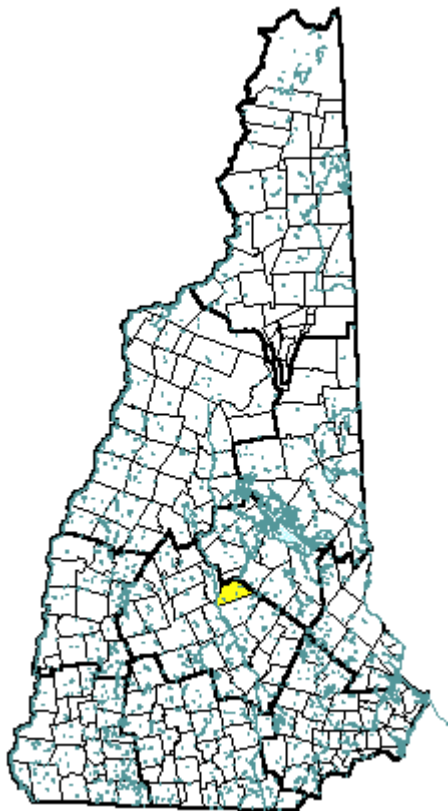


Northfield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm;
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Thursday, and Friday,
8:30 am - 5 pm, Tuesday, 8:30 am - 5 pm and 6 pm - 9 pm,
closed Wednesday

County

Merrimack

Labor Market Area

Franklin NH Micro-NECTA

Tourism Region

Lakes

Planning Commission

Lakes Region

Regional Development

Capitol Region Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 7
Merrimack County District 6

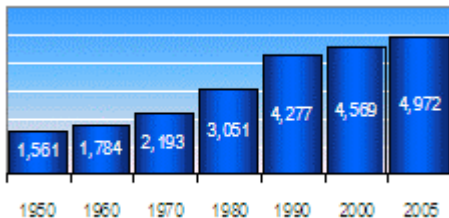
Incorporated: 1780

Origin: Like many other towns, Northfield began with a group of residents who felt they lived too far from the center of town, in this case Canterbury, making it inconvenient to attend public affairs. Petitioners were granted a separate township in 1780. The Northfield library was called the "Northfield Improving Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge," the same title used by Benjamin Franklin in 1743 for the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. The library began with a supply of 24 books, charging an annual membership fee of \$5, and continued under that name until 1842.

Villages and Place Names:

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 606 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Northfield totaled 3,008 over 50 years, from 1,561 in 1950 to 4,569 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 40 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, this followed a 39 percent increase over the previous decade.



The 2005 Census estimate for Northfield was 4,972 residents, which ranked 67th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2005: 173.9 persons per square mile of land area. Northfield contains 28.6 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$3,102,340
Budget: School Appropriations	Cooperative School District
Zoning Ordinance	1973/06
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation

Public Library **Hall Memorial****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Franklin Regional, Franklin	3 miles	49

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop.
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Tilton-Northfield Aqueduct Co.

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

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

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2005 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.82
2005 Equalization Ratio	86.1
2005 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.18

2005 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	85.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.0%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2005 Total Estimated Housing Units	2,044
2005 Single-Family Units	1,261
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	26
2005 Multi-Family Units	563
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	70
2005 Manufactured Housing Units	220

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2005	4,972	146,881
2000	4,569	136,716
1990	4,277	120,618
1980	3,051	98,302
1970	2,193	80,925

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender

Male	2,261	Female	2,287
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	263
Age 5 to 19	1,142
Age 20 to 34	782
Age 35 to 54	1,600
Age 55 to 64	364
Age 65 and over	397
Median Age	36 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	81.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	15.2%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$18,466
Median 4-person family income	\$48,787
Median household income	\$44,333

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$33,051
Female	\$25,000

Families below the poverty level

0.9%**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1995	2005
Civilian labor force	2,812	2,823
Employed	2,735	2,731
Unemployed	77	92
Unemployment rate	2.7%	3.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1995	2005
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	451	535
Average Weekly Wage	\$461	\$730
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	242	326
Average Weekly Wage	\$327	\$509
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	693	861
Average Weekly Wage	\$414	\$646
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	26	174
Average Weekly Wage	\$356	\$561
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	719	1,035
Average Weekly Wage	\$412	\$632

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Winnisquam Regional (Northfield, Sanbornton, Tilton)** District: **SAU 59**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2			
Grade Levels	P K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	536			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2006: Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **134**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord; Laconia**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Colby-Sawyer**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wyman Gordon	Investment castings	200	1951
Freudenberg-NOK	Manufacturing	200	1997
Tobin Tool	Manufacturing	100	1997
Eptam Plastics	Manufacturing	100	2002
Spaulding Youth Center	Youth Program	25	
Blouin Steel	Manufacturing	10	1998
Pike Industries	Asphalt	10	1998

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

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **132, 140**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-93, Exit 19**
 Distance **Local access**

Railroad **State owned line**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Laconia Municipal Runway **5,286 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **40 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **8**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **35 miles**
 Portland, Maine **99 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **85 miles**
 New York City, NY **288 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **236 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.1%
Other means	1.4%
Worked at home	1.5%

Mean Travel Time to Work **25.4 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents:
 Working in community of residence **13%**
 Commuting to another NH community **85%**
 Commuting out-of-state **3%**

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
 Tourist Attractions

X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
X Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 Campgrounds

X Fishing/Hunting
 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): **Ragged Mountain, Gunstock**

Other: **Pines Community Center**