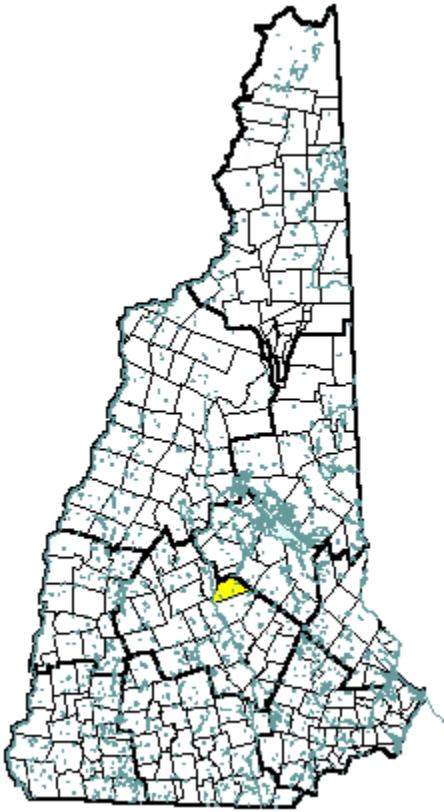


# Northfield, NH



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

County                    Merrimack  
Labor Market Area      Franklin NH Micro-NECTA  
Tourism Region        Lakes  
Planning Commission   Lakes Region  
Regional Development   Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts  
US Congress            District 2  
Executive Council      District 2  
State Senate            District 7  
State Representative   Merrimack County District 6

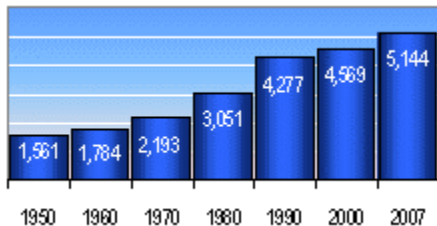
**Incorporated:** 1780

**Origin:** 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 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 2007 Census estimate for Northfield was 5,144 residents, which ranked 64th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area** (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 177.1 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, 2007	\$3,702,796
Budget: School Appropriations,	Cooperative School District
Zoning Ordinance	1973/07
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 25

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Tilton-Northfield Aqueduct Company
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	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

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

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.15
2007 Equalization Ratio	83.7
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.43
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	87.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.6%

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

2007 Total Housing Units	2,058
2007 Single-Family Units	1,275
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	6
2007 Multi-Family Units	563
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	220

**DEMOGRAPHICS***(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2007	5,144	148,274
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***(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	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	2,861	2,974
Employed	2,787	2,869
Unemployed	74	105
Unemployment rate	2.6%	3.5%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES***(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	201	461
Average Weekly Wage	\$601	\$848
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	260	407
Average Weekly Wage	\$338	\$517
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	461	868
Average Weekly Wage	\$453	\$693
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	25	130
Average Weekly Wage	\$512	\$614
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	486	998
Average Weekly Wage	\$456	\$682

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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	499			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 3 Total Capacity: 32

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Colby-Sawyer**

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	100	2002
Spaulding Youth Center	Youth programs	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		
<b>Laconia Municipal</b>	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	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): <b>Ragged, Gunstock Mountains</b>
	Other: <b>Pines Community Center; Highland Mountain Bike Park</b>