Waterville Valley, NH

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County
Grafton

Labor Market Area
Plymouth, NH LMA

Tourism Region
White Mountains

Planning Commission
North Country Council

Regional Development
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
District 2
Executive Council
District 1
State Senate
District 3
State Representative
Grafton County District 5

Incorporated: 1829

Origin: Waterville was incorporated in 1829 from the Gillis and Foss Grant, and the John Raymond Grant. For many years the town was a popular summer resort. In 1911, the Weeks Act was passed, authorizing the federal government to purchase lands for stream-flow protection, and to maintain those lands as national forests. The first land purchases for the White Mountain National Forest were in 1914, and as a result, the town of Waterville lost a substantial amount of acreage. Major development of Waterville as a winter recreation area began about 1965. In 1967, by an act of the General Court, the town officially adopted the name Waterville Valley.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 16 residents in 1820

Population Trends: Waterville Valley had the third largest percent change in population, growing more than 17 times larger over 58 years. Despite the large percent increase, numeric population change totaled 229, from 14 in 1960 to 243 in 2018. The 2018 Census estimate for Waterville Valley was 243 residents, which ranked 230th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns, the fifth smallest community.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 3.8 persons per square mile of land area, the third lowest among the cities and towns. Waterville Valley contains 64.4 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017</td>
<td>$4,153,671</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018</td>
<td>$1,354,348</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1973/17</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2010</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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### Boards and Commissions

- Elected: Selectmen; Library; Trust Funds; Supervisors Checklist
- Appointed: Zoning; Conservation; Planning

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Full-time
- Emergency Medical Service: Full-time

- Nearest Hospital(s): Speare Memorial, Plymouth (19 miles, 25 Staffed Beds)

### Utilities

- Electric Supplier: Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
- Natural Gas Supplier: None
- Water Supplier: Waterville Valley Water Department

- Sanitation: Municipal
- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: Yes
- Solid Waste Disposal: Yes
- Curbside Trash Pickup: None
- Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No
- Recycling Program: Voluntary

- Telephone Company: Fairpoint
- Cellular Telephone Access: Yes
- Cable Television Access: Yes
- Public Access Television Station: Yes
- High Speed Internet Service: Business Yes, Residential Yes

### Property Taxes

- 2018 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $14.25
- 2018 Equalization Ratio: 100.2
- 2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $14.22

### Housing

- Total Housing Units: 1,187

- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 906

- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 85
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 196
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 0

### Demographics

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)** (US Census Bureau)

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2018</td>
<td>243</td>
<td>89,786</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>247</td>
<td>89,118</td>
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<tr>
<td>2000</td>
<td>258</td>
<td>81,826</td>
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<tr>
<td>1990</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>74,998</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>180</td>
<td>65,806</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>54,914</td>
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**Demographics**

**American Community Survey (ACS) 2014-2018**

- Population by Gender
  - Male: 107
  - Female: 76

- Population by Age Group
  - Under age 5: 0
  - Age 5 to 19: 44
  - Age 20 to 34: 16
  - Age 35 to 54: 42
  - Age 55 to 64: 19
  - Age 65 and over: 62
  - Median Age: 53.6 years

- Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
  - High school graduate or higher: 100.0%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 67.5%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $** (ACS 2014-2018)

- Per capita income: $61,543
- Median family income: $165,000
- Median household income: $106,250

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $156,250
  - Female: $96,500

- Individuals below the poverty level: 0.0%

**Labor Force** (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average: 2008, 2018
  - Civilian labor force: 120, 137
  - Employed: 116, 133
  - Unemployed: 4, 4
  - Unemployment rate: 3.3%, 2.9%

**Employment & Wages** (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2008, 2018
  - Goods Producing Industries
    - Average Employment: 0, 131
    - Average Weekly Wage: $0, $890
  - Service Providing Industries
    - Average Employment: 461, 44
    - Average Weekly Wage: $452, $614
  - Total Private Industry
    - Average Employment: 461, 175
    - Average Weekly Wage: $452, $820
  - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
    - Average Employment: 61, 36
    - Average Weekly Wage: $495, $643

- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 522, 211
  - Average Weekly Wage: $457, $790

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Waterville Valley operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)

Career Technology Center(s): Plymouth Applied Technology Center

District: SAU 48
Region: 5

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial
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Number of Schools | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1
Grade Levels | K-8 | 9-12 | 9-12 | 9-12
Total Enrollment | 22 | 31 | 31 | 31

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) | Total Facilities: 0 | Total Capacity: 0

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>Name</th>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Waterville Valley Resort, Inc.</td>
<td>Ski area</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>1994</td>
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<td>WVBBTS-SEF</td>
<td>Ski Education Foundation</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>1975</td>
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<tr>
<td>Golden Eagle Lodge</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>1989</td>
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<tr>
<td>Waterville Company</td>
<td>Property sales, management, golf course</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>1965</td>
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<tr>
<td>Snowy Owl</td>
<td>Hotel</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>1970</td>
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<tr>
<td>White Mountain Athletic Club</td>
<td>Athletic center</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>1986</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**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
- 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): Waterville Valley

Other: Full-service Recreation Department; White Mountain Athletic Club; White Mountain National Forest

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

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-93, Exit 28</td>
<td>11 miles</td>
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<th>Railroad</th>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
<td>The Schuss</td>
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<th>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</th>
<th>Runway</th>
<th>Lighted?</th>
<th>Navigation Aids?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Plymouth Regional</td>
<td>2,380 ft. turf</td>
<td>No</td>
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<th>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<td>Lebanon Municipal</td>
<td>62 miles</td>
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| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | 1 |

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<th>Driving distance to select cities</th>
<th>Manchester, NH</th>
<th>Portland, Maine</th>
<th>Boston, Mass.</th>
<th>New York City, NY</th>
<th>Montreal, Quebec</th>
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<tr>
<td>Distance</td>
<td>76 miles</td>
<td>90 miles</td>
<td>127 miles</td>
<td>323 miles</td>
<td>215 miles</td>
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**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2014-2018)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
<th>67.7%</th>
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<td>Carpooled, car/truck/van</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
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<td>Public transportation</td>
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<td>Walked</td>
<td>7.5%</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
<td>24.7%</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>8.6%</td>
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<td>Mean Travel Time to Work</td>
<td>27.5 minutes</td>
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<th>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018</th>
<th>Working in community of residence</th>
<th>68.8</th>
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<td>Commuting to another NH community</td>
<td>10.8</td>
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<td>Commuting out-of-state</td>
<td>20.4</td>
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