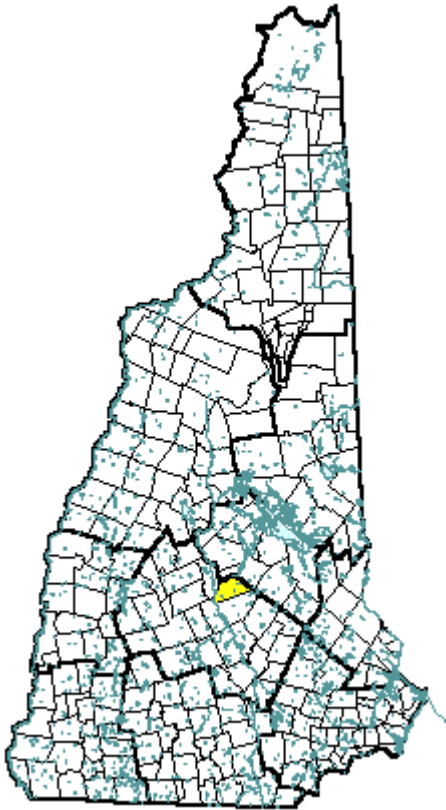


Northfield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	General Assistance: Monday through Friday, 2 pm - 5 pm; Selectmen's Office: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm; Town Clerk: 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	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 7
State Representative	Merrimack County District 6

Incorporated: 1780

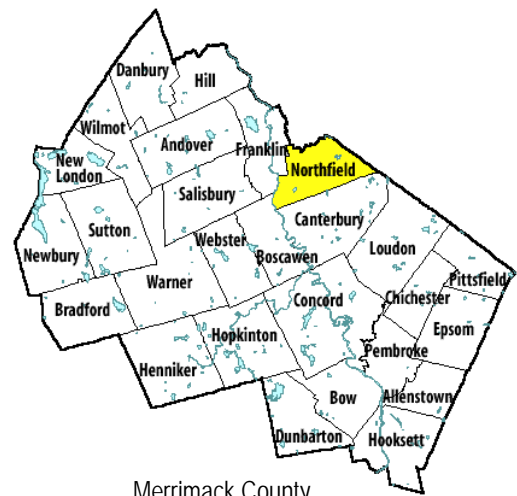
Origin: One of the first towns created following the Revolution, Northfield was granted in 1780 from part of Canterbury. The town organized one of the first local libraries, called the "Northfield Improving Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge," the same title used in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin for the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. The library was chartered by the state in 1718, operating with a membership fee of \$5 annually, and continued in existence under the original name until 1842.

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

Population Trends: Northfield's population grew about the statewide average rate over the last five decades. Decennial growth rates ranged from a seven percent increase between 1990-2000 to a 40 percent increase between 1980-1990. Overall, the population in Northfield increased by a total of 2,987 residents, going from 1,561 in 1950 to 4,548 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Northfield was 4,922 residents, which ranked 68th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 172.2 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.

Villages and Place Names:



Merrimack County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$3,102,340
Budget: School Appropriations	Cooperative School District
Zoning Ordinance	1973/04
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):

Franklin Regional, Franklin
Distance: 3 miles Staffed Beds: 31

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	Municipal
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Voluntary
Recycling Program	
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Yes
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.91
2004 Equalization Ratio	96.6
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.07
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	85.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.4%
Other Property including Utilities	3.2%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	1,916
2003 Single-Family Units	1,205
Building Permits Issued	36
2003 Multi-Family Units	491
Building Permits Issued	0
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	220

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	4,922	145,542
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

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

(Census 2000)

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

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	3,214	2,766
Employed	3,116	2,669
Unemployed	98	97
Unemployment rate	3.0%	3.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	359	401
Average Weekly Wage	\$451	\$836
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	218	333
Average Weekly Wage	\$317	\$483
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	577	734
Average Weekly Wage	\$400	\$676
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	26	169
Average Weekly Wage	\$342	\$553
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	603	902
Average Weekly Wage	\$398	\$653

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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, 2004: Total Facilities: 3 Total Capacity: 114

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

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	132
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 19
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		State owned line
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Laconia
Runway		5,286 feet
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
Distance		30 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		34 miles
Portland, Maine		112 miles
Boston, Mass.		84 miles
New York City, NY		282 miles
Montreal, Quebec		237 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

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
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged Mountain, Gunstock
	Other: Pines Community Center