

Wolfeboro, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Carroll
Wolfeboro, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 3
Carroll County Districts 6, 7

Incorporated: 1770

Origin: This territory was granted to Dr. A.R. Cutter, William Tredwell, David Sewall, and Henry Apthorp, who had petitioned the Masonian Proprietors for a piece of land near Winnepesocket Pond on which to settle. Their petition was granted in 1759, and named Wolfeborough in honor of General James Wolfe, who had been victorious at Quebec in 1759. In 1763, 2,300 acres were added to the 60 acres reserved for the governor. Governor John Wentworth established an estate on the site, known as Kingswood. This was the first summer country estate in northern New England. In 1770, residents petitioned for incorporation, which was granted.

Villages and Place Names: East Wolfeboro, Fernald, Keewaydin, North Wolfeboro, South Wolfeboro, Stockbridge Corner, Wolfeboro Center, Wolfeboro Falls, Cotton Valley Station

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 447 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Wolfeboro totaled 3,339 over 50 years, from 3,036 in 1970 to 6,375 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 31 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by two percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Wolfeboro was 6,609 residents, which ranked 51st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 136.7 persons per square mile of land area. Wolfeboro contains 48.3 square miles of land area and 10.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$47,283,315
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Zoning Ordinance	1950/22
Master Plan	2019
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Library; Police Commission; Zoning
Appointed:	Conservation; Agriculture; Economic Dev; Heritage
Public Library	Wolfeboro Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Private - Full-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	Local	25	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Wolfeboro Electric	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Wolfeboro Water Department	
Sanitation		Wolfeboro Sewer Dept & private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Limited	

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.22	
2022 Equalization Ratio		61.2	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 8.07	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		91.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		8.0%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		0.1%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units		4,510	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		3,736	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		499	
Five or More Units in Structure		130	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		145	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population		Community	County
2022		6,609	52,199
2020		6,416	50,107
2010		6,269	47,818
2000		6,122	43,918
1990		4,842	35,526
1980		3,968	27,929

DEMOGRAPHICS				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	3,111	Female		3,262	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				134	
Age 5 to 19				876	
Age 20 to 34				300	
Age 35 to 54				1,389	
Age 55 to 64				1,487	
Age 65 and over				2,187	
Median Age				57.3 years	

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:	5,345
High school graduate or higher	95.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	43.5%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income		\$44,107	
Median family income		\$100,515	
Median household income		\$66,991	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$62,639	
Female		\$79,375	
Individuals below the poverty level		9.2%	

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2012		2022	
Civilian labor force	2,976		2,862	
Employed	2,826		2,784	
Unemployed	150		78	
Unemployment rate	5.0%		2.7%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022		
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	211		274		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 782		\$1,159		
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	2,306		2,414		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 696		\$1,026		
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	2,517		2,688		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 703		\$1,039		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	511		509		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 805		\$1,080		
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	3,028		3,197		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 720		\$1,046		

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro)** District: **SAU 49**

Career Technology Center(s): **Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1	1	1
Grade Levels	K 1-6	7-8	9-12	9-12 PG
Total Enrollment	373	388	720	342

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; University of NH**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **234**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Governor Wentworth School District	Education	286	
Huggins Hospital	Health care services	370	
Town of Wolfeboro	Municipal services	90	
Genesis Healthcare - Wolfeboro Bay Center	Nursing care services	95	
Brewster Academy	Private school	239	
Wolfeboro Inn	Hotel, conference center	2	
P.S.I Molded Plastek	Plastic moldings	129	
Hunter's Shop 'n Save	Grocery store	70	
Harvest Market	Grocery store	51	
Wolfeboro Area Children's Center, Inc.	Child care services	42	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	28, 109, 109A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-93, Exit 24	
Distance		16 miles; 35 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		Carroll County Transit
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Moultonborough Airport	Runway	3,475 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	57 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		57 miles
Portland, Maine		63 miles
Boston, Mass.		102 miles
New York City, NY		304 miles
Montreal, Quebec		248 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	69.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	14.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.3%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	13.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	54.6%
Commuting to another NH community	40.5%
Commuting out-of-state	4.9%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	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
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Abenaki, Gunstock
	Other: New Hampshire Boat Museum; Wentworth State Beach; Skateboard Park; Libby & Wright Museums; 3 Town beaches; 4 Public boat ramps; The Nick Rec. Complex and Dog park; Clark Park Historical Society Bldgs.; Wolfeboro Trolley