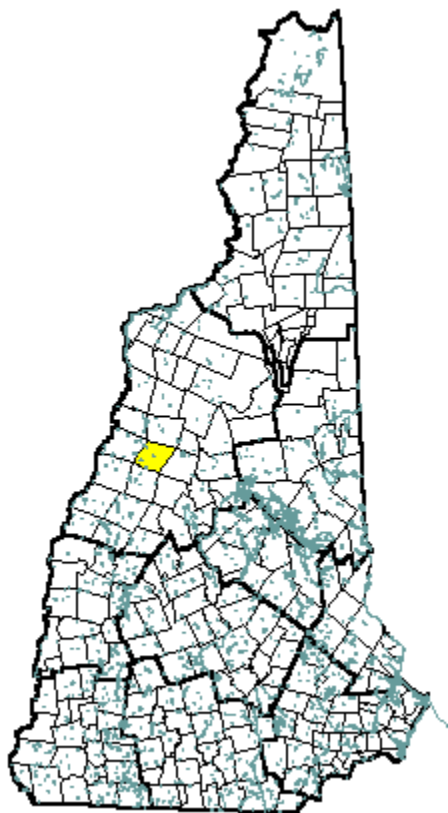


# Wentworth, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm;  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday, 12 noon - 7 pm,  
Wednesday and Thursday: 1 pm - 5 pm

## County

Grafton

Labor Market Area

Plymouth NH LMA

Tourism Region

Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission

North Country Council

Regional Development

Grafton County Economic Development Council

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 1  
District 2  
Grafton County District 6

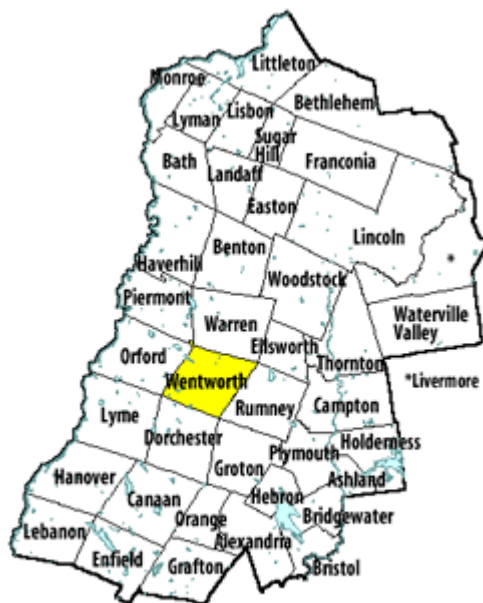
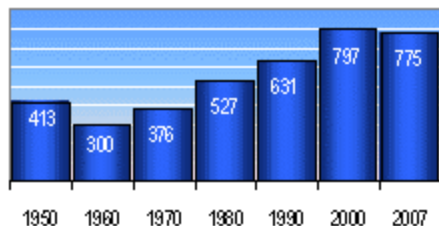
Incorporated: 1766

**Origin:** This town was first chartered in 1766 to John Page and others, and named Wentworth, in honor of Governor Benning Wentworth. The grantees were given five years to meet the terms of the grant, and the majority were unable to do so, forfeiting their claim. In 1772, Asa Porter and others from Haverhill petitioned Governor John Wentworth, Benning's nephew, for some of the forfeited shares, which was granted. Between them the Wentworth governors issued over 150 new town charters in New Hampshire, and nearly 130 new town charters in what is now Vermont, providing homes and farms for over 30,000 families.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 241 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Wentworth totaled 384 over 50 years, from 413 in 1950 to 797 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 40 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; population decreased by 27 percent between 1950 and 1960. The 2007 Census estimate for Wentworth was 775 residents, which ranked 202nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

**Population Density and Land Area** (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 20.7 persons per square mile of land area. Wentworth contains 41.8 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	\$832,139
Budget: School Appropriations, 2006	\$878,383
Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	1986
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Trust Funds; Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Appointed: **Conservation; Library; Police Chief**

Public Library **Webster Memorial**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Part-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>16 miles 25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	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	Yes
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	No
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)	\$14.28
2007 Equalization Ratio	88.2
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.12
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	82.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	6.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	10.4%

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

2007 Total Housing Units	492
2007 Single-Family Units	431
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	10
2007 Multi-Family Units	21
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	40

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

Total Population	Community	County
2007	775	85,514
2000	797	81,826
1990	631	74,998
1980	527	65,806
1970	376	54,914

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	407	Female	391
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			23
Age 5 to 19			198
Age 20 to 34			124
Age 35 to 54			244
Age 55 to 64			96
Age 65 and over			113
Median Age			39.6 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

High school graduate or higher	82.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.9%

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999***(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$18,258
Median 4-person family income	\$47,917
Median household income	\$44,219
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$31,250
Female	\$24,500
Families below the poverty level	6.1%

**LABOR FORCE***(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	332	440
Employed	325	427
Unemployed	7	13
Unemployment rate	2.1%	3.0%

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

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	125
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$686
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	30
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$513
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	175	156
Average Weekly Wage	\$885	\$652
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	9	35
Average Weekly Wage	\$168	\$380
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	184	191
Average Weekly Wage	\$848	\$602

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	<b>Wentworth operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)</b>			District: <b>SAU 48</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Plymouth Regional High School</b>			Region: <b>05</b>
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>1-8</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>47</b>			
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008:	Total Facilities: <b>0</b>	Total Capacity: <b>0</b>		
Nearest Community College:	<b>River Valley; Lakes Region</b>			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	<b>Dartmouth; Plymouth State University</b>			

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
King Forest Lumber Co.	Wood, lumber products	141	1994
Precision Lumber	Wood, lumber	36	1994
Shawnee's	Grocery store	5	2008

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>25, 25A, 118</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 26</b>
	Distance	<b>20 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
	<b>Plymouth Regional</b>	Runway <b>2,380 ft. turf</b>
	Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids? <b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
	<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance <b>40 miles</b>
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	<b>80 miles</b>
	Portland, Maine	<b>110 miles</b>
	Boston, Mass.	<b>130 miles</b>
	New York City, NY	<b>298 miles</b>
	Montreal, Quebec	<b>195 miles</b>

## 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>2.9%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>2.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>29.4 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>23%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>72%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5%</b>

## 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
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Tenney Mountain</b>
	Other: <b>Plummer Ledge Natural Area; Market Day; Summer Concerts; Volleyball Court</b>