

Stark, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Coös
Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Great North Woods
North Country Council
Coös Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 1
Coös County District 2

Incorporated: 1795

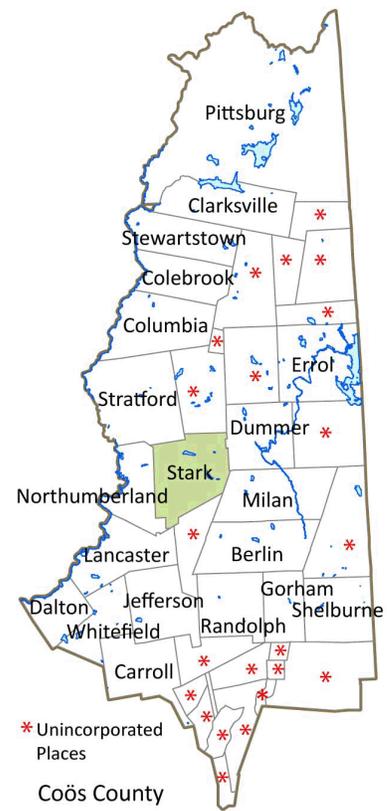
Origin: This town was chartered in 1774 as Percy, the family name of the Duke of Northumberland. At the time of the charter, a member of that family, Thomas Percy, was the king's chaplain. The town was incorporated as Piercy in 1795. In 1832 the name was changed to Stark in honor of General John Stark, hero of Bunker Hill and the Battle of Bennington. New Hampshire owes its motto, "Live Free or Die," to General Stark, who was the first to carry the new thirteen-star American flag into battle. He wrote those words in July 1809, in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington. Stark is the location of the Stark Bridge, one of New Hampshire's scenic covered bridges, built in 1862.

Villages and Place Names: Crystal, Percy

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 48 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Stark totaled 121 over 50 years, from 343 in 1970 to 464 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 37 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by 17 percent from 2010 to 2020, the largest percent loss among the cities and towns. The 2022 Census estimate for Stark was 474 residents, which ranked 217th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 8.0 persons per square mile of land area. Stark contains 59.2 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023	\$641,345
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$771,199
Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	0
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning**
 Appointed: **None**

Public Library **Stark Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department			No
Fire Department			Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service			Groveton Ambulance
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	19 miles	25	

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

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.36
2022 Equalization Ratio	54.3
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 8.74
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	74.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	22.8%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	447
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	379
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	6
Five or More Units in Structure	8
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	54

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	474	31,504	
2020	478	31,268	
2010	556	33,055	
2000	516	33,156	
1990	519	34,879	
1980	470	35,014	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021			
Population by Gender			
Male	216	Female	288
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			44
Age 5 to 19			89
Age 20 to 34			37
Age 35 to 54			70
Age 55 to 64			128
Age 65 and over			136
Median Age			57.7 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 356			
High school graduate or higher			94.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			11.8%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$24,318
Median family income			\$69,375
Median household income			\$47,500
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$52,500
Female			\$33,750
Individuals below the poverty level			15.7%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2012	2022	
Civilian labor force	255	194	
Employed	225	187	
Unemployed	30	7	
Unemployment rate	11.8%	3.6%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	11	10	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 126	\$ 197	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Stark operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Northumberland** District: **SAU 58**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center; White Mountains RHS**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	29			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities:

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Stark	Municipal services	23	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	110
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 41
	Distance	35 miles
Railroad		St. Lawrence & Atlantic
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Berlin Municipal	Runway	5,200 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	104 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		131 miles
Portland, Maine		120 miles
Boston, Mass.		181 miles
New York City, NY		364 miles
Montreal, Quebec		154 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.7%
Public transportation	1.2%
Walked	0.6%
Other means	0.6%
Worked at home	6.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	40.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	12.1%
Commuting to another NH community	66.7%
Commuting out-of-state	21.2%

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
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Wildcat
	Other: Covered Bridge; Nash Stream Forest; John Stark Statue; Heritage Center