

Wakefield, NH

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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Carroll
Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion
Lakes
Stafford Regional
Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
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District 3
Carroll County District 5

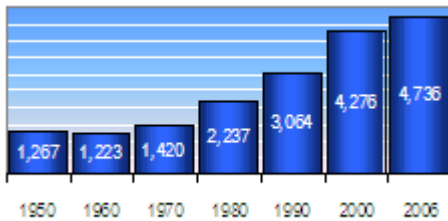
Incorporated: 1774

Origin: This territory was settled by colonists from Dover and Somersworth who received a charter from the Masonian Proprietors in 1749. The settlement was known variously as Ham's-town, East-town, and Watertown. In 1774, residents petitioned the Proprietors for incorporation with township powers and privileges, and it was incorporated as Wakefield by Governor John Wentworth. Wakefield in Yorkshire, England, was the location of Wentworth Castle, the home of Wentworth ancestors. In 2002, the Wakefield Town Hall was listed on the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places.

Villages and Place Names: East Wakefield, North Wakefield, Sanbornville, Union, Woodman, Province Lake

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 646 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Wakefield totaled 3,009 over 50 years, from 1,267 in 1950 to 4,276 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 58 percent between 1970 and 1980, followed by increases of 37 percent and 40 percent over the next two decades.



The 2006 Census estimate for Wakefield was 4,736 residents, which ranked 74th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density, 2006: 119.8 persons per square mile of land area. Wakefield contains 39.5 square miles of land area and 5.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	\$4,245,262
Budget: School Appropriations, 2007-2008	\$8,514,459
Zoning Ordinance	1986/07
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning
Appointed:	Conservation; Cemetery; Zoning; Heritage; Parks & Recreation

Public Library **Gafney Library, Inc.; Wakefield Library Assoc.****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full & part-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9
Emergency Medical Service	Full & part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	13 miles 25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Sanbornville Water Dept.
Sanitation	Private septic & Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2006 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$10.18
2006 Equalization Ratio	96.4
2006 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$9.78
2006 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	97.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.5%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2006 Total Housing Units	3,861
2006 Single-Family Units	3,337
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	53
2006 Multi-Family Units	234
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	2
2006 Manufactured Housing Units	290

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2006	4,736	47,475
2000	4,276	43,918
1990	3,064	35,526
1980	2,237	27,929
1970	1,420	18,548

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender

Male	2,103	Female	2,149
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	250
Age 5 to 19	923
Age 20 to 34	600
Age 35 to 54	1,378
Age 55 to 64	464
Age 65 and over	637
Median Age	40.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	85.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.5%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$21,507
Median 4-person family income	\$45,774
Median household income	\$42,500
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$35,804
Female	\$24,898
Families below the poverty level	5.1%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1996	2006
Civilian labor force	1,740	2,424
Employed	1,651	2,339
Unemployed	89	85
Unemployment rate	5.1%	3.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1996	2006
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	103	88
Average Weekly Wage	\$464	\$510
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	263	328
Average Weekly Wage	\$213	\$363
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	365	415
Average Weekly Wage	\$284	\$394
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	163	280
Average Weekly Wage	\$395	\$608
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	528	695
Average Weekly Wage	\$318	\$480

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Wakefield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Rochester** District: **SAU 64**
 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	2			1
Grade Levels	K 1-8			P
Total Enrollment	522			15

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2007: Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **127**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Laconia**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **McIntosh; University of NH; Nasson (ME)**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Lovell Lake Food Center	Convenience store	35	
Poor Peoples Pub	Restaurant	35	
Longmeadow Hardware	Hardware	18	
Badman Family Practice	Health care	7	1993

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

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **16, 109, 110, 153**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-95, Exit 5**
 Distance **6 miles; 40 miles**

Railroad **NH Northcoast**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Skyhaven, Rochester Runway **4,001 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Pease International Distance **39 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **2**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **62 miles**
 Portland, Maine **52 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **94 miles**
 New York City, NY **305 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **259 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **78.8%**
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **13.5%**
 Public transportation **0.4%**
 Walked **2.1%**
 Other means **0.7%**
 Worked at home **4.5%**
 Mean Travel Time to Work **38.7 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents:
 Working in community of residence **21%**
 Commuting to another NH community **68%**
 Commuting out-of-state **11%**

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
- Performing Arts Facilities
- 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
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- X** Campgrounds
- X** Fishing/Hunting
- X** Boating/Marinas
- X** Snowmobile Trails
- X** Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- X** Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- X** Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock, King Pine**

Other: