

# Orford, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Administrator: Monday, Tuesday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, 1 pm - 5 pm, Friday, 8 am - 2 pm; Town Clerk: Tuesday, 1 pm - 6 pm, Wednesday, 10 am - 1 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 11 am**

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**

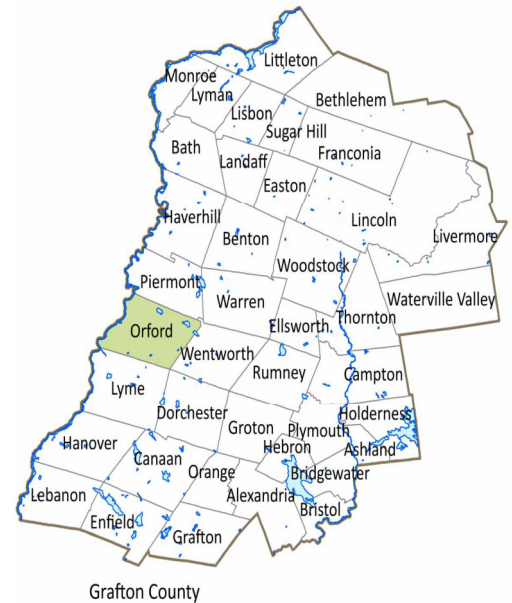
**Incorporated: 1761**

**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.

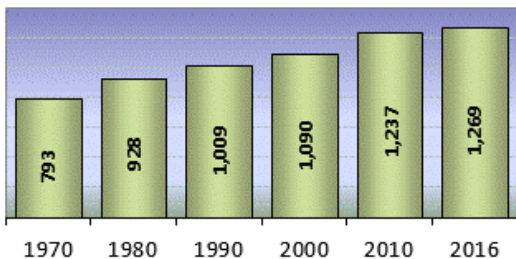
**Villages and Place Names:** Gilmans Corner, Merriwood Camp, Orfordville, Quintown

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

**Population Trends:** Population change for Orford totaled 602 over 56 years, from 667 in 1960 to 1,269 in 2016. 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 2016 Census estimate for Orford was 1,269 residents, which ranked 173rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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**Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau):** 27.3 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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	<b>\$976,572</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$3,162,461</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>No Board</b>
Master Plan	<b>2001</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

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

Public Library **Orford Free; Orford Social**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>	
Fire Department		<b>Volunteer</b>	
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Volunteer</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Cottage Hospital, Woodsville</b>	<b>20 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>Dartmouth-Hitchcock Med Ctr, Lebanon</b>	<b>22 miles</b>	<b>409</b>	
<b>Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon</b>	<b>27 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	

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

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$27.36</b>		
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>94.7</b>		
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$25.86</b>		
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>90.0%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>7.2%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.8%</b>		

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>664</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>558</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>31</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>18</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>57</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County		
2016	<b>1,269</b>	<b>88,888</b>		
2010	<b>1,237</b>	<b>89,118</b>		
2000	<b>1,090</b>	<b>81,826</b>		
1990	<b>1,009</b>	<b>74,998</b>		
1980	<b>928</b>	<b>65,806</b>		
1970	<b>793</b>	<b>54,914</b>		

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY</b>				<i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	<b>675</b>	Female		<b>829</b>	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				<b>66</b>	
Age 5 to 19				<b>361</b>	
Age 20 to 34				<b>212</b>	
Age 35 to 54				<b>412</b>	
Age 55 to 64				<b>219</b>	
Age 65 and over				<b>234</b>	
Median Age				<b>42.8 years</b>	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher				<b>92.6%</b>	
Bachelor's degree or higher				<b>37.7%</b>	

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$38,658</b>
Median family income			<b>\$91,786</b>
Median household income			<b>\$76,094</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over			
Male			<b>\$69,167</b>
Female			<b>\$50,313</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>8.8%</b>

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

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

**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			<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels			<b>7-12</b>	
Total Enrollment			<b>203</b>	

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

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2012-2016*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>75.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.4%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.7%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Other means	<b>11.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>5.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>32.4 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016**

Working in community of residence	<b>20.8</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>60.0</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>19.2</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
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps

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

Other: **Rivendell Trail**