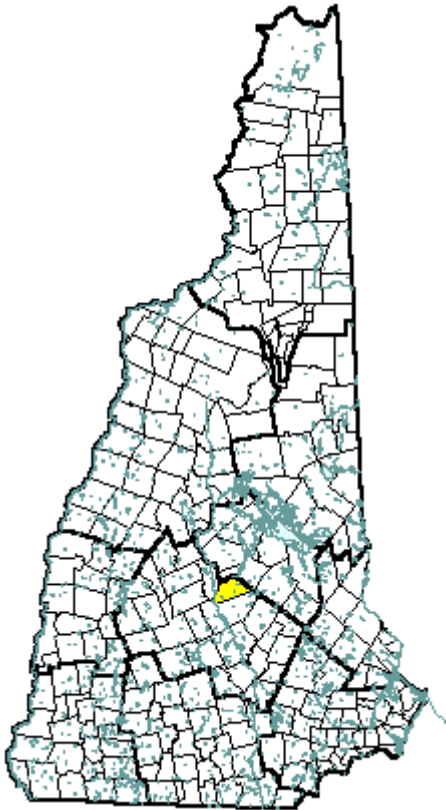


# Northfield, NH



## Community Contact

**Town of Northfield  
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  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Merrimack  
Franklin NH Micro-NECTA  
Lakes  
Lakes Region  
Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2  
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District 7  
Merrimack County District 6**

**Incorporated:** 1780

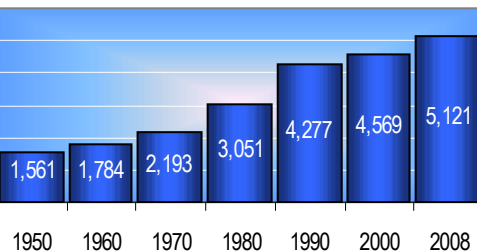
**Origin:** Like many other towns, Northfield began with a group of residents who felt they lived too far from the center of town, in this case Canterbury, making it inconvenient to attend public affairs. Petitioners were granted a separate township in 1780. The Northfield library was called the "Northfield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

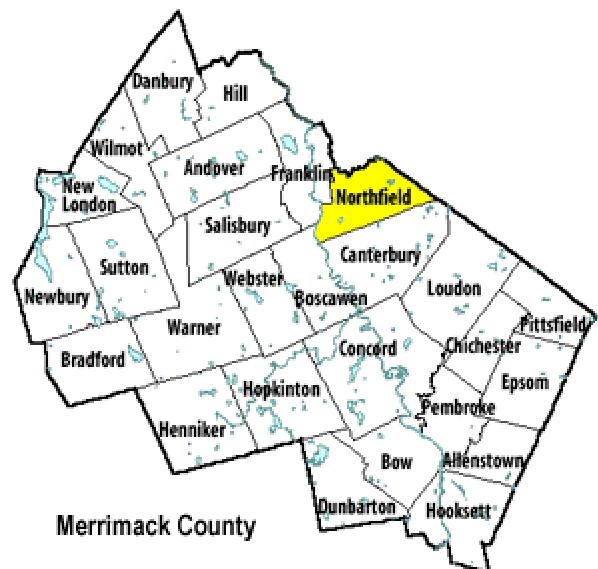
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 606 residents in 1790

**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 2008 Census estimate for Northfield was 5,121 residents, which ranked 64th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2008** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 179.1 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	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$3,513,610</b>
Budget: School Appropriations,	<b>Cooperative School District</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1973/07</b>
Master Plan	<b>2004</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Energy; Recycling</b>

Public Library **Hall Memorial****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>5/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Franklin Regional, Franklin</b>	<b>3 miles 25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>National Grid</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Tilton-Northfield Aqueduct Company</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>Municipal</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Voluntary</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Yes Yes</b>

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

2008 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.56</b>
2008 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>
2008 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.33</b>
2008 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>87.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>11.0%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.0%</b>

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

2008 Total Housing Units	<b>2,061</b>
2008 Single-Family Units	<b>1,277</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>2</b>
2008 Multi-Family Units	<b>563</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2008 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>221</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2008	<b>5,121</b>	<b>148,161</b>
2000	<b>4,569</b>	<b>136,716</b>
1990	<b>4,277</b>	<b>120,618</b>
1980	<b>3,051</b>	<b>98,302</b>
1970	<b>2,193</b>	<b>80,925</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>2,261</b>	Female	<b>2,287</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>263</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>1,142</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>782</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>1,600</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>364</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>397</b>
Median Age			<b>36 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>81.6%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>15.2%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$18,466</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$48,787</b>
Median household income	<b>\$44,333</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$33,051</b>
Female	<b>\$25,000</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>0.9%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1998	2008
Civilian labor force	<b>2,958</b>	<b>2,981</b>
Employed	<b>2,885</b>	<b>2,860</b>
Unemployed	<b>73</b>	<b>121</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1998	2008
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>264</b>	<b>475</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$722</b>	<b>\$870</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>242</b>	<b>406</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$367</b>	<b>\$569</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>506</b>	<b>881</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$552</b>	<b>\$731</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>110</b>	<b>129</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$507</b>	<b>\$638</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>616</b>	<b>1,010</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$544</b>	<b>\$719</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**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	<b>2</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>504</b>			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2009: Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **81**

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

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
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  
**Laconia Municipal** Runway **5,286 ft. asphalt**  
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
**Manchester-Boston Regional** Distance **40 miles**  
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **6**

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	<b>83.0%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>12.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>2.1%</b>
Other means	<b>1.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>1.5%</b>

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): **Ragged, Gunstock Mountains**

Other: **Pines Community Center; Highland Mountain Bike Park; Winnepesaukee River Trail**