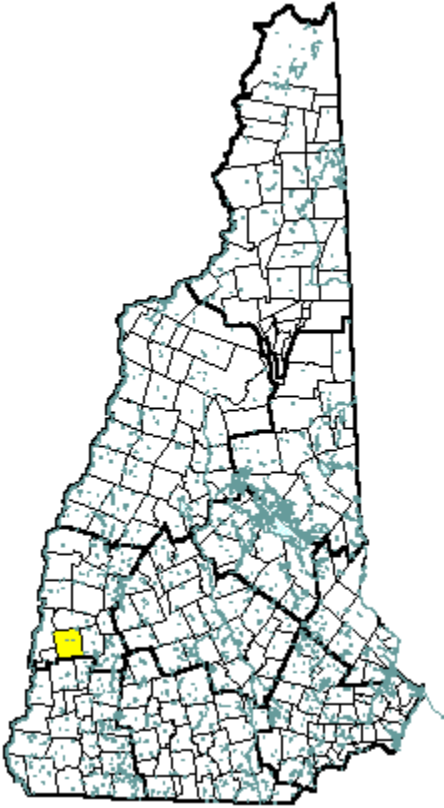


# Acworth, NH



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|------------------------|---|
| Community Contact      | <b>Town of Acworth</b><br>Kathi Bradt, Administrative Assistant<br>PO Box 37<br>Acworth, NH 03601   |
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| Fax                    | (603) 835-7901  |
| E-mail                 | townoff@sover.net   |
| Web Site               | www.acworth.cc  |
| Municipal Office Hours | <b>Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm and 6:30 pm - 8 pm,<br/>and Saturday, 9 am - 11 am</b> |
| County                 | <b>Sullivan</b>   |
| Labor Market Area      | <b>Charlestown NH LMA</b>   |
| Tourism Region         | <b>Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee</b>   |
| Planning Commission    | <b>Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee</b>  |
| Regional Development   | <b>Capital Regional Development Council</b>   |
| Election Districts     |   |
| US Congress            | <b>District 2</b>   |
| Executive Council      | <b>District 2</b>   |
| State Senate           | <b>District 8</b>   |
| State Representative   | <b>Sullivan County District 5</b>   |

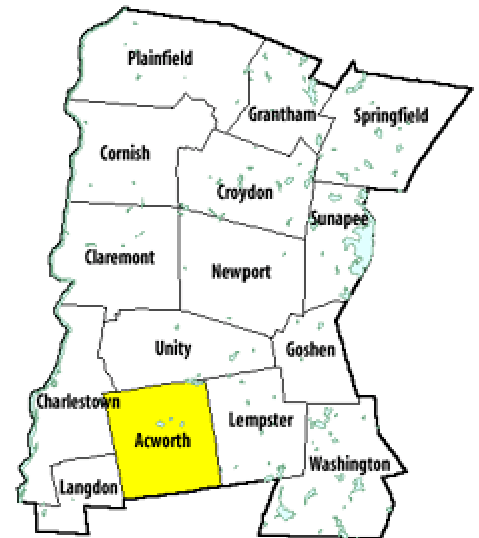
**Incorporated:** 1766

**Origin:** Acworth was first chartered in 1752 as Burnet, in honor of William Burnet, who was appointed Royal Governor for the provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire in 1728 but died shortly thereafter. No settlements were made under this charter, and in 1766 the Masonian proprietors regranted the land to new settlers under the name Acworth, honoring Sir Jacob Acworth of the British Admiralty. Acworth's meetinghouse, built in 1821 and now the Congregational Church, is known for its federal-style architecture. Both the church and the Acworth Silsby Library are on the National Register of Historic Places.

