Wakefield, NH

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Municipal Office Hours
Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk: Monday,
Tuesday, Friday, 8:30 - 4 pm, Wednesday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm,
Thursday, 8:30 am - 6 pm, first, last Saturday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

County
Carroll

Labor Market Area
Wolfeboro, NH LMA

Tourism Region
Lakes

Planning Commission
Strafford Regional

Regional Development
Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Electoral Districts
US Congress: District 1
Executive Council: District 1
State Senate: District 3
State Representative: Carroll County Districts 5, 8

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 3,690 over 49 years, from 1,420 in 1970 to
5,110 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 58 percent between 1970 and
1980, followed by increases of 37 percent and 40 percent, respectively over the next two decades. The
2019 Census estimate for Wakefield was 5,110 residents, which ranked 70th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and
towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 129.3 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, 2020**
$6,674,875

**Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021**
$11,669,424

**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

### Emergency Services

- **Police Department**
  - Full-time

- **Fire Department**
  - Full-time & volunteer

- **Emergency Medical Service**
  - Municipal

**Nearest Hospital(s):**
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro

- **Distance:** 13 miles
- **Staffed Beds:** 25

### Utilities

- **Electric Supplier:** Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
- **Natural Gas Supplier:** None
- **Water Supplier:** Sanbornville Water Department

### Sanitation

- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**
  - Private septic & municipal

### Solid Waste Disposal

- **Curbside Trash Pickup**
  - Private

- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**
  - No

- **Recycling Program**
  - Mandatory

- **Telephone Company**
  - Time Warner; Fairpoint

- **Cellular Telephone Access**
  - Yes

- **Cable Television Access**
  - Yes

- **Public Access Television Station**
  - Yes

- **High Speed Internet Service:**
  - Business: Yes
  - Residential: Yes

### Property Taxes

**2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value):** $12.47

**2019 Equalization Ratio:** 92.6

**2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value):** $11.50

#### 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

- **Residential Land and Buildings:** 95.3%
- **Non-Residential Land and Buildings:** 3.3%
- **Utilities, Current Use, and Other:** 1.4%

### Housing

**Housing (ACS 2015-2019):**

- **Total Housing Units:** 3,171
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached:** 3,303
  
- **Units in Multiple-Family Structures:**
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 123
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 91
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 254

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

**Total Population**

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<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>5,110</td>
<td>48,910</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>5,078</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>2,237</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>1,420</td>
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### Demographics

#### AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019

- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 2,614
  - Female: 2,432

- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 293
  - Age 5 to 19: 448
  - Age 20 to 34: 1,107
  - Age 35 to 54: 1,124
  - Age 55 to 64: 1,089
  - Age 65 and over: 985
  - Median Age: 51.8 years

#### Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

- **Male**
  - High school graduate or higher: 84.6%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 20.3%

- **Female**
  - High school graduate or higher: 94.8%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 20.3%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $

**Per capita income:** $33,870

**Median family income:** $75,656

**Median household income:** $69,185

- **Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**
  - Male: $57,581
  - Female: $39,058

- ** Individuals below the poverty level:** 6.2%

#### Labor Force

**NHES – ELM**

- **Annual Average**
  - 2009: 2,481
  - 2019: 2,376

- **Employed**
  - 2009: 2,301
  - 2019: 2,312

- **Unemployed**
  - 2009: 180
  - 2019: 64

- **Unemployment rate:** 7.3% in 2009, 2.7% in 2019

### Employment & Wages

**NHES – ELM**

- **Annual Average Covered Employment**
  - 2009: 338
  - 2019: 579

- **Average Weekly Wage**
  - 2009: $490
  - 2019: $583

- **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
  - **Average Employment:** 338
  - **Average Weekly Wage:** $490

- **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
  - **Average Employment:** 727
  - **Average Weekly Wage:** $559

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/05/2020
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

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

District: SAU 64  
Region: 12

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
- Number of Schools: 1  
- Grade Levels: PK 1-8

Total Enrollment: 470

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

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<td>Wakefield School District</td>
<td>120</td>
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<td>White Mountain Medical Center</td>
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<td>Lovell Lake Market</td>
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<td>Knotty Pine Tavern</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

- US Routes: 16, 109, 110, 153  
- State Routes: Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-95, Exit 5  
- Distance: 6 miles; 40 miles

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- 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
- Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock, King Pine

Other: Frisbie Golf

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

Workers 16 years and over  
- Drove alone, car/truck/van: 84.9%  
- Carpooleo, car/truck/van: 10.4%  
- Public transportation: 0.0%  
- Walked: 0.9%  
- Other means: 3.8%  
- Worked at home: 16.1%

Mean Travel Time to Work (ACS 2015-2019): 39.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019  
- Working in community of residence: 21.3  
- Commuting to another NH community: 62.6  
- Commuting out-of-state: 16.1