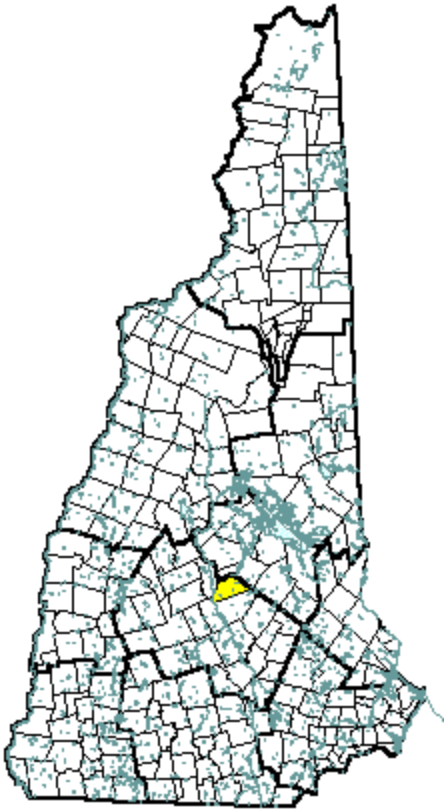


# Northfield



Incorporated: **1780**

Community Contact: **TOWN OF NORTHFIELD  
Board of Selectmen  
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Northfield, NH 03276**

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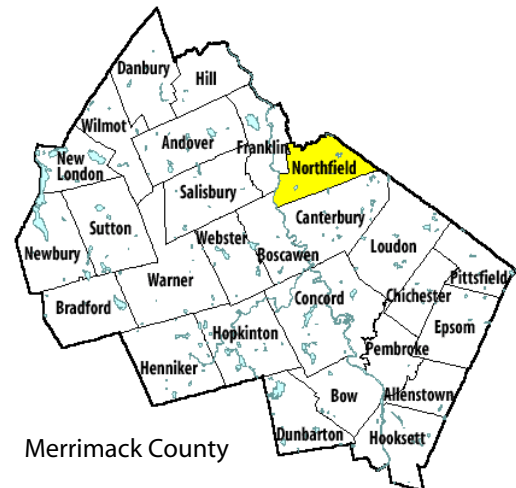
City/Town Office Hours: **Monday through Friday, 8:30 am – 5 pm, and  
Tuesday evenings, 6 – 9 pm**

County: **Merrimack**  
Labor Market Area: **Concord**  
Planning Commission: **Lakes Region**  
Tourism Region: **Lakes**

**Demographics, 2000 Census:** From 1990 to 2000, Northfield's population grew by 6.7 percent to 4,548, adding 285 residents. The median age is 36.0, with 27.9 percent under the age of 18 and 8.7 percent age 65 and older. The total number of households is 1,706, with an average size of 2.63 persons. Of those, 1,212 are family households, with an average size of 3.03 persons. As of April 1, 2000, there were 1,782 total housing units.

**Population density, 2000:** 159.1 persons per square mile of land area. Northfield contains 28.6 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

**Origin:** One of the first towns created following the Revolution, Northfield was granted in 1780 from part of Canterbury. The town organized one of the first local libraries, called the "Northfield Improving Society for the Promotion of Useful Knowledge," the same title used in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin for the American Philosophical Society in Philadelphia. The library was chartered by the state in 1718, operating with a membership fee of \$5 annually, and continued in existence under the original name until 1842.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

City/Town Office Hours:  
**M-F 8:30-5 pm, T 6-9 pm**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Annual Budget (1999)	<b>\$2,635,325</b>
Planning Board	<b>Appointed</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>
Zoning	<b>1973/01</b>
Master Plan	<b>1991</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Public Library	<b>Hall Memorial</b>

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>5/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal &amp; Commercial</b>
Nearest Hospital(s):	
<b>Franklin Regional, Franklin</b>	<b>Beds: 39</b>
Distance: <b>3 miles</b>	

