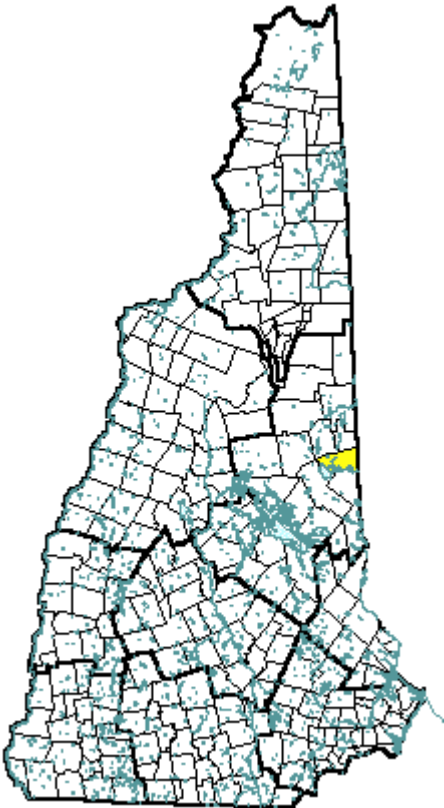


# Freedom, NH



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|------------------------|--|
| Community Contact      | Town of Freedom<br>Board of Selectmen<br>PO Box 227, Old Portland Road<br>Freedom, NH 03836        |
| Telephone              | (603) 539-6323   |
| Fax                    | (603) 539-8270   |
| E-mail                 | not available  |
| Web Site               | not available  |
| Municipal Office Hours | Monday through Friday, 8 am - 1 pm; Administrative Assistant: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 1 pm |
| County                 | Carroll  |
| Labor Market Area      | Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion   |
| Tourism Region         | Lakes  |
| Planning Commission    | Lakes Region   |
| Regional Development   | Mount Washington Valley Economic Council   |
| Election Districts     |  |
| US Congress            | District 1   |
| Executive Council      | District 1   |
| State Senate           | District 3   |
| State Representative   | Carroll County District 3  |

Incorporated: 1831

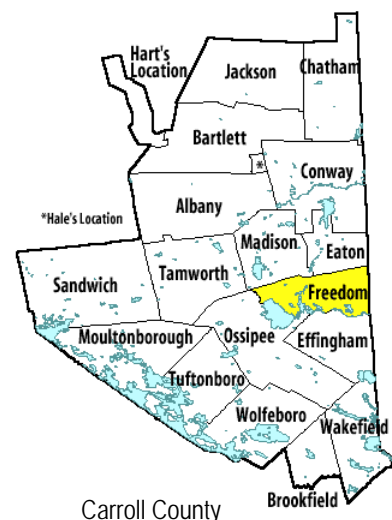
**Origin:** Following an influx of new settlers from Maine into Effingham, there was a conflict of culture and religion between them and people from the seacoast area who already populated Effingham. As a result, a section of that town known as North Effingham was separated into a town of its own. The newly incorporated town was appropriately named Freedom.

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 926 residents in 1840

**Population Trends:** Freedom's population has grown over four times larger over the last five decades, but remained below 1,000 until the 2000 Census. Decennial growth rates ranged from a seven percent increase between 1960-1970 to an 86 percent increase between 1970-1980. Freedom's population grew by a total of 988 residents, going from 315 in 1950 to 1,303 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Freedom was 1,418 residents, which ranked 163rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2004:** 41.1 persons per square mile of land area. Freedom contains 34.5 square miles of land area and 3.4 square miles of inland water area.

**Villages and Place Names:**



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Type of Government                     | Selectmen     |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005 | \$1,840,370   |
| Budget: School Appropriations          | not available |
| Zoning Ordinance                       | 1987/05       |
| Master Plan                            | 1992          |
| Capital Improvement Plan               | Yes           |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By           | State         |

## Boards and Commissions

|            |                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Elected:   | Selectmen; Planning; Library Trustees |
| Appointed: | Zoning; Conservation                  |

Public Library      Freedom Public

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| Police Department          | Full-time |
| Fire Department            | Volunteer |
| Town Fire Insurance Rating | 8/9       |
| Emergency Medical Service  | Volunteer |

## Nearest Hospital(s):

**Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro**

Distance: 15 miles      Staffed Beds: 49

**UTILITIES**

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

**PROPERTY TAXES**

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| 2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)      | \$10.40 |
| 2004 Equalization Ratio                        | 100.0   |
| 2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$10.36 |
| 2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type     |         |
| Residential Land and Buildings                 | 96.0%   |
| Commercial Land and Buildings                  | 3.3%    |
| Other Property including Utilities             | 0.7%    |

