

Orford, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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Election Districts
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Town of Orford

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Town Clerk: Tuesday, 1-6, Wednesday, 10-1, Thursday, 8-11;
Tax Collector Thursday, 11-1

Grafton

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

District 2
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District 5
Grafton County District 6

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 450 over 50 years, from 793 in 1970 to 1,243 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 17 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by a half of one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Orford was 1,251 residents, which ranked 176th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 26.9 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, 2020-2021		\$3,460,322	
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	419	
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	27 miles	23	
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	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		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.25	
2022 Equalization Ratio		66.3	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$18.74	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		89.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		7.0%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.1%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		647	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		539	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		25	
Five or More Units in Structure		19	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		64	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,251		91,126
2020	1,237		91,118
2010	1,237		89,118
2000	1,090		81,826
1990	1,009		74,998
1980	928		65,806
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	713	Female	736
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		49	
Age 5 to 19		173	
Age 20 to 34		217	
Age 35 to 54		546	
Age 55 to 64		145	
Age 65 and over		319	
Median Age		45.7 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		1,141	
High school graduate or higher		90.4%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		32.0%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$56,171	
Median family income		\$94,167	
Median household income		\$81,875	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$86,563	
Female		\$48,654	
Individuals below the poverty level		9.0%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		779	799
Employed		752	784
Unemployed		27	15
Unemployment rate		3.5%	1.9%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		45	23
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 674	\$ 955
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		84	306
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 767	\$ 996
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		129	328
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 735	\$ 993
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		106	82
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 635	\$1,039
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		234	410
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 690	\$1,002
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

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)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools		1		
Grade Levels		6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment		30		

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Upper Valley Educators Institute; Plymouth State**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities:

Total Capacity:

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 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	57.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.9%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	5.2%
Other means	24.8%
Worked at home	8.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	42.3%
Commuting to another NH community	43.1%
Commuting out-of-state	14.6%

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**