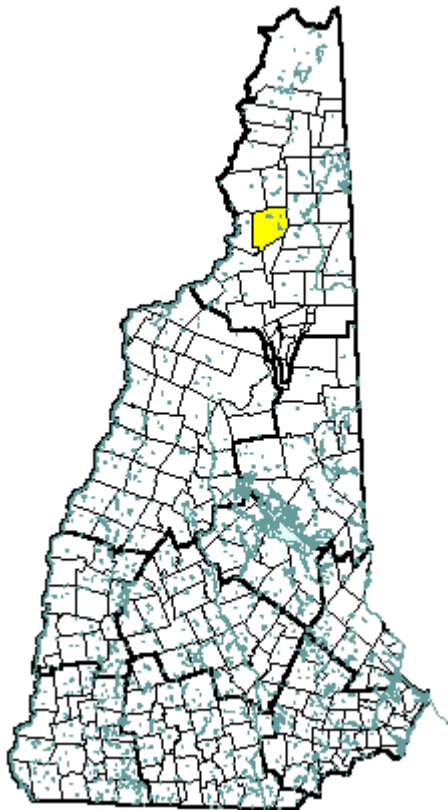


Stark, NH



Community Contact

Stark Board of Selectmen
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Stark, NH 03582

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 not available

Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wednesday and Friday, 8 am - 12 noon

County

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Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Berlin NH Micro-NECTA
Great North Woods
North Country Council
Coos Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
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Coos County District 2

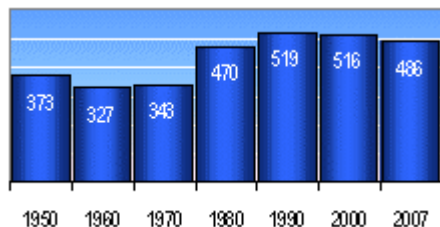
Incorporated: 1795

Origin: This town was chartered in 1774 as Percy, the family name of the Duke of Northumberland. At the time of the charter, a member of that family, Thomas Percy, was the king's chaplain. The town was incorporated as Percy in 1795. In 1832 the name was changed to Stark in honor of General John Stark, hero of Bunker Hill and the Battle of Bennington. New Hampshire owes its motto, "Live Free or Die," to General Stark, who was the first to carry the new thirteen-star American flag into battle. He wrote those words in July 1809, in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington. Stark is the location of the Stark Bridge, one of New Hampshire's scenic covered bridges, built in 1862.

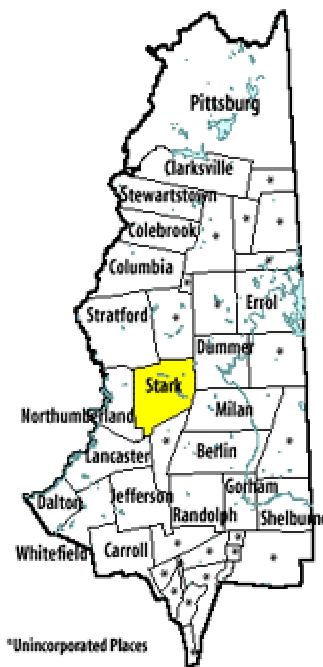
Villages and Place Names: Crystal, Percy

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 48 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Stark totaled 143 over 50 years, from 373 in 1950 to 516 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 37 percent between 1970 and 1980; population declined from 1950 to 1960 and from 1990 to 2000. The 2007 Census estimate for Stark was 486 residents, which ranked 216th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 8.8 persons per square mile of land area. Stark contains 59.2 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



Coos County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$513,685
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005	\$1,017,896
Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	Update in progress
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning
Appointed:	Library

Public Library **Stark Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Part-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Milan & Dummer - Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	19 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Portland Natural Gas
Water Supplier	Private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	none
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Mandatory
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	No
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	No

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.52
2007 Equalization Ratio	91.2
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.64

2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	73.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	23.6%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	407
2007 Single-Family Units	310
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Multi-Family Units	48
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	49

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	486	32,772
2000	516	33,156
1990	519	34,879
1980	470	35,014
1970	343	34,189

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	257	Female	259

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	27
Age 5 to 19	123
Age 20 to 34	66
Age 35 to 54	174
Age 55 to 64	59
Age 65 and over	67
Median Age	40.3 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	79.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.5%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$17,168
Median 4-person family income	\$40,089
Median household income	\$37,946

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$35,833
Female	\$24,750

Families below the poverty level	2.5%
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LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	245	228
Employed	237	214
Unemployed	8	14
Unemployment rate	3.3%	6.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	12	11
Average Weekly Wage	\$99	\$85
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Stark operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Northumberland** District: **SAU 58**
 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	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	29			

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

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Stark	Municipal services	41	
Barrett Salt	Rock salt	3	1991

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

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes 110
 Nearest Interstate, Exit I-93, Exit 41
 Distance 35 miles

Railroad St. Lawrence & Atlantic
 Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Berlin Municipal Runway 5,200 ft. asphalt
 Lighted? Yes Navigation Aids? Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Lebanon Municipal Distance 104 miles
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH 134 miles
 Portland, Maine 117 miles
 Boston, Mass. 184 miles
 New York City, NY 364 miles
 Montreal, Quebec 159 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van 87.0%
 Carpooled, car/truck/van 6.0%
 Public transportation 0.0%
 Walked 0.9%
 Other means 1.9%
 Worked at home 4.2%
 Mean Travel Time to Work 26.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:
 Working in community of residence 9%
 Commuting to another NH community 87%
 Commuting out-of-state 4%

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
 X Tourist Attractions
 X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
 Youth Sports: Baseball
 Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 Campgrounds
 X Fishing/Hunting
 X 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): **Balsams Wilderness**

Other: **Covered Bridge; Nash Stream Forest; John Stark Statue; Heritage Center**