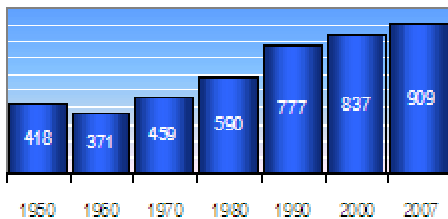
**Villages and Place Names:** Crescent Lake, East Acworth, South Acworth

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 704 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Acworth totaled 419 over 50 years, from 418 in 1950 to 837 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase 1980 and 1990, which followed a 29 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2007 Census estimate for Acworth was 909 residents, which ranked 190th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Sullivan County**



**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 23.0 persons per square mile of land area. Acworth contains 38.9 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Type of Government                     | <b>Selectmen</b>      |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005 | <b>\$882,621</b>      |
| Budget: School Appropriations,         | <b>not available</b>  |
| Zoning Ordinance                       | <b>1970/06</b>        |
| Master Plan                            | <b>1979</b>           |
| Capital Improvement Plan               | <b>Yes</b>            |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By           | <b>Planning Board</b> |

## Boards and Commissions

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| Elected:   | <b>Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery</b> |
| Appointed: | <b>Conservation; Zoning</b>                   |

Public Library **Acworth Silsby Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

|                                   |                       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Police Department                 | <b>State Police</b>   |
| Fire Department                   | <b>Volunteer</b>      |
| Town Fire Insurance Rating        | <b>9/10</b>           |
| Emergency Medical Service         | <b>Volunteer</b>      |
| Nearest Hospital(s)               | Distance Staffed Beds |
| <b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b> | <b>19 miles 25</b>    |

**UTILITIES**

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Electric Supplier                    | <b>NH Electric Coop; National Grid</b> |
| Natural Gas Supplier                 | <b>None</b>                            |
| Water Supplier                       | <b>Private wells</b>                   |
| Sanitation                           | <b>Private septic</b>                  |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | <b>No</b>                              |
| Solid Waste Disposal                 |  |
| Curbside Trash Pickup                | <b>Private</b>                         |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program             | <b>No</b>                              |
| Recycling Program                    | <b>Voluntary</b>                       |
| Telephone Company                    | <b>Fairpoint</b>                       |
| Cellular Telephone Access            | <b>Limited</b>                         |
| Cable Television Access              | <b>No</b>                              |
| Public Access Television Station     | <b>No</b>                              |
| High Speed Internet Service:         | Business Residential                   |
|                                      | <b>Limited Limited</b>                 |

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)                 | <b>\$17.59</b> |
| 2007 Equalization Ratio                                   | <b>88.5</b>    |
| 2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)            | <b>\$15.54</b> |
| 2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type |                |
| Residential Land and Buildings                            | <b>94.4%</b>   |
| Commercial Land and Buildings                             | <b>2.5%</b>    |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other                  | <b>3.1%</b>    |

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| 2007 Total Housing Units                 | <b>577</b> |
| 2007 Single-Family Units                 | <b>514</b> |
| Residential Permits, Net Change of Units | <b>9</b>   |
| 2007 Multi-Family Units                  | <b>17</b>  |
| Residential Permits, Net Change of Units | <b>0</b>   |
| 2007 Manufactured Housing Units          | <b>46</b>  |

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

|                  |            |               |
|------------------|------------|---------------|
| Total Population | Community  | County        |
| 2007             | <b>909</b> | <b>42,689</b> |
| 2000             | <b>837</b> | <b>40,560</b> |
| 1990             | <b>777</b> | <b>38,652</b> |
| 1980             | <b>590</b> | <b>36,063</b> |
| 1970             | <b>459</b> | <b>30,949</b> |

**Census 2000 Demographics**

## Population by Gender

|      |            |        |            |
|------|------------|--------|------------|
| Male | <b>421</b> | Female | <b>415</b> |
|------|------------|--------|------------|

## Population by Age Group

|                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Under age 5     | <b>44</b>         |
| Age 5 to 19     | <b>190</b>        |
| Age 20 to 34    | <b>82</b>         |
| Age 35 to 54    | <b>295</b>        |
| Age 55 to 64    | <b>98</b>         |
| Age 65 and over | <b>127</b>        |
| Median Age      | <b>42.6 years</b> |

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| High school graduate or higher | <b>85.9%</b> |
| Bachelor's degree or higher    | <b>28.6%</b> |

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Per capita income                              | <b>\$18,132</b> |
| Median 4-person family income                  | <b>\$41,397</b> |
| Median household income                        | <b>\$37,386</b> |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers |                 |
| Male   | <b>\$29,792</b> |
| Female   | <b>\$26,912</b> |
| Families below the poverty level               | <b>10.1%</b>    |

