Middleton, NH

Incorporated: 1778

Origin: This territory was first granted by the Masonian Proprietors in 1749. It may have been named for Sir Charles Middleton, Lord Barham, an admiral of the Navy who had served in the West Indies. Middleton was situated on the road between Exeter and Wolfeboro, the location of Governor John Wentworth's summer home, Kingswood. Neglect of the road caused the Governor to bill the proprietors for repairs that he had to make for safe travel to Kingswood. In 1785, residents of the northern portion of Middleton and part of Wolfeboro petitioned for a separately incorporated town. The first petition was at first denied, but then was granted in 1794 as Brookfield.

Villages and Place Names: Middleton Corners

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 617 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Middleton totaled 1,476 over 58 years, from 349 in 1960 to 1,825 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was a 71 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 66 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2018 Census estimate for Middleton was 1,825 residents, which ranked 147th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 100.9 persons per square mile of land area. Middleton contains 18.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.
**Municipal Services**

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**Boards and Commissions**

Elected: Selectmen; Trust Funds; Budget; Checklist; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Moderator

Appointed: Planning; Conservation; Zoning

**Public Library**  No Library

**Emergency Services**

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

Nearest Hospital(s)  Distance  Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro  10 miles  25
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester  15 miles  96

**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  Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program  No
Recycling Program  None

Telephone Company  Firstlight
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)

2018 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)  $26.95
2018 Equalization Ratio  91.3
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)  $24.72

2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
Residential Land and Buildings  94.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings  3.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other  2.2%

**Housing** (ACS 2014-2018)

Total Housing Units  796
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached  707
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure  0
Five or More Units in Structure  11
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units  78

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)** (US Census Bureau)

Total Population Community County
2018  1,825  130,090
2010  1,783  123,143
2000  1,445  112,676
1990  1,220  104,348
1980  734  85,324
1970  430  70,431

**Demographics**

**American Community Survey (ACS) 2014-2018**

Population by Gender
Male  877  Female  891

Population by Age Group
Under age 5  73
Age 5 to 19  360
Age 20 to 34  292
Age 35 to 54  515
Age 55 to 64  324
Age 65 and over  204
Median Age  41.0 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
High school graduate or higher  88.3%
Bachelor’s degree or higher  15.7%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $** (ACS 2014-2018)

Per capita income  $33,246
Median family income  $82,031
Median household income  $73,990

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
Male  $53,807
Female  $40,357

Individuals below the poverty level  8.3%

**Labor Force** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average 2008  2018
Civilian labor force  1,043  1,037
Employed  997  1,013
Unemployed  46  24
Unemployment rate  4.4%  2.3%

**Employment & Wages** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment  2008  2018
Goods Producing Industries
Average Employment  n  14
Average Weekly Wage  n  $671

Service Providing Industries
Average Employment  n  112
Average Weekly Wage  n  $1,012

Total Private Industry
Average Employment  107  126
Average Weekly Wage  $819  $976

Government (Federal, State, and Local)
Average Employment  17  15
Average Weekly Wage  $538  $990

Total, Private Industry plus Government
Average Employment  124  141
Average Weekly Wage  $782  $977

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Middleton operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro)

Career Technology Center(s): Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
- Number of Schools: 1  
- Grade Levels: P K 1-6  
- Total Enrollment: 137

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: University of NH

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
- Total Facilities: 1  
- Total Capacity: 15

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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