

# Northfield, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen, Town Administrator: Monday to Friday, 8:30-5;  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30-5,  
Tuesday, 8:30-7, Wednesday, 8:30-12:30

## County

Merrimack

## Labor Market Area

Franklin, NH LMA

## Tourism Region

Lakes

## Planning Commission

Lakes Region

## Regional Development

Capital Regional Development Council

## Election Districts

### US Congress

District 2

### Executive Council

District 1

### State Senate

District 17

### State Representative

Merrimack County Districts 2, 25

**Incorporated:** 1780

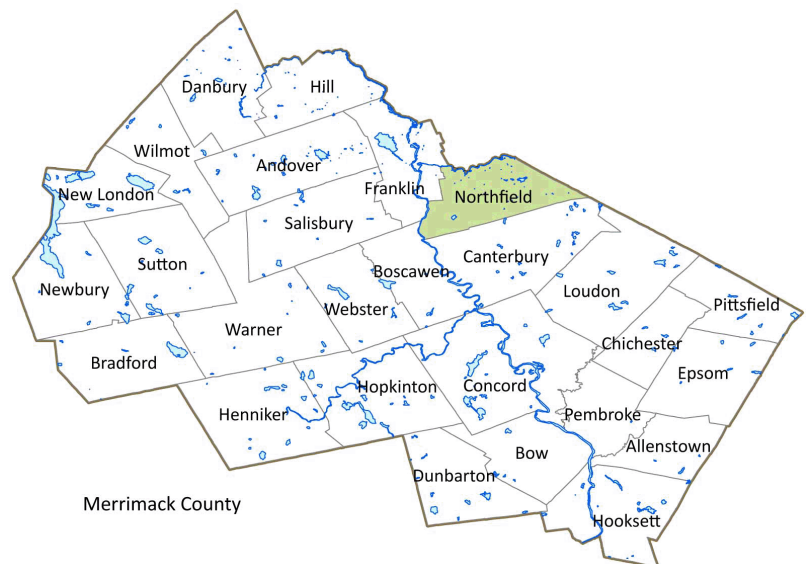
**Origin:** Like many other towns, Northfield began with a group of residents who felt they lived too far from the center of town, in this case Canterbury, making it inconvenient to attend public affairs. Petitioners were granted a separate township in 1780. The Northfield library was called the "Northfield 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:** unknown

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

**Population Trends:** Population change for Northfield totaled 2,717 over 50 years, from 2,193 in 1970 to 4,910 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 40 percent increase from 1980 and 1990, following a 39 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by two percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Northfield was 4,978 residents, which ranked 74th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 174.1 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, 2021		\$3,635,514	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$9,465,355	
Zoning Ordinance		1973/20	
Master Plan		2014	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Trust Funds; Library		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Budget; Capital Improvement		
Public Library	Hall Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital - Franklin		3 miles	31
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities		
Water Supplier	Tilton-Northfield Aqueduct Company		
Sanitation		Northfield Sewer District	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications		
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.55	
2022 Equalization Ratio		98.5	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.82	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		86.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		10.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.7%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,034	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,401	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		91	
Five or More Units in Structure		330	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		212	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	4,978		156,020
2020	4,872		153,808
2010	4,829		146,445
2000	4,569		136,716
1990	4,277		120,618
1980	3,051		98,302
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	2,324	Female	2,571
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		259	
Age 5 to 19		912	
Age 20 to 34		875	
Age 35 to 54		1,304	
Age 55 to 64		842	
Age 65 and over		703	
Median Age		40.9 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		3,402	
High school graduate or higher		89.7%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		21.6%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$34,609	
Median family income		\$79,018	
Median household income		\$64,938	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$54,482	
Female		\$47,044	
Individuals below the poverty level		7.4%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		2,562	2,520
Employed		2,420	2,458
Unemployed		142	62
Unemployment rate		5.5%	2.5%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		576	699
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,015	\$1,243
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		447	661
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 691	\$ 970
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		1,023	1,360
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 873	\$1,110
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		114	96
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 697	\$ 870
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		1,137	1,457
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 856	\$1,094
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Winnisquam Regional (Northfield, Sanbornton, Tilton)**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs**

District: **SAU 59**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>			<b>K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>287</b>			<b>75</b>

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Lakes Region**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State; UNH School of Law; Plymouth State; Colby-Sawyer**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **180**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wyman Gordon	Investment castings	200	1951
Freudenberg-NOK	Manufacturing	200	1997
Tobin Tool	Manufacturing	100	1997
Eptam Plastics	Manufacturing	260	2002
Blouin Steel	Manufacturing	10	1998
Pike Industries	Asphalt	10	1998
Spaulding Youth Center	Youth programs	260	1958

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION ( <i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i> )			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	<b>132, 140</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 19</b>	
	Distance	<b>Local access</b>	
Railroad		<b>State owned line</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Laconia Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,286 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>40 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>35 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>127 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>85 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>284 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>236 miles</b>	
COMMUTING TO WORK ( <i>ACS 2017-2021</i> )			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		<b>87.7%</b>	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		<b>7.3%</b>	
Public transportation		<b>0.0%</b>	
Walked		<b>0.3%</b>	
Other means		<b>1.7%</b>	
Worked at home		<b>3.0%</b>	
Mean Travel Time to Work		<b>24.0 minutes</b>	
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence		<b>13.0%</b>	
Commuting to another NH community		<b>85.0%</b>	
Commuting out-of-state		<b>2.0%</b>	

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

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

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Ragged, Gunstock Mountains**Other: **Pines Community Center; Highland Mountain Bike Park; Winnepesaukee River Trail; Arch Trail Travelers**