

# Northwood, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Town Hall, Selectmen Office: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Tuesday, 10 am - 7 pm, last Saturday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

## County

Rockingham

## Labor Market Area

Raymond, NH LMA

## Tourism Region

Merrimack Valley

## Planning Commission

Strafford Regional

## Regional Development

Regional Economic Development Corp.

## Election Districts

### US Congress

District 2

### Executive Council

District 4

### State Senate

District 17

### State Representative

Rockingham County Districts 1, 32

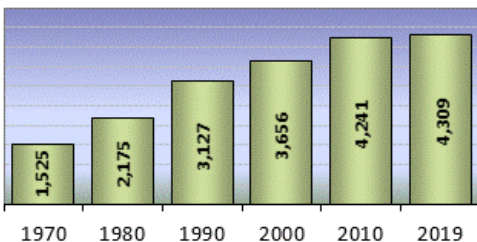
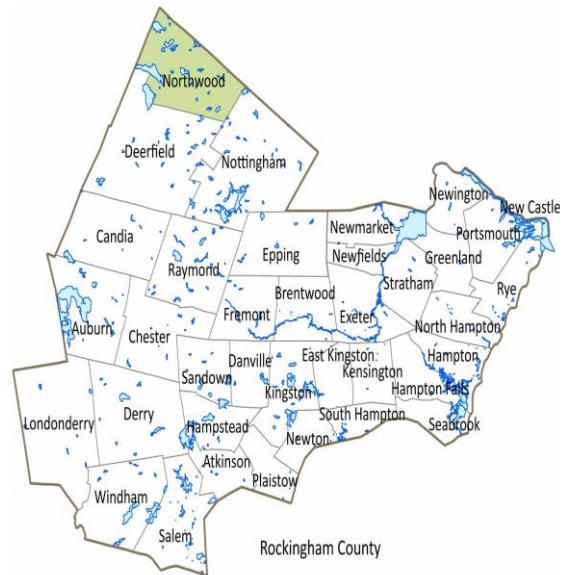
## Incorporated: 1773

**Origin:** This territory was first settled in 1763, and known as the North Woods, a parish of Nottingham. It was incorporated as a separate town upon agreement with Nottingham in 1773. In 1791, the General Court of New Hampshire authorized a committee to survey and lay out a road between Durham and Concord, which became the First New Hampshire Turnpike. The road runs the length of Northwood, and the town's many taverns accommodated travelers. At one time, there were some 12 sawmills in the town, five of which were replaced by shoe factories.

**Villages and Place Names:** Northwood Center, Northwood Narrows, Northwood Ridge

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 744 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Northwood totaled 2,784 over 49 years, from 1,525 in 1970 to 4,309 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 44 percent increase between 1980 to 1990, followed by an increase of 43 percent, over the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Northwood was 4,309 residents, which ranked 88th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 153.2 persons per square mile of land area. Northwood contains 28.1 square miles of land area and 2.1 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	<b>\$10,342,335</b>	
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1968/17</b>	
Master Plan	<b>2004</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>	
Boards and Commissions		
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Cemetery; Library; Police; Trust Funds</b>	
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Cable; Emergency Management; Highway; Recreation</b>	
Public Library	<b>Chesley Memorial</b>	
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Full &amp; part-time</b>	
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Full &amp; part-time</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Frisbie Memorial, Rochester</b>	<b>17 miles</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>Concord Hospital, Concord</b>	<b>20 miles</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Northwood Ridge; Private wells</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint; Metrocast</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>		
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.52</b>	
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>79.2</b>	
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.55</b>	
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>85.3%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>13.2%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.5%</b>	
<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>		
Total Housing Units	<b>2,164</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,687</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>90</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>61</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>326</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>4,309</b>	<b>309,769</b>	
2010	<b>4,241</b>	<b>295,223</b>	
2000	<b>3,656</b>	<b>278,748</b>	
1990	<b>3,127</b>	<b>246,744</b>	
1980	<b>2,175</b>	<b>190,345</b>	
1970	<b>1,525</b>	<b>138,951</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,971</b>	Female	<b>2,328</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>140</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>693</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>760</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,207</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>754</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>745</b>		
Median Age	<b>44.2 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>91.7%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>33.9%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$38,707</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$109,857</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$91,411</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$58,831</b>		
Female	<b>\$41,763</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>4.8%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	<b>2,448</b>	<b>2,664</b>	
Employed	<b>2,282</b>	<b>2,600</b>	
Unemployed	<b>166</b>	<b>64</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>148</b>	<b>158</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 664</b>	<b>\$ 879</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>625</b>	<b>737</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 579</b>	<b>\$ 735</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>774</b>	<b>895</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 596</b>	<b>\$ 760</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>198</b>	<b>179</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 624</b>	<b>\$ 747</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>972</b>	<b>1,074</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 601</b>	<b>\$ 758</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Northwood operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Coe-Brown Academy (Northwood)</b>			District: <b>SAU 44</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Dover Career Technical Center; R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Ctr.; Somersworth Career Technical Center</b>			Region: <b>12</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>		<b>9-12</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>370</b>		<b>693</b>	

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **78**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Hannaford	Supermarket	50	2003
Johnson's Seafood & Steak	Restaurant	30	
DR Dimes	Reproduction furniture	30	1964
Harding Metals	Scrap metal recycling	30	1963
Northwood Power Equipment	Power equipment dealer	17	2000
Solid Creations	Counter top mfg	25	
New England Signal Systems	Traffic signal equipment	10	
Cooper Hill Pizza	Restaurant	20	
Meyer Family Dentistry	Dental care	17	
Northwood Veterinary Hospital	Pet health care	11	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access	US Routes	<b>4, 202</b>
	State Routes	<b>9, 152, 202A</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exit 15; I-95, Exit 5</b>	
Distance	<b>18 miles, 26 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>No</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Concord Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>6,005 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>30 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	<b>4</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	<b>29 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine	<b>78 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.	<b>76 miles</b>	
New York City, NY	<b>279 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec	<b>265 miles</b>	

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pats's Peak, Ragged, Gunstock Mountains</b>
	Other: <b>Northwood Meadows State Park; Antiques</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK***(ACS 2015-2019)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>82.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>2.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>2.8%</b>
Other means	<b>11.7%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>32.3 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>26.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>69.4</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4.2</b>