

Wakefield, NH



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County

Carroll

Labor Market Area

Wolfeboro, NH LMA

Tourism Region

Lakes

Planning Commission

Strafford Regional

Regional Development

Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 1

Executive Council

District 1

State Senate

District 3

State Representative

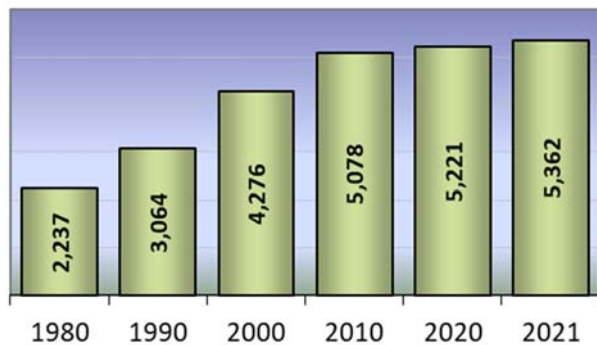
Carroll County District 4

Incorporated: 1774

Origin: This territory was settled by colonists from Dover and Somersworth who received a charter from the Masonian Proprietors in 1749. The settlement was known variously as Ham's-town, East-town, and Watertown. In 1774, residents petitioned the Proprietors for incorporation with township powers and privileges, and it was incorporated as Wakefield by Governor John Wentworth. Wakefield in Yorkshire, England, was the location of Wentworth Castle, the home of Wentworth ancestors. In 2002, the Wakefield Town Hall was listed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

Villages and Place Names: East Wakefield, North Wakefield, Sanbornville, Union, Woodman, Province Lake

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 646 residents in 1790



Population Trends:

Population change for Wakefield totaled 3,125 over 41 years, from 2,237 in 1980 to 5,362 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 40 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Wakefield was 5,362 residents, which ranked 68th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 135.6 persons per square mile of land area. Wakefield contains 39.5 square miles of land area and 5.3 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$9,400,312
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Zoning Ordinance	1986/20
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; School; Assessors; Trust Funds; Checklist; Cemetery
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning; Heritage; Parks & Recreation
Public Library	Gafney Library, Inc.; Wakefield Library Association

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department			Full-time
Fire Department			Full-time & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service			Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	13 miles	25	

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Sanbornville Water Department
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Spectrum; Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$12.34
2021 Equalization Ratio	65.2
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 8.02
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.5%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Total Housing Units	3,756
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	3,314
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	106
Five or More Units in Structure	84
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	252

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	5,362	51,500	
2020	5,229	50,212	
2010	5,078	47,818	
2000	4,276	43,918	
1990	3,064	35,526	
1980	2,237	27,929	

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	2,640	Female	2,430
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			227
Age 5 to 19			568
Age 20 to 34			1,012
Age 35 to 54			1,237
Age 55 to 64			1,132
Age 65 and over			894
Median Age			50.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			95.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher			26.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Per capita income			\$36,715
Median family income			\$89,840
Median household income			\$75,050
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$60,268
Female			\$53,194
Individuals below the poverty level			5.6%

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	2,502	2,314	
Employed	2,350	2,215	
Unemployed	152	99	
Unemployment rate	6.1%	4.3%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	69	88	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 663	\$ 838	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	403	407	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 795	\$ 635	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	472	495	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 776	\$ 671	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	328	301	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 665	\$ 827	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	800	796	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 730	\$ 730	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Wakefield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Rochester** District: **SAU 64**
 Career Technology Center(s): **R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Ctr (Rochester)** Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K R 1-8			
Total Enrollment	465			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Nason (ME)**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **95**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Wakefield	Municipal services	130	1993
Wakefield School District	Education	120	
White Mountain Medical Center	Health care services	45	
Lovell Lake Market	Convenience store	38	
Poor Peoples Pub	Restaurant	35	
Knotty Pine Tavern	Restaurant	25	2010
Dunkin Donuts	Donut shop	15	2015
Tumbledown Café	Restaurant	15	2014
Longmeadow Hardware	Hardware	12	
Irving	Gas, convenience store	8	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	16, 109, 110, 153
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-95, Exit 5	
	Distance	6 miles; 40 miles
Railroad		NH Northcoast
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Skyhaven, Rochester	Runway	4,200 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Portland (ME) International	Distance	49 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		62 miles
Portland, Maine		51 miles
Boston, Mass.		93 miles
New York City, NY		301 miles
Montreal, Quebec		258 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock, King Pine
	Other: Frisbie Golf

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.2%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	8.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	40.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	44.6%
Commuting to another NH community	40.8%
Commuting out-of-state	14.6%