

Freedom, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Admin. Assistant: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 3 pm;
TwN 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 - 11 am

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
District 1
District 3
Carroll County Districts 3, 7

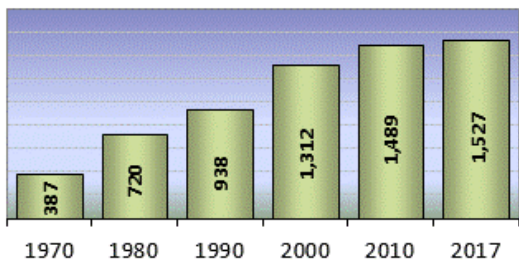
Incorporated: 1831

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 1,164 over 57 years, from 363 in 1960 to 1,527 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was an 86 percent increase between 1970 and 1980.



The 2017 Census estimate for Freedom was 1,527 residents, which ranked 162nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 44.3 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.



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

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; School**
 Appointed: **Zoning; Conservation; Heritage; Forest Advisory; Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species**

Public Library **Freedom Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department **Full-time**
 Fire Department **Volunteer**
 Emergency Medical Service **Part-time**

Nearest Hospital(s) Distance Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro **23 miles** **25**

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier **Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop**
 Natural Gas Supplier **None**
 Water Supplier **Private wells & Freedom Water Precinct**

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

Telephone Company **Fairpoint**
 Cellular Telephone Access **Limited**
 Cable Television Access **Yes**
 Public Access Television Station **No**
 High Speed Internet Service: Business **Yes**
 Residential **Yes**

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) **\$12.96**
 2017 Equalization Ratio **91.5**
 2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) **\$11.84**

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings **96.2%**
 Commercial Land and Buildings **2.7%**
 Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other **1.2%**

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)

Total Housing Units **1,823**
 Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached **1,433**
 Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
 Two to Four Units in Structure **40**
 Five or More Units in Structure **29**
 Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units **321**

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

	Community	County
Total Population		
2017	1,527	48,064
2010	1,489	47,818
2000	1,312	43,918
1990	938	35,526
1980	720	27,929
1970	387	18,548

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016

Population by Gender
 Male **652** Female **672**

Population by Age Group

Under age 5 **37**
 Age 5 to 19 **239**
 Age 20 to 34 **104**
 Age 35 to 54 **298**
 Age 55 to 64 **275**
 Age 65 and over **371**
 Median Age **54.4 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher **94.0%**
 Bachelor's degree or higher **30.1%**

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)

Per capita income **\$30,293**
 Median family income **\$68,750**
 Median household income **\$54,875**

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male **\$45,417**
 Female **\$32,283**

Individuals below the poverty level **13.6%**

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)

	2007	2017
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	739	742
Employed	707	720
Unemployed	32	22
Unemployment rate	4.3%	3.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)

	2006	2016
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	30	29
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 627	\$ 897
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	149	167
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 408	\$ 617
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	178	196
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 444	\$ 659
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	62	64
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 508	\$ 617
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	240	260
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 461	\$ 649

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	73				

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

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 23	
	Distance	42 miles	
Railroad		No	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Moultonborough Airport	Runway	3,475 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No	
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		80 miles	
Portland, Maine		48 miles	
Boston, Mass.		117 miles	
New York City, NY		328 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		235 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.3%
Public transportation	1.3%
Walked	1.6%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	5.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	22.0
Commuting to another NH community	70.3
Commuting out-of-state	7.7

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
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): King Pine
	Other: Old Home Week