

Stark, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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Tax Collector: Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 3:45 pm

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Coös
Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Great North Woods
North Country Council
Coös Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

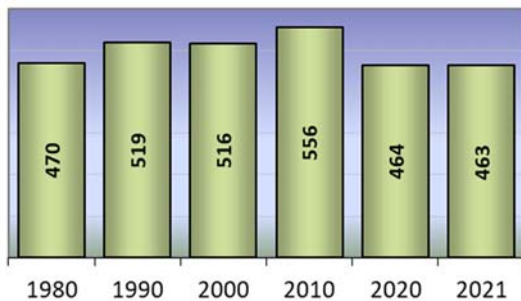
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Coös County Districts 2

Incorporated: 1795

Origin: This town was chartered in 1774 as Percy, the family name of the Duke of Northumberland. At the time of the charter, a member of that family, Thomas Percy, was the king's chaplain. The town was incorporated as Piercy in 1795. In 1832 the name was changed to Stark in honor of General John Stark, hero of Bunker Hill and the Battle of Bennington. New Hampshire owes its motto, "Live Free or Die," to General Stark, who was the first to carry the new thirteen-star American flag into battle. He wrote those words in July 1809, in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington. Stark is the location of the Stark Bridge, one of New Hampshire's scenic covered bridges, built in 1862.

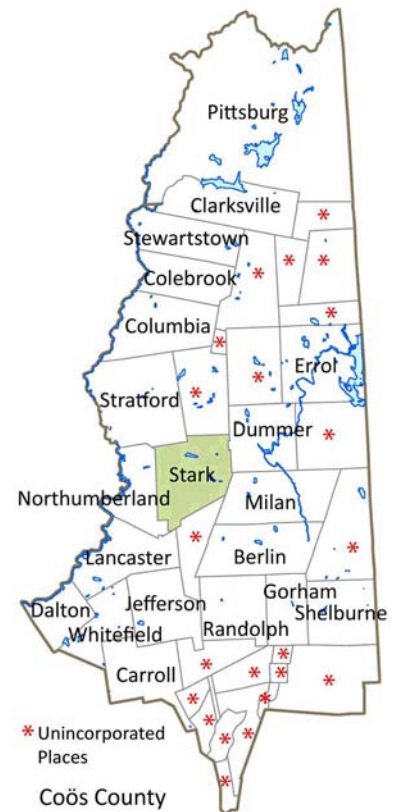
Villages and Place Names: Crystal, Percy

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 48 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Stark declined over 41 years, dropping by 7, from 470 in 1980 to 463 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 17 percent decline between 2010 and 2020. The 2021 Census estimate for Stark was 463 residents, which ranked 217th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 7.8 persons per square mile of land area. Stark contains 59.2 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$612,418
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	\$1,088,000
Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	0
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning
Appointed:	None

Public Library **Stark Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	No
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Groveton Ambulance

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	19 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	No
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.92
2021 Equalization Ratio	86.7
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.75

2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	75.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	21.5%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	448
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	383
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	5
Five or More Units in Structure	8
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	52

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	463	31,289	
2020	463	31,173	
2010	556	33,055	
2000	516	33,156	
1990	519	34,879	
1980	470	35,014	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020			
Population by Gender			
Male	210	Female	271

Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			48
Age 5 to 19			78
Age 20 to 34			33
Age 35 to 54			71
Age 55 to 64			109
Age 65 and over			142
Median Age			57.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	94.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2016-2020)
Per capita income		\$22,862
Median family income		\$56,250
Median household income		\$43,125

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$46,875
Female	\$22,000
Individuals below the poverty level	13.5%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	252	193
Employed	225	185
Unemployed	27	8
Unemployment rate	10.7%	4.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	11	10
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 119	\$ 216
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Stark operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Northumberland** District: **SAU 58**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center; White Mountains RHS**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	23			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Stark	Municipal services	23	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	110
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 41
	Distance	35 miles
Railroad		St. Lawrence & Atlantic
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Berlin Municipal	Runway	5,200 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	104 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		131 miles
Portland, Maine		120 miles
Boston, Mass.		181 miles
New York City, NY		364 miles
Montreal, Quebec		154 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.6%
Public transportation	1.2%
Walked	3.1%
Other means	0.6%
Worked at home	3.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	38.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	69.1%
Commuting to another NH community	12.3%
Commuting out-of-state	18.5%

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
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Wildcat
	Other: Covered Bridge; Nash Stream Forest; John Stark Statue; Heritage Center