

Northfield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Merrimack
Franklin, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 7
Merrimack County Districts 3, 26

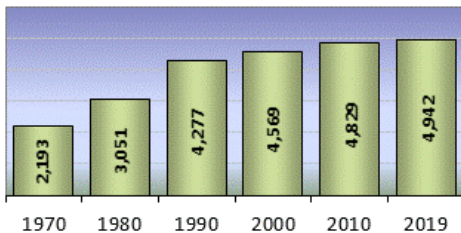
Incorporated: 1780

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	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$3,436,890
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020	\$4,167,096
Zoning Ordinance	1973/18
Master Plan	2014
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Trust Funds; Library**
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Budget; Capital Improvement**

Public Library **Hall Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Franklin Regional, Franklin	3 miles	31

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier	Tilton-Northfield Aqueduct Company

Sanitation	Northfield Sewer District
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
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:	
Business	Yes
Residential	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	Community	County	
2019	4,942	151,391	
2010	4,829	146,445	
2000	4,569	136,716	
1990	4,277	120,618	
1980	3,051	98,302	
1970	2,193	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	824
Age 20 to 34	1,121
Age 35 to 54	1,184
Age 55 to 64	878
Age 65 and over	526
Median Age	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 – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	2,994	2,550
Employed	2,808	2,481
Unemployed	186	69
Unemployment rate	6.2%	2.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	376	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 962	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	406	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 627	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	782	1,266
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 789	\$ 930
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	122	104
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 685	\$ 936
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	904	1,370
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 775	\$ 931

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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			1
Grade Levels	P K 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	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wyman Gordon	Investment castings	200	1951
Freudenberg-NOK	Manufacturing	200	1997
Spaulding Youth Center	Youth programs	160	1958
Tobin Tool	Manufacturing	100	1997
Eptam Plastics	Manufacturing	100	2002
Blouin Steel	Manufacturing	10	1998
Pike Industries	Asphalt	10	1998

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	132, 140
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 19
	Distance	Local access
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
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	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; Winnepesaukee River Trail