Northfield, NH

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County
Merrimack

Labor Market Area
Franklin, NH LMA

Tourism Region
Lakes

Planning Commission
Lakes Region

Regional Development
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress District 2
Executive Council District 2
State Senate District 7
State Representative Merrimack County Districts 3, 26

Incorporated: 1780

Origin: Like many other towns, Northfield began with a group of residents who felt they lived too far from the center of town, in this case Canterbury, making it inconvenient to attend public affairs. Petitioners were granted a separate township in 1780. The Northfield library was called the “Northfield Improving Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge,” the same title used by Benjamin Franklin in 1743 for the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. The library began with a supply of 24 books, charging an annual membership fee of $5, and continued under that name until 1842.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 606 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Northfield totaled 2,749 over 49 years, from 2,193 in 1970 to 4,942 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 40 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, this followed a 39 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Northfield was 4,942 residents, which ranked 73rd among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 172.9 persons per square mile of land area. Northfield contains 28.6 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.
## Municipal Services

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020</td>
<td>$3,436,890</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020</td>
<td>$4,167,096</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1973/18</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2014</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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### Boards and Commissions
- Elected: Selectmen; Trust Funds; Library
- Appointed: Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Budget; Capital Improvement

### Public Library
- Hall Memorial

## Emergency Services

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<td>Fire Department</td>
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<td>Emergency Medical Service</td>
<td>Municipal</td>
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### Nearest Hospital(s)
- Franklin Regional, Franklin
  - Distance: 3 miles
  - Staffed Beds: 31

## Utilities

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<td>Electric Supplier</td>
<td>Eversource Energy; NH Electric coop</td>
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<td>Natural Gas Supplier</td>
<td>Liberty Utilities</td>
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<td>Water Supplier</td>
<td>Tilton-Northfield Aqueduct Company</td>
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### Sanitation
- Northfield Sewer District
- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Solid Waste Disposal
  - Curbside Trash Pickup: Municipal
  - Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No
  - Recycling Program: Voluntary

### Telephone Company
- Consolidated Communications

### Cellular Telephone Access
- Yes

### Cable Television Access
- Yes

### Public Access Television Station
- No

### High Speed Internet Service
  - Residential: Yes
  - Business: Yes

## Property Taxes

### (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $23.80
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 88.2
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $20.20

### 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 83.7%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 11.6%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 4.8%

## Housing

### (ACS 2015-2019)
- Total Housing Units: 1,953
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 1,304
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 118
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 319
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 212

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

### Total Population
- 2019: 4,942
- 2010: 4,829
- 2000: 4,569
- 1990: 4,277
- 1980: 3,051
- 1970: 2,193

### Community Population
- 2019: 151,391
- 2010: 146,445
- 2000: 136,716
- 1990: 120,618
- 1980: 98,302
- 1970: 80,925

## Demographics (American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019)

### Population by Gender
- Male: 2,366
- Female: 2,515

### Population by Age Group
- Under age 5: 348
- Age 5 to 19: 1,211
- Age 20 to 34: 1,184
- Age 35 to 54: 878
- Age 55 to 64: 526
- Age 65 and over: 37.5 years

### Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
- High school graduate or higher: 88.8%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 20.4%

## Income, Inflation Adjusted $(ACS 2015-2019)

### Per capita income
- $33,028

### Median family income
- $78,274

### Median household income
- $61,859

### Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
- Male: $52,825
- Female: $43,940

### Individuals below the poverty level
- 5.8%

## Labor Force (NHES – ELM)

### Annual Average
- 2009: 120,618
- 2019: 136,716

### Civilian labor force
- 2,994

### Employed
- 2,550

### Unemployed
- 43,940

### Unemployment rate
- 2.7%

## Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

### Annual Average Covered Employment
- 2009: 120,618
- 2019: 136,716

### Goods Producing Industries
- Average Employment: 376
- Average Weekly Wage: $962

### Service Providing Industries
- Average Employment: 406
- Average Weekly Wage: $627

### Total Private Industry
- Average Employment: 782
- Average Weekly Wage: $789

### Government (Federal, State, and Local)
- Average Employment: 122
- Average Weekly Wage: $685

### Total, Private Industry plus Government
- Average Employment: 904
- Average Weekly Wage: $775

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE
Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Winnisquam Regional (Northfield, Sanbornton, Tilton) District: SAU 59
Career Technology Center(s): J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs Region: 8

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  Elementary  Middle/Junior High  High School  Private/Parochial
Number of Schools 2
Grade Levels PK-1-5  K 1-12
Total Enrollment 448 85

Nearest Community College: NHTI-Concord; Lakes Region
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University; Colby-Sawyer

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  Total Facilities: 2  Total Capacity: 241

LARGEST BUSINESSES

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<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>ESTABLISHED</th>
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<td>Wyman Gordon</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Freudenberg-NOK</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>1997</td>
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<td>Spaulding Youth Center</td>
<td>160</td>
<td>1958</td>
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<td>Tobin Tool</td>
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<td>1997</td>
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<td>Eptam Plastics</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>2002</td>
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<td>Blouin Steel</td>
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<td>Pike Industries</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
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<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-93, Exit 19</td>
<td>Local access</td>
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Railroad  State owned line
Public Transportation  No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Laconia Municipal  Runway 5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted?  Yes  Navigation Aids?  Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional  Distance 40 miles  Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 4

Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH  35 miles
Portland, Maine  127 miles
Boston, Mass.  85 miles
New York City, NY  284 miles
Montreal, Quebec  236 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK  (ACS 2015-2019)
Workers 16 years and over
Drove alone, car/truck/van  89.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van  4.2%
Public transportation  0.0%
Walked  1.6%
Other means  4.0%
Worked at home  2.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work  24.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019
Working in community of residence  14.3%
Commuting to another NH community  82.8%
Commuting out-of-state  2.9%

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
  Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
  Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
  Bowling Facilities
  Museums
  Cinemas
  Performing Arts Facilities
  Tourist Attractions
X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
X Youth Sports: Football
X Youth Sports: Basketball
X 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
  Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged, Gunstock Mountains

Other: Pines Community Center; Highland Mountain Bike Park; Winnipesaukee River Trail