

# Freedom, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Administrative Assistant: Monday through Thursday,  
8 am - 3 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, 6:30 pm - 8 pm,  
Tuesday, 12 noon - 8 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 3 pm,  
6:30 pm - 8 pm, Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon; Tax Collector:  
Monday, 11 am - 1 pm, Wednesday, 1 pm - 3 pm, Saturday,  
9 am - 12 noon**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Carroll  
Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH part  
Lakes  
Lakes Region  
Mount Washington Valley Economic Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

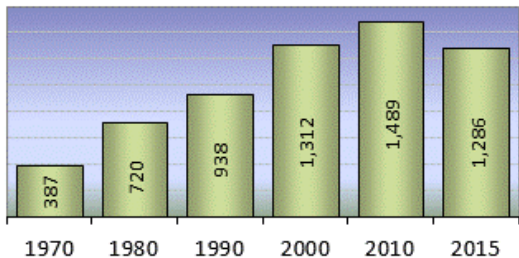
**District 1  
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District 3  
Carroll County Districts 3, 7**

**Incorporated: 1831**

**Origin:** Effingham, chartered in 1749, had a substantial amount of fertile farm and mill stream land. This land was attractive to settlers from Maine, and many came across the border to settle in Effingham. There was a conflict of culture and religion between the "liberal" new colonists and "conservative" people from the seacoast who already lived in Effingham. As a result, a section of that town known as North Effingham was separated into a town of its own. Incorporated as North Effingham in 1831, the town's name was appropriately changed to Freedom in 1832.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 926 residents in 1840



**Population Trends:** Population change for Freedom totaled 923 over 55 years, from 363 in 1960 to 1,286 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an 86 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2015 Census estimate for Freedom was 1,286 residents, which ranked 172nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 37.3 persons per square mile of land area. Freedom contains 34.5 square miles of land area and 3.4 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	<b>\$3,000,729</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	<b>\$4,218,760</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1987/17</b>
Master Plan	<b>2009</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>State</b>

#### Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Library; School</b>
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Conservation; Heritage; Forest Advisory; Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species</b>

Public Library **Freedom Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Part-time</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Huggins Hospital, Wolfboro</b>	<b>23 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells &amp; Freedom Water Precinct</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$12.60</b>
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>97.4</b>
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$12.25</b>
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>96.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>2.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.1%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,770</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,407</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>48</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>21</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>294</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	<b>1,286</b>	<b>47,513</b>
2010	<b>1,489</b>	<b>47,818</b>
2000	<b>1,312</b>	<b>43,918</b>
1990	<b>938</b>	<b>35,526</b>
1980	<b>720</b>	<b>27,929</b>
1970	<b>387</b>	<b>18,548</b>

#### Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>628</b>	Female	<b>658</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>43</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>212</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>116</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>303</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>241</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>371</b>
Median Age	<b>53.5 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>93.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>28.9%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$28,005</b>
Median family income	<b>\$62,917</b>
Median household income	<b>\$51,750</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	<b>\$31,597</b>
Female	<b>\$33,188</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	<b>14.5%</b>
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<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	<b>738</b>	<b>742</b>	
Employed	<b>710</b>	<b>721</b>	
Unemployed	<b>28</b>	<b>21</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>30</b>	<b>29</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 627</b>	<b>\$ 897</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>149</b>	<b>167</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 408</b>	<b>\$ 617</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>178</b>	<b>196</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 444</b>	<b>\$ 659</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>62</b>	<b>64</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 508</b>	<b>\$ 617</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>240</b>	<b>260</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 461</b>	<b>\$ 649</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Freedom operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Conway** District: **SAU 13**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Mt. Washington Valley CTC (Conway)** Region: **6**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	66			

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
International Paper Company	Mill yard		1976
Danforth Bay Campground	Campground		2003
Totem Pole Park	Campground		1988
Camp Calumet	Children's camp		1966
Camp Cody	Children's camp		1940
Camp Huckins	YMCA camp		1930
Bobby Sue's	Ice cream shop		1997
Federal Piping	Plumbing & heating		1994
G.W. Brooks & Son	General contractor		1963

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>25, 153</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 23</b>
	Distance	<b>42 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Moultonborough Airport</b>	Runway	<b>3,475 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Portland (ME) International</b>	Distance	<b>44 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>6</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>80 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>48 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>117 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>328 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>235 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>83.0%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.6%</b>
Walked	<b>1.4%</b>
Other means	<b>0.7%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>34.0 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>23.2</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>67.1</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>9.7</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>King Pine</b>
	Other: <b>Old Home Week</b>