**HOUSING**

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 2003 Total Housing Units        | 1,541 |
| 2003 Single-Family Units        | 1,307 |
| Building Permits Issued         | 25    |
| 2003 Multi-Family Units         | 105   |
| Building Permits Issued         | 0     |
| 2003 Manufactured Housing Units | 129   |

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

|                  |           |        |
|------------------|-----------|--------|
| Total Population | Community | County |
| 2004             | 1,418     | 46,762 |
| 2000             | 1,312     | 43,918 |
| 1990             | 938       | 35,526 |
| 1980             | 720       | 27,929 |
| 1970             | 387       | 18,548 |

**Census 2000 Demographics**

## Population by Gender

|      |     |        |     |
|------|-----|--------|-----|
| Male | 635 | Female | 668 |
|------|-----|--------|-----|

## Population by Age Group

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Under age 5     | 52         |
| Age 5 to 19     | 182        |
| Age 20 to 34    | 145        |
| Age 35 to 54    | 416        |
| Age 55 to 64    | 195        |
| Age 65 and over | 313        |
| Median Age      | 48.6 years |

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| High school graduate or higher | 92.1% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher    | 31.2% |

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(Census 2000)

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Per capita income             | \$23,036 |
| Median 4-person family income | \$49,167 |
| Median household income       | \$40,187 |

## Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| Male   | \$32,150 |
| Female | \$26,000 |

## Families below the poverty level

4.6%

**LABOR FORCE**

1994

2004

|                      |      |      |
|----------------------|------|------|
| Annual Average       |      |      |
| Civilian labor force | 532  | 727  |
| Employed             | 516  | 704  |
| Unemployed           | 16   | 23   |
| Unemployment rate    | 3.0% | 3.2% |

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

1994

2004

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| Goods Producing Industries              |       |       |
| Average Employment                      | 5     | 35    |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$414 | \$559 |
| Service Providing Industries            |       |       |
| Average Employment                      | 68    | 134   |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$362 | \$434 |
| Total Private Industry                  |       |       |
| Average Employment                      | 73    | 169   |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$366 | \$459 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local)  |       |       |
| Average Employment                      | 26    | 73    |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$336 | \$376 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government |       |       |
| Average Employment                      | 99    | 242   |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | \$358 | \$434 |

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Freedom operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Conway** District: **SAU 13**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Kennett High School, Conway** Region: **06**

|                        |            |                    |             |                   |
|------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Educational Facilities | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial |
| Number of Schools      | 1          |                    |             |                   |
| Grade Levels           | P K 1-6    |                    |             |                   |
| Total Enrollment       | 103        |                    |             |                   |

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Laconia**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Conway**

|                          |                        |                  |                    |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>LARGEST EMPLOYERS</b> | <b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b> | <b>EMPLOYEES</b> | <b>ESTABLISHED</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------|--------------------|

Not available

**TRANSPORTATION**

|                                    |                   |                        |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Road Access                        | Federal Routes    |                        |
|                                    | State Routes      | 25, 153                |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit           |                   | I-93, Exit 23          |
|                                    | Distance          | 50 miles               |
| Railroad                           |                   | No                     |
| Public Transportation              |                   | No                     |
| Nearest Airport                    |                   | Fryeburg, ME           |
|                                    | Runway            | 4,200 feet             |
|                                    | Lighted?          | Yes                    |
|                                    | Yes               | Navigational Aids? Yes |
| Nearest Commercial Airport         |                   | Portland, ME           |
|                                    | Distance          | 60 miles               |
| Driving distance to select cities: |                   |                        |
|                                    | Manchester, NH    | 81 miles               |
|                                    | Portland, Maine   | 45 miles               |
|                                    | Boston, Mass.     | 117 miles              |
|                                    | New York City, NY | 325 miles              |
|                                    | Montreal, Quebec  | 236 miles              |

**COMMUTING TO WORK (Census 2000)**

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Workers 16 years and over         |              |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van        | 82.8%        |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van          | 7.2%         |
| Public transportation             | 0.8%         |
| Walked                            | 1.8%         |
| Other means                       | 1.8%         |
| Worked at home                    | 5.6%         |
| Mean Travel Time to Work          | 32.8 minutes |
| Percent of Working Residents:     |              |
| Working in community of residence | 22%          |
| Commuting to another NH community | 65%          |
| Commuting out-of-state            | 12%          |

**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                     |
| X | 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                         |
| X | Boating/Marinas                         |
| X | Snowmobile Trails                       |
|   | Bicycle Trails                          |
| X | Cross Country Skiing                    |
| X | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area     |
|   | Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>King Pine</b>   |
|   | Other:                                  |