

Wakefield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Administration: Monday to Friday, 8-4; Town Clerk: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 8:30-4, Wednesday, 8:30-1:30, Thursday, 8:30-6, first and last Saturday each month, 8:30-12:30; Tax Collector: Monday to Friday, 9-2

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Carroll
Wolfeboro, NH LMA
Lakes
Strafford Regional
Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
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District 3
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 3,8041 over 50 years, from 1,420 in 1970 to 5,221 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Wakefield was 5,459 residents, which ranked 68th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 138.1 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, 2023	\$7,482,891
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Zoning Ordinance	1986/23
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	Full-time 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 (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$12.25
2022 Equalization Ratio	60.1
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 7.34
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	3,734
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	3,435
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	42
Five or More Units in Structure	69
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	188

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2022	5,459	52,199
2020	5,201	50,107
2010	5,078	47,818
2000	4,276	43,918
1990	3,064	35,526
1980	2,237	27,929

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021		
Population by Gender		
Male	2,702	Female 2,519
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	210	
Age 5 to 19	642	
Age 20 to 34	1,016	
Age 35 to 54	1,242	
Age 55 to 64	1,215	
Age 65 and over	896	
Median Age	48.9 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 3,952		
High school graduate or higher	96.0%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.4%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income	\$40,876
Median family income	\$95,536
Median household income	\$88,750
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$63,580
Female	\$52,476
Individuals below the poverty level	4.5%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	2,475	2,321
Employed	2,330	2,254
Unemployed	145	67
Unemployment rate	5.9%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	54	84
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 639	\$ 931
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	448	424
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 841	\$ 674
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	503	508
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 819	\$ 717
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	328	309
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 651	\$ 832
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	831	816
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 753	\$ 760

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Wakefield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Rochester** District: **SAU 101**
 Career Technology Center(s): **R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Ctr (Rochester)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	450			

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay; Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **49**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Longmeadow Hardware	Hardware	12	
Lovell Lake Market	Convenience store	38	
Town of Wakefield	Municipal services	115	1993
Poor Peoples Pub	Restaurant	35	
Knotty Pine Tavern	Restaurant	25	2010
Wakefield School District	Education	120	
Irving	Gas, convenience store	8	
Tumbledown Café	Restaurant	15	2014
Dunkin Donuts	Donut shop	15	2015

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		8
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

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.6%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	9.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	44.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	20.8%
Commuting to another NH community	62.0%
Commuting out-of-state	17.2%

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; Dog Park