

Northwood, NH

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County	Rockingham
Labor Market Area	Unattached Area - Town of Northwood
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Stafford Regional
Regional Development	Rockingham Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 17
State Representative	Rockingham County District 1

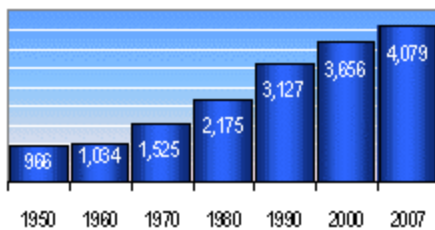
Incorporated: 1773

Origin: This territory was first settled in 1763, and known as the North Woods, a parish of Nottingham. It was incorporated as a separate town upon agreement with Nottingham in 1773. In 1791, the General Court of New Hampshire authorized a committee to survey and lay out a road between Durham and Concord, which became the First New Hampshire Turnpike. The road runs the length of Northwood, and the town's many taverns accommodated travelers. At one time, there were some 12 sawmills in the town, five of which were replaced by shoe factories.

Villages and Place Names: Northwood Center, Northwood Narrows, Northwood Ridge

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 744 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Northwood totaled 2,690 over 50 years, from 966 in 1950 to 3,656 in 2000. The largest decennial percent



change was 47 percent between 1960 to 1970, followed by increases of 43 and 44 percent over the next two decades. The 2007 Census estimate for Northwood was 4,079 residents, which ranked 92nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 144.6 persons per square mile of land area. Northwood contains 28.1 square miles of land area and 2.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	\$2,943,855
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Zoning Ordinance	1968/07
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Cemetery; Library; Police; Trust Funds
Appointed:	Conservation; Cable; Emergency Management; Highway; Recreation

Public Library Chesley Memorial

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full & part-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	17 miles 112
Concord Hospital, Concord	20 miles 295

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Northwood Ridge Water District; Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
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)*

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.43
2007 Equalization Ratio	100
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.24
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	90.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	9.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.7%

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

2007 Total Housing Units	2,257
2007 Single-Family Units	1,726
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	41
2007 Multi-Family Units	250
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	281

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2007	4,079	296,543
2000	3,656	278,748
1990	3,127	246,744
1980	2,175	190,345
1970	1,525	138,951

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	1,823	Female	1,817
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			223
Age 5 to 19			862
Age 20 to 34			616
Age 35 to 54			1,284
Age 55 to 64			326
Age 65 and over			329
Median Age			36.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	90.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	23.9%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999 *(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$21,491
Median 4-person family income	\$53,953
Median household income	\$50,675
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$36,161
Female	\$27,721
Families below the poverty level	1.5%

LABOR FORCE *(NHES - ELM)*

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	1,928	2,339
Employed	1,862	2,255
Unemployed	66	84
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES - ELM)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	142	205
Average Weekly Wage	\$575	\$767
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	339	620
Average Weekly Wage	\$370	\$628
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	481	825
Average Weekly Wage	\$430	\$662
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	118	194
Average Weekly Wage	\$367	\$580
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	599	1,019
Average Weekly Wage	\$418	\$647

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Northwood operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Coe-Brown Academy (Northwood)			District: SAU 44
Career Technology Center(s):	Dover Voc. Center; Somersworth Reg. Voc. Center; Creteau Voc. Center, Rochester			Region: 12
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1		1	1
Grade Levels	K 1-8		9-12	P
Total Enrollment	489		710	33
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008:	Total Facilities: 7	Total Capacity: 203		
Nearest Community College:	NHTI-Concord			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	University of NH			

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
American Traditional Designs	Stencils, scrapbook, paper, crafting products	40	1982
DR Dimes Co.	Windsor chair manufacturer	30	
Harding Metals	Junkyard	30	
Weather Guard, Inc.	Mobile home additions	14	
American Calan Inc.	Agriculture research equipment	10	1973
New England Signal	Street lighting	10	
TD Banknorth	Banking services	9	
Noel's Bird Feeders	Bird feeder manufacturing	4	1969
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket		

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

Road Access	US Routes	4, 202
	State Routes	9, 152, 202A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 15; I-95, Exit 5	
Distance	18 miles, 26 miles	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Concord Municipal	Runway	6,005 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	30 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		28 miles
Portland, Maine		78 miles
Boston, Mass.		74 miles
New York City, NY		282 miles
Montreal, Quebec		266 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.5%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.1%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	6.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	19%
Commuting to another NH community	74%
Commuting out-of-state	7%

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
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged, Gunstock Mountains
	Other: Northwood Meadows State Park; Antiques