

Freedom, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Office: Monday to Thursday, 8-3; Town Clerk: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 11-5, Wednesday, 9-5; Tax Collector: Monday and Wednesday, 11-1

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 District 4

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 1,299 over 50 years, from 387 in 1970 to 1,686 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 86 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by 13 percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Freedom was 1,733 residents, ranking 153rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 50.2 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.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$4,371,250
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$3,616,113
Zoning Ordinance	1987/22
Master Plan	2020
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	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

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

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$10.23
2022 Equalization Ratio	62.9
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 6.43

2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	96.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.8%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,748
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,295
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	50
Five or More Units in Structure	65
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	338

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	1,733	52,199	
2020	1,689	50,107	
2010	1,489	47,818	
2000	1,312	43,918	
1990	938	35,526	
1980	720	27,929	

DEMOGRAPHICS *AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021*

Population by Gender			
Male	655	Female	650

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	15
Age 5 to 19	203
Age 20 to 34	112
Age 35 to 54	245
Age 55 to 64	303
Age 65 and over	427
Median Age	58.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:	
1,050	
High school graduate or higher	96.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	37.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2017-2021)*

Per capita income	\$38,340
Median family income	\$81,750
Median household income	\$70,875

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$53,889
Female	\$46,250

Individuals below the poverty level	9.3%
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LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMII)*

	2012	2022
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	767	750
Employed	732	728
Unemployed	35	22
Unemployment rate	4.6%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMII)*

	2012	2022
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	24	31
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 866	\$1,280
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	162	210
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 535	\$ 908
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	186	240
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 578	\$ 955
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	73	56
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 574	\$ 820
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	259	296
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 577	\$ 929

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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): **Mount Washington Valley CTC (Conway)**

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	48			

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: Total Capacity:

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	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		8
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 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.3%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	15.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	32.0%
Commuting to another NH community	62.3%
Commuting out-of-state	5.7%

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