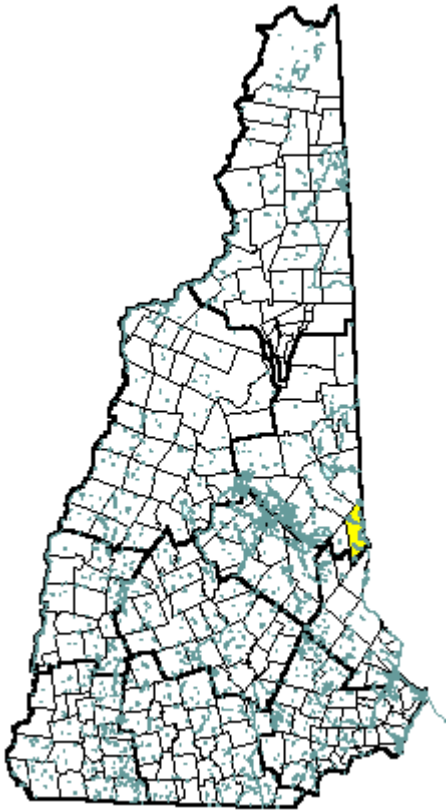


Wakefield, NH



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County

Carroll

Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion
Lakes
Strafford 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

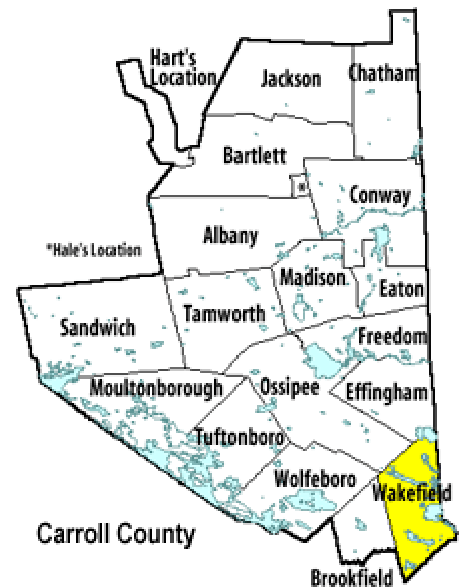
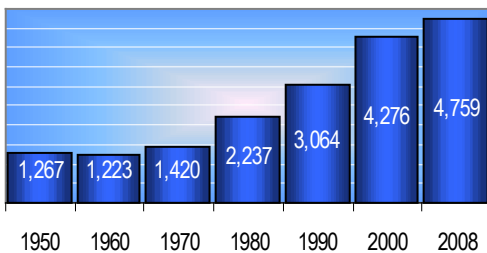
Incorporated: 1774

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 2008 Census estimate for Wakefield was 4,759 residents, which ranked 74th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2008 (NH Office of Energy & Planning):

120.4 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, 2009	\$4,442,065
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008-2009	\$8,967,718
Zoning Ordinance	1986/09
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; School; Assessors
Appointed:	Conservation; Cemetery; Zoning; Heritage; Parks & Recreation; Cable

Public Library	Gafney Library, Inc.; Wakefield Library Association
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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full & part-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

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 Department

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	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

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

2008 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$9.81
2008 Equalization Ratio	100.0
2008 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$9.77

2008 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	96.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.6%

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

2008 Total Housing Units	3,912
2008 Single-Family Units	3,388
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	20
2008 Multi-Family Units	234
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2008 Manufactured Housing Units	290

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2008	4,759	47,408
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

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%
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LABOR FORCE *(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1998	2008
Civilian labor force	1,816	2,482
Employed	1,743	2,367
Unemployed	73	115
Unemployment rate	4.0%	4.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1998	2008
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	45	72
Average Weekly Wage	\$486	\$609
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	267	318
Average Weekly Wage	\$253	\$413
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	312	390
Average Weekly Wage	\$287	\$449
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	212	333
Average Weekly Wage	\$427	\$626
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	524	723
Average Weekly Wage	\$343	\$530

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	490			18

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2009: Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **127**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **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 services	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		
Portland (ME) International Jetport	Distance	48 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6
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: