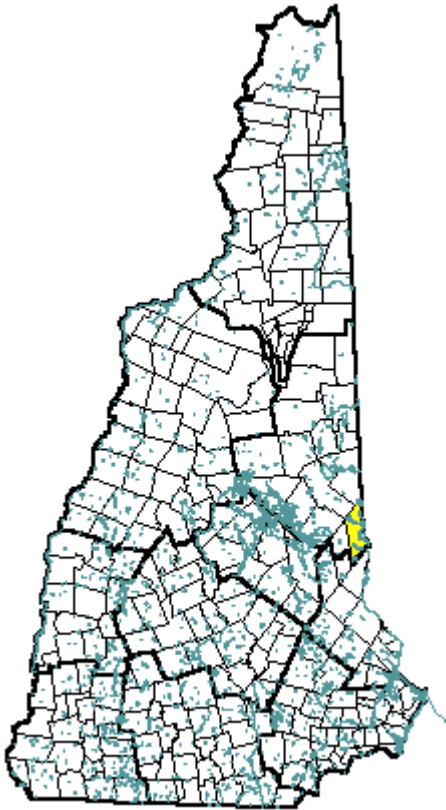


Wakefield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, and
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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Carroll
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
District 1
District 3
Carroll County District 5

Incorporated: 1774

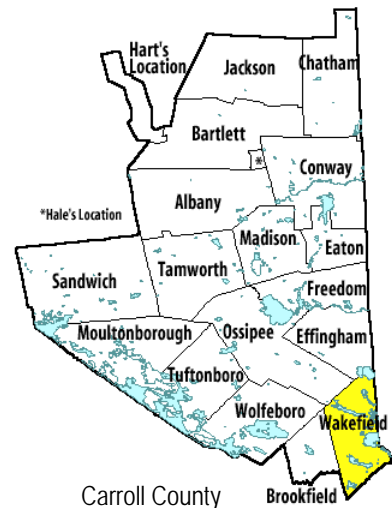
Origin: Settled by colonists from Dover and Somersworth, this town went through the names Ham's-town, East-town, and Watertown before it was incorporated as Wakefield in 1774. Wakefield in Yorkshire, England, was the location of Wentworth Castle, the home of Wentworth ancestors. Wakefield includes the villages of Union and Sanbornville.

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

Population Trends: After decreasing by three percent between 1950-1960, Wakefield's population increased quickly, growing above the statewide average. Decennial growth rates peaked with a 58 percent increase between 1970-1980. Over fifty years, Wakefield's population increased by a total of 2,985 residents, going from 1,267 in 1950 to 4,252 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Wakefield was 4,600 residents, which ranked 74th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 116.4 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.

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



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$3,841,062
Budget: School Appropriations, 2004	\$6,515,814
Zoning Ordinance	1986/05
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning
Appointed:	Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Zoning; Heritage

Public Library Gafney Library, Inc.; Union Village; 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):

Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro

Distance: 14 miles Staffed Beds: 49

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	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$9.90
2004 Equalization Ratio	89.8
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$8.88
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	96.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.6%
Other Property including Utilities	0.7%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	3,642
2003 Single-Family Units	3,154
Building Permits Issued	116
2003 Multi-Family Units	228
Building Permits Issued	1
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	260

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	4,600	46,762
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

(Census 2000)

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

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,662	2,328
Employed	1,578	2,246
Unemployed	84	82
Unemployment rate	5.1%	3.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	43	86
Average Weekly Wage	\$380	\$503
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	251	329
Average Weekly Wage	\$218	\$327
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	294	416
Average Weekly Wage	\$242	\$364
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	139	271
Average Weekly Wage	\$394	\$516
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	433	686
Average Weekly Wage	\$291	\$424

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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			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	534			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: 6 Total Capacity: 209

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Laconia**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **McIntosh; University of NH; Nasson (ME)**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Longmeadow Hardware	Hardware	10	
Lovell Lake Food Center	Convenience store	8	
Frothingham Electronics Corp.	Semiconductors	8	
Badman Family Practice	Health care	4	1993
Precision Roll/Kingswood Services	Distribution	4	

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	16, 153
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 4
	Distance	38 miles
Railroad		NH Northcoast
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Wolfeboro
Runway		2,540 feet
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Pease
Distance		30 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	63 miles
	Portland, Maine	93 miles
	Boston, Mass.	96 miles
	New York City, NY	303 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	258 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

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
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: