Incorporated: 1796

Origin: This territory was first granted in 1765 as Dartmouth, after William Legge, Earl of Dartmouth and patron of Dartmouth College. The location was so deep in unexplored territory that few took up their claims, and a grant was issued to several influential men from about the state. Those who did settle the area included Samuel Hale and Colonel Joseph Whipple of Portsmouth, who cut trails through the forests to build a manor house. Colonel Whipple was a brother of William Whipple, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and an ardent supporter of Thomas Jefferson. At the Colonel's suggestion, the town was incorporated in 1796 as Jefferson, four years prior to Thomas Jefferson's election as President.

Villages and Place Names: Baileys, Highlands, Jefferson Highlands, Riverton, Starr King, Waumbeck Junction, Cherry Mountain, Meadows

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 111 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Jefferson totaled 333 over 49 years, from 714 in 1970 to 1,047 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 20 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Jefferson was 1,047 residents, which ranked 185th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 20.9 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Piermont. Jefferson contains 50.1 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government: Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019: $1,077,118
Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019: $1,678,227
Zoning Ordinance: 1987/17
Master Plan: 1999
Capital Improvement Plan: Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By: Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
Elected: Selectmen; Library; Checklist; Town Clerk, Treasurer
Appointed: Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Tax Collector

Public Library: Jefferson Public

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department: Part-time
Fire Department: Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service: Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s): Distance Staffed Beds
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster: 8 miles 25

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier: Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier: None
Water Supplier: Private wells
Sanitation: Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: No
Solid Waste Disposal: Curbside Trash Pickup: Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No
Recycling Program: Mandatory
Telephone Company: Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access: Yes
Cable Television Access: Limited
Public Access Television Station: No
High Speed Internet Service: Business: Yes
Residential: Yes

**PROPERTY TAXES** *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $21.99
2019 Equalization Ratio: 87.0
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $18.87

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type:
Residential Land and Buildings: 83.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings: 10.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 6.5%

**HOUSING** *(ACS 2015-2019)*

Total Housing Units: 644
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 524
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure: 27
Five or More Units in Structure: 15
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 78

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

Total Population
2019: 1,047
2010: 1,107
2000: 1,008
1990: 960
1980: 803
1970: 714

Community: County
31,563
33,055
33,156
34,879
35,014
34,189

**DEMISTICS** *(AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019)*

Population by Gender:
Male: 393
Female: 457

Population by Age Group:
Under age 5: 42
Age 5 to 19: 92
Age 20 to 34: 112
Age 35 to 54: 187
Age 55 to 64: 217
Age 65 and over: 200
Median Age: 54.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:
High school graduate or higher: 90.5%
Bachelor’s degree or higher: 35.6%

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $** *(ACS 2015-2019)*

Per capita income: $32,903
Median family income: $71,750
Median household income: $55,625

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers:
Male: $48,594
Female: $38,162

Individuals below the poverty level: 3.9%

**LABOR FORCE** *(NHES – ELM)*

Annual Average:
2009: 2019
Civilian labor force: 576 630
Employed: 543 614
Unemployed: 33 16
Unemployment rate: 5.7% 2.5%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** *(NHES – ELM)*

Annual Average Covered Employment:
2009: 2019
Goods Producing Industries:
Average Employment: 49 40
Average Weekly Wage: $ 599 $ 728
Service Providing Industries:
Average Employment: 312 360
Average Weekly Wage: $ 378 $ 404
Total Private Industry:
Average Employment: 361 400
Average Weekly Wage: $ 408 $ 437

Government (Federal, State, and Local):
Average Employment: 42 18
Average Weekly Wage: $ 537 $ 595

Total, Private Industry plus Government:
Average Employment: 402 419
Average Weekly Wage: $ 421 $ 444

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 7/10/2019
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of White Mountains Regional (Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield)  
Career Technology Center(s): Hugh J. Galen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)  
Regional: 3  
District: SAU 36  
Nearest Community College: White Mountains  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Berlin  
Number of Schools: 2  
Grade Levels: K 1-12  
Total Enrollment: 26  
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools):  
Elementary:  
Middle/Junior High:  
High School:  
Private/Parochial:  
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**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
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<td>Seasonal amusement</td>
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<td>Cherry Pond Industry</td>
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<td>Hicks Logging</td>
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<td>1997</td>
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<td>Old Corner Store</td>
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<td>Evergreen Motel</td>
<td>Lodging</td>
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**COMMITTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2015-2019)

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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>5.2%</td>
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<td>Mean Travel Time to Work</td>
<td>27.9 minutes</td>
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**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

- Working in community of residence: 18.7%
- Commuting to another NH community: 76.1%
- Commuting out-of-state: 5.2%

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**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- **X** 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  
- Youth Sports: Soccer  
- Youth Sports: Football  
- Youth Sports: Basketball  
- Youth Sports: Hockey  
- **X** Campgrounds  
- **X** Fishing/Hunting  
- Boating/Marinas  
- **X** Snowmobile Trails  
- Bicycle Trails  
- **X** Cross Country Skiing  
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
- Overnight or Day Camps  

Nearest Ski Area(s): Bretton Woods  
Other: Pondicherry Sanctuary