

# Wentworth, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

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## Town of Wentworth

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**Administrative Assistant:** Tuesday, 1-5, Wednesday and Thursday, 9-1, or by appointment; **Town Clerk/Tax Collector:** Tuesday, 9-7, Wednesday and Thursday, 9-2

**Grafton**  
**Plymouth, NH LMA**  
**Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**  
**North Country Council**  
**Grafton County Economic Development Council**

**District 2**  
**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**Grafton County District 6**

**Incorporated:** 1766

**Origin:** This town was first chartered in 1766 to John Page and others, and named Wentworth, in honor of Governor Benning Wentworth. The grantees were given five years to meet the terms of the grant, and the majority were unable to do so, forfeiting their claim. In 1772, Asa Porter and others from Haverhill petitioned Governor John Wentworth, Benning's nephew, for some of the forfeited shares, which was granted. Between them the Wentworth governors issued over 150 new town charters in New Hampshire, and nearly 130 new town charters in what is now Vermont, providing homes and farms for over 30,000 families.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 241 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Wentworth totaled 473 over 50 years, from 376 in 1970 to 849 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 40 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by seven percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Wentworth was 855 residents, which ranked 193rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 20.4 persons per square mile of land area. Wentworth contains 41.8 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$1,397,916	
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Zoning Ordinance		No Board	
Master Plan		2023	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Trust Funds; Cemetery; School; School Treasurer; Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Library; Moderator; Checklist; Treasurer; Fire Commissioner		
Appointed:	Conservation		
Public Library	Webster Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Private - Full-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	16 miles	25	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		Dead River	
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		Voluntary	
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications; Time Warner		
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Limited	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.22	
2022 Equalization Ratio		69.7	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.07	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		84.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		8.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		7.8%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		563	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		482	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		38	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		43	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2022	855	91,126
2020	845	91,118
2010	911	89,118
2000	797	81,826
1990	631	74,998
1980	527	65,806

DEMOGRAPHICS	AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender		
Male	626	Female 473
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		161
Age 5 to 19		100
Age 20 to 34		207
Age 35 to 54		193
Age 55 to 64		144
Age 65 and over		294
Median Age		44.3 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:	781
High school graduate or higher	94.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	34.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)
Per capita income		\$39,177
Median family income		\$96,607
Median household income		\$79,375
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$52,460
Female		\$50,889
Individuals below the poverty level		11.7%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	455		506
Employed	437		491
Unemployed	18		15
Unemployment rate	4.0%		3.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	116		112
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 705		\$1,017
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	39		35
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 462		\$ 574
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	155		148
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 644		\$ 911
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	41		40
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 496		\$ 625
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	196		188
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 613		\$ 849

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

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Wentworth operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)** District: **SAU 48**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>68</b>			

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State**

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

Total Facilities:

Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
King Forest Lumber Co.	Wood, lumber products	141	1994
Precision Lumber	Wood, lumber	45	1994
Shawnee's	Grocery store	5	2008
Dollar General	Discount store	6	2019

#### Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

##### TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>25, 25A, 118</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 26</b>
	Distance	<b>20 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Plymouth Regional</b>	Runway	<b>2,380 ft. turf</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>40 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>77 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>110 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>128 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>300 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>196 miles</b>

##### COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.8%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>3.4%</b>
Other means	<b>3.9%</b>
Worked at home	<b>3.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>22.2 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>29.8%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>59.9%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>10.3%</b>

##### RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Loon Mtn, Waterville Valley**

Other: **Plummer Ledge Natural Area; Market Day; Summer Concerts; Volleyball Court; Covered Bridge; Veterans' Memorial**