

Orford, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
 US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
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.

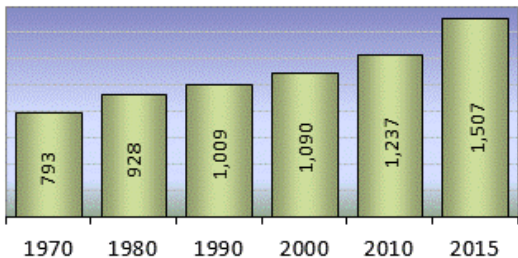
Villages and Place Names: Gilmans Corner, Merriwood Camp, Orfordville, Quintown

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

Population Trends: Population change for Orford totaled 840 over 55 years, from 667 in 1960 to 1,507 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 19 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, followed by a 17 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2015 Census estimate for Orford was 1,507 residents, which ranked 161st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 32.5 persons per square mile of land area. 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, 2016-2017 | \$3,162,461 |
| 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 | 25 | |
| Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon | 22 miles | 409 | |
| 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 | | | |
| Curbside Trash Pickup | | Private | |
| 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 | | <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i> | |
|---|----------------|---|--|
| 2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$27.36 | | |
| 2016 Equalization Ratio | 94.7 | | |
| 2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$25.86 | | |
| 2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | | | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | 90.0% | | |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 7.2% | | |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 2.8% | | |

| HOUSING | | <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i> | |
|---|------------|------------------------|--|
| Total Housing Units | 682 | | |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 586 | | |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | | | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 31 | | |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 14 | | |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | 51 | | |

| DEMOGRAPHICS | | | <i>(US Census Bureau)</i> | |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------|--|
| Total Population | Community | County | | |
| 2015 | 1,507 | 89,341 | | |
| 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) 2011-2015

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|--|------------|--------|--|-------------------|
| Population by Gender | | | | |
| Male | 673 | Female | | 834 |
| Population by Age Group | | | | |
| Under age 5 | | | | 77 |
| Age 5 to 19 | | | | 328 |
| Age 20 to 34 | | | | 185 |
| Age 35 to 54 | | | | 432 |
| Age 55 to 64 | | | | 242 |
| Age 65 and over | | | | 243 |
| Median Age | | | | 43.3 years |
| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over | | | | |
| High school graduate or higher | | | | 94.8% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | | | | 40.7% |

| INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ | | <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i> | |
|---|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| Per capita income | | | \$36,436 |
| Median family income | | | \$90,208 |
| Median household income | | | \$76,771 |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over | | | |
| Male | | | \$60,833 |
| Female | | | \$47,500 |
| Individuals below the poverty level | | | 6.9% |

| LABOR FORCE | | | | <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i> | |
|----------------------|-------------|------|--|----------------------|--|
| Annual Average | | 2006 | | 2016 | |
| Civilian labor force | 691 | | | 775 | |
| Employed | 671 | | | 761 | |
| Unemployed | 20 | | | 14 | |
| Unemployment rate | 2.9% | | | 1.8% | |

| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES | | | | <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i> | |
|---|---------------|------|--|----------------------|--|
| Annual Average Covered Employment | | 2006 | | 2016 | |
| Goods Producing Industries | | | | | |
| Average Employment | 53 | | | 48 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 553 | | | \$ 752 | |
| Service Providing Industries | | | | | |
| Average Employment | 100 | | | 204 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 771 | | | \$ 814 | |
| Total Private Industry | | | | | |
| Average Employment | 153 | | | 252 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 695 | | | \$ 802 | |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | | | | |
| Average Employment | 101 | | | 98 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 600 | | | \$ 689 | |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | | | | |
| Average Employment | 254 | | | 350 | |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 658 | | | \$ 771 | |

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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|---|---|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| 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 | | | 203 | |

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

2017 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 2011-2015*)

| | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Workers 16 years and over | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | 72.8% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | 10.3% |
| Public transportation | 0.0% |
| Walked | 0.0% |
| Other means | 10.8% |
| Worked at home | 6.1% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | 9.8 minutes |

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Working in community of residence | 22.2 |
| Commuting to another NH community | 58.4 |
| Commuting out-of-state | 19.4 |

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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| 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**