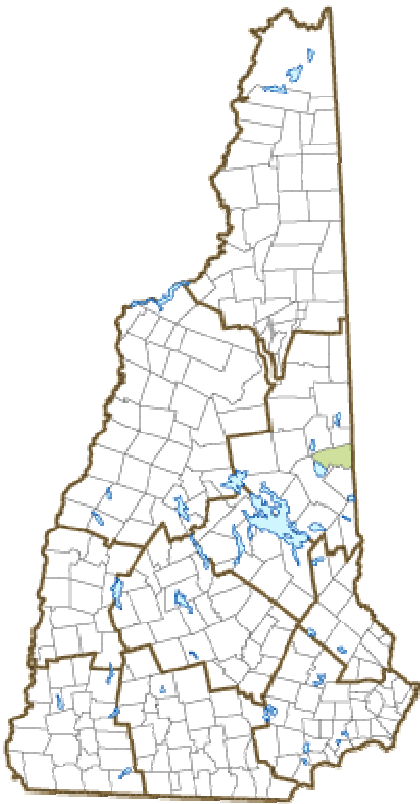


# Freedom, NH



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|------------------------|---|
| Community Contact      | <b>Town of Freedom<br/>Board of Selectmen<br/>33 Old Portland Road, PO Box 227<br/>Freedom, NH 03836</b>  |
| Telephone              | <b>(603) 539-6323</b>   |
| Fax                    | <b>(603) 539-8270</b>   |
| E-mail                 | <b>office@townoffreedom.net</b>   |
| Web Site               | <b>www.townoffreedom.net</b>  |
| Municipal Office Hours | <b>Administrative Assistant: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 3 pm;<br/>Town Clerk: Monday, 6:30 pm - 8 pm, Tuesday, 12 noon - 8 pm,<br/>Wednesday, 9 am - 3 pm, 6:30 pm - 8 pm, Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon;<br/>Tax Collector: Monday, 11 am - 1 pm, Wednesday, 1 pm - 3 pm,<br/>Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon</b> |
| County                 | <b>Carroll</b>  |
| Labor Market Area      | <b>Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH part</b>   |
| Tourism Region         | <b>Lakes</b>  |
| Planning Commission    | <b>Lakes Region</b>   |
| Regional Development   | <b>Mount Washington Valley Economic Council</b>   |
| Election Districts     |   |
| US Congress            | <b>District 1</b>   |
| Executive Council      | <b>District 1</b>   |
| State Senate           | <b>District 3</b>   |
| State Representative   | <b>Carroll County Districts 3, 7</b>  |

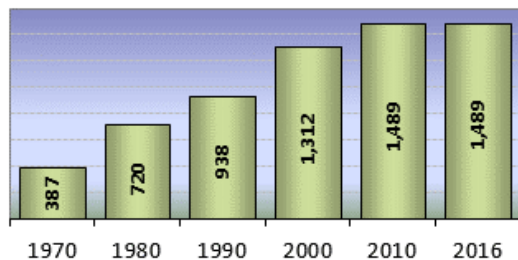
**Incorporated:** 1831

**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 1,126 over 56 years, from 363 in 1960 to 1,489 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was an 86 percent increase between 1970 and 1980.



The 2016 Census estimate for Freedom was 1,489 residents, which ranked 162nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau):** 43.2 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: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; School**  
 Appointed: **Zoning; Conservation; Heritage; Forest Advisory; Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species**

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 2012-2016)</i>     |              |
|---|--------------|
| Total Housing Units                       | <b>1,823</b> |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | <b>1,433</b> |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures:      |              |
| Two to Four Units in Structure            | <b>40</b>    |
| Five or More Units in Structure           | <b>29</b>    |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units      | <b>321</b>   |

| <b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i> |              |               |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Total Population   | Community    | County        |
| 2016   | <b>1,489</b> | <b>47,289</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> |

| <b>DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY</b> <i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i> |            |        |                   |
|---|------------|--------|-------------------|
| Population by Gender  |            |        |                   |
| Male  | <b>652</b> | Female | <b>672</b>        |
| Population by Age Group   |            |        |                   |
| Under age 5   |            |        | <b>37</b>         |
| Age 5 to 19   |            |        | <b>239</b>        |
| Age 20 to 34  |            |        | <b>104</b>        |
| Age 35 to 54  |            |        | <b>298</b>        |
| Age 55 to 64  |            |        | <b>275</b>        |
| Age 65 and over   |            |        | <b>371</b>        |
| Median Age  |            |        | <b>54.4 years</b> |
| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over                  |            |        |                   |
| High school graduate or higher  |            |        | <b>94.0%</b>      |
| Bachelor's degree or higher   |            |        | <b>30.1%</b>      |

| <b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>       |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Per capita income   | <b>\$30,293</b> |
| Median family income  | <b>\$68,750</b> |
| Median household income   | <b>\$54,875</b> |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over |                 |
| Male  | <b>\$45,417</b> |
| Female  | <b>\$32,283</b> |
| Individuals below the poverty level                               | <b>13.6%</b>    |

| <b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</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 – ELMII)</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:                          | <b>Freedom operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Conway</b> |                    |             |                   | District: <b>SAU 13</b> |
| Career Technology Center(s):                      | <b>Mt. Washington Valley CTC (Conway)</b>                               |                    |             |                   | Region: <b>6</b>        |
| Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary  | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |                         |
| Number of Schools                                 | <b>1</b>  |                    |             |                   |                         |
| Grade Levels                                      | <b>P K 1-6</b>  |                    |             |                   |                         |
| Total Enrollment                                  | <b>66</b>   |                    |             |                   |                         |

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**

| <b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>   | <b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b> | <b>EMPLOYEES</b> | <b>ESTABLISHED</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 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     | <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?                                     | Navigation Aids? | <b>Yes</b>               | <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 2012-2016)

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