			\$77,969
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$49,375
Female			\$34,836
Individuals below the poverty level			13.7%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	794		708
Employed	752		685
Unemployed	42		23
Unemployment rate	5.3%		3.2%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	6		8
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 190		\$ 976
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n		42
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$ 948
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	n		50
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$ 953
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	40		44
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 574		\$ 770
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	n		94
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$ 867
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)** District: **SAU 49**

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

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	104			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region; White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; St. Joseph's College (ME)**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **17**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Boyles Family Market	Convenience store	10	
Green Mountain Treatment Center	Substance abuse treatment	75	2016

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State 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		8
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 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	7.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	13.4%
Commuting to another NH community	81.0%
Commuting out-of-state	5.6%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	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
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): King Pine
	Other: Watts Sanctuary; Annual Street Fair