**TAXES**

2001 Total Tax Rate	<b>\$28.32</b>
2001 Equalization Ratio	<b>0.73</b>
2001 Full Value Tax Rate	<b>\$21.95</b>
2001 Property Valuation:	
Residential	<b>81.1%</b>
Commercial	<b>13.3%</b>
Other	<b>5.6%</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; NH Electric Coop.</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Key Span</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Tilton Northfield Aqueduct Co.</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Yes</b>
Mandatory Recycling Program	<b>No</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>

**HOUSING**

	<b>2000</b>
Total Housing Units	<b>1,782</b>
Single-Family Units	<b>1,081</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>28</b>
Multi-Family Units	<b>491</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>0</b>
Manufactured Housing Units	<b>210</b>
Median Value, Owner-Occupied Housing	<b>\$93,100</b>
Median Gross Rent (monthly)	<b>\$595</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS****(US CENSUS)**

Total Population	Community	County
2000	<b>4,548</b>	<b>136,225</b>
1990	<b>4,263</b>	<b>120,005</b>
1980	<b>3,051</b>	<b>98,302</b>
1970	<b>2,193</b>	<b>80,925</b>

Population by Gender, 2000		
Male	<b>2,261</b>	Female <b>2,287</b>

Population by Age Group, 2000	
Under age 5	<b>263</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>1,142</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>782</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,600</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>364</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>397</b>

Median Age	<b>36 years</b>
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Total Households	<b>1,704</b>	Ave. Size	<b>2.63 persons</b>
Total Families	<b>1,211</b>	Ave. Size	<b>3.03 persons</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>81.6%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>15.2%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999****(US CENSUS)**

Per capita income	<b>\$18,466</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$48,787</b>
Median household income	<b>\$44,333</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$33,051</b>
Female	<b>\$25,000</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>0.9%</b>
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**TRANSPORTATION**

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	<b>132</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 19</b>
	Distance	<b>Local access</b>

Railroad	<b>State owned line</b>
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>

Nearest Airport	<b>Laconia</b>
Runway	<b>5,286 feet</b>
Lighted?	<b>Yes</b>
Navigational Aids?	<b>Yes</b>

Nearest Commercial Airport	<b>Manchester</b>
Distance	<b>30 miles</b>

**DISTANCE TO**

Manchester, NH	<b>34 miles</b>
Portland, ME	<b>112 miles</b>
Boston, MA	<b>84 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>282 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>237 miles</b>

## EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES

	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Primary & Secondary				
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	3-5			
Total Enrollment	286			

If no schools, district students attend: **Winnisquam Regional, Tilton**

Regional Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Tech Ctr.; Winnisquam Agricultural Ed Ctr.**

Distance: **2 miles**

Region: **08**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2001: Total Facilities: **5**

Total Capacity: **198**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord; Laconia**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; Colby-Sawyer**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wyman Gordon	Investment castings	200	1951
Freudenberg-NOK	Manufacturing	200	1997
Tobin Tool	Manufacturing	100	1997
Eptam Plastics	Manufacturing	100	2002
Spaulding Youth Center	Youth Program	25	
Blouin Steel	Manufacturing	10	1998
Pike Industries	Asphalt	10	1998

## LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1990	2001
Civilian labor force	<b>2,274</b>	<b>3,027</b>
Employed	<b>2,171</b>	<b>2,947</b>
Unemployed	<b>103</b>	<b>80</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>

## COMMUTING TO WORK, 2000 (US CENSUS)

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>2.1%</b>
Other means	<b>1.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>1.5%</b>

Mean Travel Time to Work **25.4 minutes**

## EMPLOYMENT & WAGES 1991 2000

Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>362</b>	<b>283</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$457</b>	<b>\$927</b>
Non-Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>184</b>	<b>348</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$315</b>	<b>\$421</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>546</b>	<b>631</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$409</b>	<b>\$648</b>
Government		
Average Employment	<b>26</b>	<b>147</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$327</b>	<b>\$489</b>
Total, Private plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>572</b>	<b>778</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$406</b>	<b>\$618</b>

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## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

<b>X</b>	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
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Ragged Mtn., Gunstock**

Other: **Pines Community Center**