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

|                      |             |             |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Annual Average       | 1997        | 2007        |
| Civilian labor force | <b>395</b>  | <b>459</b>  |
| Employed             | <b>382</b>  | <b>445</b>  |
| Unemployed           | <b>13</b>   | <b>14</b>   |
| Unemployment rate    | <b>3.3%</b> | <b>3.1%</b> |

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

|   |              |                |
|---|--------------|----------------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment       | 1997         | 2007           |
| Goods Producing Industries              |              |                |
| Average Employment                      | <b>53</b>    | <b>68</b>      |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$425</b> | <b>\$659</b>   |
| Service Providing Industries            |              |                |
| Average Employment                      | <b>7</b>     | <b>7</b>       |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$158</b> | <b>\$1,509</b> |
| Total Private Industry                  |              |                |
| Average Employment                      | <b>60</b>    | <b>74</b>      |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$392</b> | <b>\$733</b>   |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local)  |              |                |
| Average Employment                      | <b>17</b>    | <b>23</b>      |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$317</b> | <b>\$396</b>   |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government |              |                |
| Average Employment                      | <b>78</b>    | <b>97</b>      |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$375</b> | <b>\$653</b>   |

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)** District: **SAU 60**

Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Center of Applied Science, Keene; Fall Mountain High School, Langdon** Region: **13**

|                        |              |                    |             |                   |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Educational Facilities | Elementary   | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
| Number of Schools      | 1            |                    |             |                   |
| Grade Levels           | <b>K 1-4</b> |                    |             |                   |
| Total Enrollment       | <b>29</b>    |                    |             |                   |

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Colby-Sawyer; New England; Antioch New England**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES          | PRODUCT/SERVICE   | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| RL Balla, Inc.              | Sawmill           | 10        |             |
| Bascom's Sugar House        | Maple products    | 7         | 1939        |
| South Acworth Village Store | Convenience store | Volunteer | 1865        |

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

|  |                  |                          |
|--|------------------|--------------------------|
| Road Access                                  | US Routes        |                          |
|  | State Routes     | <b>123A</b>              |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit                     |                  | <b>I-91 (VT), Exit 7</b> |
|  | Distance         | <b>11 miles</b>          |
| Railroad                                     |                  | <b>No</b>                |
| Public Transportation                        |                  | <b>No</b>                |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation |                  |                          |
| <b>Claremont Municipal</b>                   | Runway           | <b>3,100 ft. asphalt</b> |
| Lighted? <b>Yes</b>                          | Navigation Aids? | <b>Yes</b>               |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service       |                  |                          |
| <b>Lebanon Municipal</b>                     | Distance         | <b>40 miles</b>          |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport |                  | <b>1</b>                 |
| Driving distance to select cities:           |                  |                          |
| Manchester, NH                               |                  | <b>63 miles</b>          |
| Portland, Maine                              |                  | <b>154 miles</b>         |
| Boston, Mass.                                |                  | <b>112 miles</b>         |
| New York City, NY                            |                  | <b>237 miles</b>         |
| Montreal, Quebec                             |                  | <b>221 miles</b>         |

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*US Census Bureau*)

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Workers 16 years and over         |                     |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van        | <b>72.7%</b>        |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van          | <b>10.4%</b>        |
| Public transportation             | <b>1.0%</b>         |
| Walked                            | <b>2.0%</b>         |
| Other means                       | <b>0.5%</b>         |
| Worked at home                    | <b>13.4%</b>        |
| Mean Travel Time to Work          | <b>33.1 minutes</b> |
| Percent of Working Residents:     |                     |
| Working in community of residence | <b>23%</b>          |
| Commuting to another NH community | <b>64%</b>          |
| Commuting out-of-state            | <b>13%</b>          |

**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                                   |
|          | Cinemas                                   |
|          | Performing Arts Facilities                |
|          | 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                    |
|          | Youth Sports: Basketball                  |
|          | Youth Sports: Hockey                      |
|          | Campgrounds                               |
| <b>X</b> | Fishing/Hunting                           |
|          | Boating/Marinas                           |
| <b>X</b> | Snowmobile Trails                         |
|          | Bicycle Trails                            |
| <b>X</b> | Cross Country Skiing                      |
|          | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area       |
|          | Overnight or Day Camps                    |
|          | Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Sunapee</b> |
|          | Other:                                    |