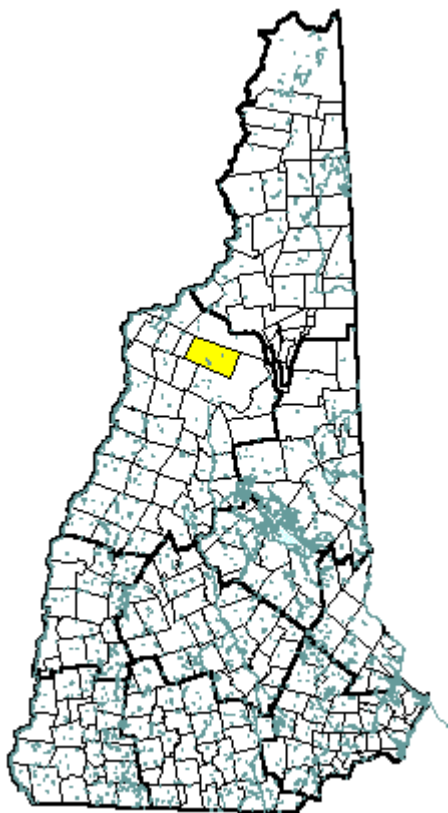


# Franconia, NH



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Municipal Office Hours      **Selectmen: Monday through Friday, 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday and Thursday, 8 am - 1 pm, Tuesday, 8 am - 1 pm and 5 pm - 7 pm**

County                        **Grafton**  
Labor Market Area        **Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion**  
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 1**  
State Representative      **Grafton County District 2**

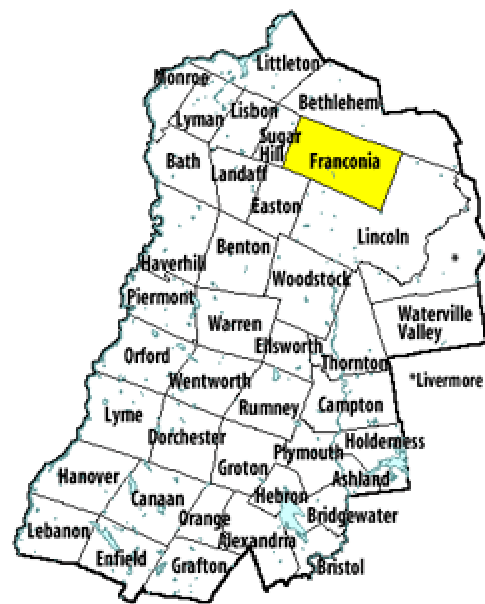
**Incorporated:** 1764

**Origin:** Franconia was first chartered in 1764, but settlers were unable to meet the prescribed terms, and in 1772 it was regranted along with a substantial portion of Lincoln as Morristown. There was considerable conflict of claim between the original grantees of Franconia and Lincoln and the Morristown grantees, and following a court decision that forfeiture of grant was illegal, ownership was returned to the original settlers. The western section of Franconia was at one time mined for copper and magnetic iron ore. Franconia Notch is well known for its natural features, including the Old Man of the Mountains, which fell on May 3, 2003, Profile and Echo Lakes, the Flume, and the Basin. Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway was the first passenger tramway built in North America.

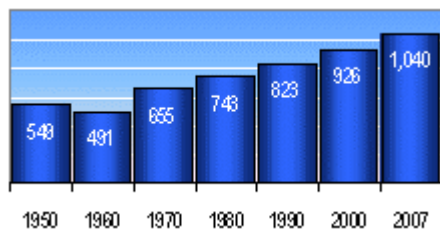
**Villages and Place Names:** Mittersill, Franconia Notch

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 72 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Franconia totaled 377 over 50 years, from 549 in 1950 to 925 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 33 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, which followed an 11 percent population decrease over the previous decade. The 2007 Census estimate for Franconia was 1,040 residents, which ranked 184th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 15.6 persons per square mile of land area. Franconia contains 65.7 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2008. Community Response Received 09/17/08

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**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	<b>\$1,851,694</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2007	<b>\$2,650,546</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1970/93</b>
Master Plan	<b>2007</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Water; Trust Funds</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recreation</b>

Public Library **Abbie Greenleaf****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</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>Littleton Regional, Littleton</b>	<b>9 miles 25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Franconia Village Water; Mittersill Water</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>none</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Yes</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Voluntary</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</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>\$13.82</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>100</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$13.77</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>88.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>10.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.2%</b>

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

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>834</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>661</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>6</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>129</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>44</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>1,040</b>	<b>85,514</b>
2000	<b>926</b>	<b>81,826</b>
1990	<b>823</b>	<b>74,998</b>
1980	<b>743</b>	<b>65,806</b>
1970	<b>655</b>	<b>54,914</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>434</b>	Female	<b>490</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>32</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>170</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>92</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>296</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>145</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>189</b>
Median Age			<b>47.1 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>91.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>45.0%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$20,351</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$46,979</b>
Median household income	<b>\$40,114</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$29,500</b>
Female	<b>\$24,000</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>7.8%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>441</b>	<b>574</b>
Employed	<b>419</b>	<b>558</b>
Unemployed	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>79</b>	<b>46</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$365</b>	<b>\$558</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>536</b>	<b>616</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$325</b>	<b>\$630</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>615</b>	<b>662</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$625</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>30</b>	<b>195</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$396</b>	<b>\$425</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>645</b>	<b>857</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$333</b>	<b>\$580</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-6 are part of Lafayette Regional (Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill); grades 7-12 are part of Profile (Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill)** District: **SAU 35**

Career Technology Center(s): **Gallen Regional Voc. Center, Littleton; White Mountain Regional High, Whitefield** Region: **03**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-6</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>116</b>			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **60**

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Garnet Hill Catalog Sales	Clothing (natural fibers)	200	
Franconia Notch State Park	Tourism		
Cannon Mountain	Tourism		

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

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>18, 116, 117, 141, 142</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exits 34B, 34C, or 35 - 38</b>	
	Distance	<b>Local access</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Franconia Airport</b>	Runway	<b>2,305 ft. turf</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>68 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>96 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>114 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>146 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>327 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>175 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>5.2%</b>
Other means	<b>2.2%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>16.9 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>40%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>55%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
<b>X</b>	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
	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): <b>Cannon, Loon, Bretton Woods</b>
	Other: <b>Franconia Notch State Park; Flume Gorge; Old Man of the Mountain Memorial; Cannon Mountain Tramway</b>