Incorporated: 1779

**Origin:** This town was first granted in 1761 as Stonington, probably due to Governor Benning Wentworth's relationship with shipbuilding interests in Stonington, Connecticut. By 1767, only a few of the grantees had settled there. The territory was regranted by Governor John Wentworth in 1771 as Northumberland in honor of Hugh Smithson, first Duke of Northumberland. The Duke's son, James Smithson, is remembered for leaving a legacy of more than a half million dollars for the founding of Smithsonian Institution.

**Villages and Place Names:** Groveton

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 117 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Northumberland had the fourth largest decrease in numeric population change over 49 years. Population change totaled 354, from 2,493 in 1970 down to 2,139 in 2019. The population decreased over three of the last four decades. The 2019 Census estimate for Northumberland was 2,139 residents, which ranked 133rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 58.2 persons per square mile of land area. Northumberland contains 36.7 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

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<td>Master Plan</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
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### Boards and Commissions

- Elected: Selectmen; Library; Trust Funds; Treasurer; School; Tax Collection Precinct; Cemetery; Checklist; Moderator
- Appointed: Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation; Cemetery Sexton; Road Agent

### Public Library
Northumberland Public

### Emergency Services

- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Volunteer
- Emergency Medical Service: Volunteer
- Nearest Hospital(s): Distance | Staffed Beds
  Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster | 11 miles | 25

### Utilities

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

### Property Taxes

- (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
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<td>$32.44</td>
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### Property Taxes

- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $32.44
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 91.3
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $28.59
- 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 51.3%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 12.6%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 36.1%

### Housing

- Total Housing Units: 1,170
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 786
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 181
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 80
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 123

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

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<td>2019</td>
<td>2,139</td>
<td>31,563</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>2,288</td>
<td>33,055</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>2,440</td>
<td>33,156</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>2,495</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>2,520</td>
<td>35,014</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>2,493</td>
<td>34,189</td>
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### Demographics

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

- Population by Gender
  - Male: 1,171
  - Female: 1,151
- Population by Age Group
  - Under age 5: 179
  - Age 5 to 19: 387
  - Age 20 to 34: 403
  - Age 35 to 54: 538
  - Age 55 to 64: 408
  - Age 65 and over: 407
  - Median Age: 45.5 years

### Income, Inflation Adjusted$

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<th>Type</th>
<th>2019</th>
<th>2018</th>
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<td>Per capita income</td>
<td>$23,559</td>
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<td>Median family income</td>
<td>$61,346</td>
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<td>Median household income</td>
<td>$45,000</td>
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- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $40,238
  - Female: $40,083
- Individuals below the poverty level: 10.2%

### Labor Force

- (NHES – ELMI)

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Civilian labor force</th>
<th>Employed</th>
<th>Unemployed</th>
<th>Unemployment rate</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>1,132</td>
<td>1,023</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>9.6%</td>
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### Employment & Wages

- (NHES – ELMI)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Annual Average Covered Employment</th>
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<td>25</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>$678</td>
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- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 133
  - Average Weekly Wage: $485

- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 25
  - Average Weekly Wage: $678

- Total Private Industry
  - Average Employment: 158
  - Average Weekly Wage: $516

- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 178
  - Average Weekly Wage: $524

- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 335
  - Average Weekly Wage: $520

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: Northumberland operates grades K-12
Career Technology Center(s): Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center; White Mountains RHS

District: SAU 58
Region: 3

Number of Schools | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial
--- | --- | --- | --- | ---
1 | 1 | 1 | Private/Parochial

Grade Levels

- K 1-5
- 6-8
- 9-12

Total Enrollment

- 118
- 81
- 125

Nearest Community College: White Mountains
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Littleton

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 2
Total Capacity: 70

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<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
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<td>NSA Industries</td>
<td>Precision machining, metal fabrication, powder coating</td>
<td>60</td>
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<tr>
<td>Perras Ace</td>
<td>Hardware store</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>1987</td>
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<td>Ocean State Job Lots</td>
<td>Department store</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>2006</td>
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<td>Prima America</td>
<td>Bio/Diesel Fuel Mfg.</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>2010</td>
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<td>Normandeau Trucking &amp; Debris Disposal</td>
<td>Trash Removal and moving services</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>1996</td>
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<td>North Country Shop 'n Save</td>
<td>Supermarket</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Dollar General</td>
<td>Department store</td>
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<td>2013</td>
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<td>Batch's Convenience Store</td>
<td>Convenience store, gas</td>
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<td>2015</td>
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<tr>
<td>Riverside Speedway &amp; Adventure Park</td>
<td>Race track, adventure park, camping</td>
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<td>2017</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<td>State owned line</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
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<td>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</td>
<td>Mt Washington Reg, Whitefield</td>
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<td>Runway</td>
<td>4,001 ft. asphalt</td>
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<td>Lighted?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Navigation Aids?</td>
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<td>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service</td>
<td>Lebanon Municipal</td>
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<td>Portland, Maine</td>
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<td>Boston, Mass.</td>
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<td>New York City, NY</td>
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<td>Montreal, Quebec</td>
<td>149 miles</td>
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COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over
- Drove alone, car/truck/van | 74.3% |
- Carpool, car/truck/van | 16.2% |
- Public transportation | 0.0% |
- Walked | 5.5% |
- Other means | 4.1% |
- Worked at home | 5.4% |
Mean Travel Time to Work | 23.5 minutes |

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019
- Working in community of residence | 20.2% |
- Commuting to another NH community | 74.4% |
- Commuting out-of-state | 5.4% |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

- Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- Golf Courses
- Swimming: Indoor Facility
- X Swimming: Outdoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- 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
- X Youth Sports: Football
- X Youth Sports: Basketball
- X Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- X Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- X Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Wildcat, Bretton Woods, Cannon

Other: Meeting House; Covered Bridge; Auto Race Track; Train Caboose; Canoe access; Snowmobile Trail access; White Mtn Forest Trail

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