

Orford, NH



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County

Grafton

Labor Market Area

Lebanon, NH-VT Metropolitan NECTA, NH part

Tourism Region

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee

Regional Development

Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 1

State Senate

District 2

State Representative

Grafton County Districts 3, 15

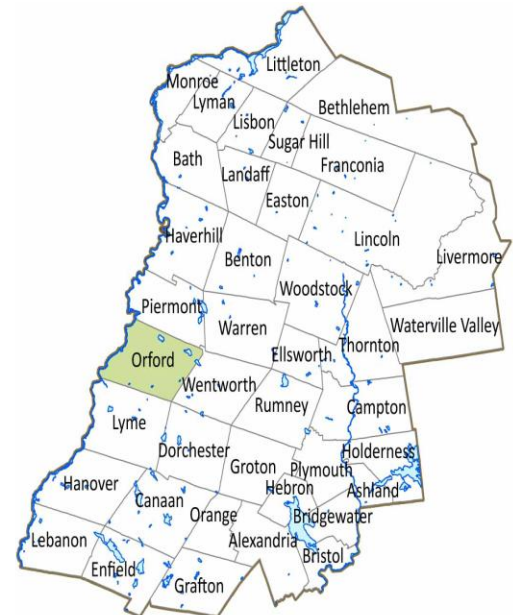
Incorporated: 1761

Origin: This town was chartered in 1761 to Jonathan Moulton and several members of his family. Governor Benning Wentworth gave it the name of Robert Walpole, Earl of Orford, known as the first Prime Minister of England, though that title was not used at the time. One of the town's first settlers, many of who had come from Connecticut, was General Israel Morey. His son Samuel was a prolific inventor who determined a way to separate hydrogen from oxygen in water, using the knowledge to develop the first marine steam engine, testing the first "steamboat" on the river at Orford.

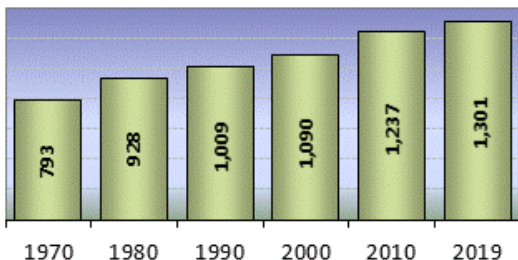
Villages and Place Names: Gilmans Corner, Merriwood Camp, Orfordville, Quintown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 540 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Orford totaled 793 over 49 years, from 793 in 1970 to 1,301 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 17 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Orford was 1,301 residents, which ranked 173rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 28.0 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Marlow and Windsor. Orford contains 46.4 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$976,572
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$3,394,440
Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning**
 Appointed: **Conservation**

Public Library **Orford Free; Orford Social**

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cottage Hospital, Woodsville	20 miles	35
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon	22 miles	406
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	27 miles	25

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Orford Village District & private wells	
Sanitation	Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No	
Solid Waste Disposal	Private	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Yes	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes	
Recycling Program	Voluntary	
Telephone Company	Topsham Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited	
Cable Television Access	No	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited
	Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$29.98
2019 Equalization Ratio	86.0
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.71
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	90.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	7.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	653
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	568
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	30
Five or More Units in Structure	7
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	48

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2019	1,301	89,886
2010	1,237	89,118
2000	1,090	81,826
1990	1,009	74,998
1980	928	65,806
1970	793	54,914

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019		
Population by Gender		
Male	708	Female 736
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	42	
Age 5 to 19	198	
Age 20 to 34	268	
Age 35 to 54	476	
Age 55 to 64	180	
Age 65 and over	280	
Median Age	44.0 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher	87.0%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	28.5%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	\$39,035
Median family income	\$86,429
Median household income	\$73,636
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$49,000
Female	\$47,813
Individuals below the poverty level	10.0%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	713	810
Employed	680	797
Unemployed	33	13
Unemployment rate	4.6%	1.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	55	22
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 536	\$ 801
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	97	170
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 645	\$ 952
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	152	192
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 606	\$ 934
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	105	95
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 647	\$ 785
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	257	287
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 623	\$ 885

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Rivendell Interstate (Orford NH; Fairlee VT, West Fairlee VT, Vershire VT)** District: **SAU 78**

Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT); River Bend Career & Technical Center (VT)** Region: **4 & 7**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools			1	
Grade Levels			7-12	
Total Enrollment			208	

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Lebanon; Plymouth State University**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Rivendell Interstate School	Education		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10, 25A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 15
	Distance	3 mile
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dean Memorial, Haverhill	Runway	2,500 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	25 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		88 miles
Portland, Maine		120 miles
Boston, Mass.		138 miles
New York City, NY		289 miles
Montreal, Quebec		189 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2015-2019*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	55.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.8%
Public transportation	1.3%
Walked	2.1%
Other means	37.8%
Worked at home	16.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.6 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

Working in community of residence	43.8
Commuting to another NH community	40.2
Commuting out-of-state	16.0

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
X	Tourist Attractions
	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
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Dartmouth Skiway**

Other: **Rivendell Trail**