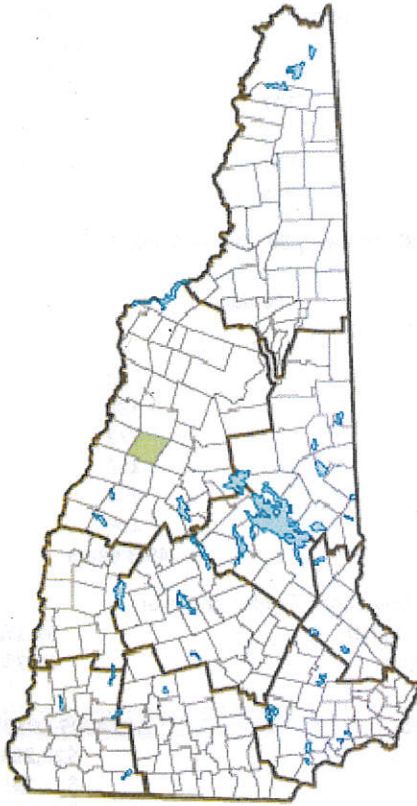


# Wentworth, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm;  
Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday, 9 am - 7 pm,  
Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

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

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 2  
District 1  
District 2  
Grafton County Districts 11, 16

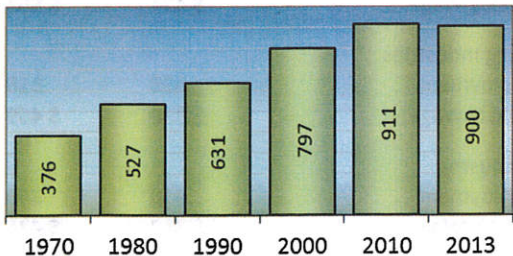
**Incorporated:** 1766

**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 600 over 53 years, from 300 in 1960 to 900 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 40 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2013 Census estimate for Wentworth was 900 residents, which ranked 190th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau):** 21.5 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Sharon. Wentworth contains 41.8 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014	<b>\$1,232,668</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014	<b>\$1,381,547</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>No Board</b>
Master Plan	<b>1986</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

**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	<b>Part-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>16 miles 25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Rymes</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Yes</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>No</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service: Business	<b>Limited</b>
Residential	<b>Limited</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.45</b>
2013 Equalization Ratio	<b>106.2</b>
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.09</b>

**2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**

Residential Land and Buildings	<b>86.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>7.2%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>6.8%</b>

**HOUSING**

(ACS 2009-2013)

Total Housing Units	<b>481</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>427</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>16</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>39</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2013	<b>900</b>	<b>89,268</b>
2010	<b>911</b>	<b>89,118</b>
2000	<b>797</b>	<b>81,826</b>
1990	<b>631</b>	<b>74,998</b>
1980	<b>527</b>	<b>65,806</b>
1970	<b>376</b>	<b>54,914</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013****Population by Gender**

Male	<b>471</b>	Female	<b>429</b>
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**Population by Age Group**

Under age 5	<b>43</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>138</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>173</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>188</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>164</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>194</b>
Median Age	<b>49.3 years</b>

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

High school graduate or higher	<b>92.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>18.7%</b>

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$**

(ACS 2009-2013)

Per capita income	<b>\$22,299</b>
Median family income	<b>\$61,295</b>
Median household income	<b>\$44,837</b>

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

Male	<b>\$34,375</b>
Female	<b>\$31,806</b>

**Individuals below the poverty level****15.1%****LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2003	2013
Civilian labor force	<b>449</b>	<b>473</b>
Employed	<b>432</b>	<b>456</b>
Unemployed	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2003	2013
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>77</b>	<b>23</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 474</b>	<b>\$ 562</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>333</b>	<b>318</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 330</b>	<b>\$ 469</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>410</b>	<b>340</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 357</b>	<b>\$ 475</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 532</b>	<b>\$ 675</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>435</b>	<b>359</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 367</b>	<b>\$ 486</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Wentworth operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pemi-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth)</b>			District: <b>SAU 48</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Plymouth Applied Technology Center</b>			Region: <b>5</b>
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>66</b>			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Dartmouth; Plymouth State University**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
King Forest Lumber Co.	Wood, lumber products	141	1994
Precision Lumber	Wood, lumber	36	1994
Shawnee's	Grocery store	5	2008
Burning Bush	Hardware store	4	1980

**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>76 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>116 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>126 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>301 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>199 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2009-2013)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.3%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.5%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>11.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>25.5 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013**

Working in community of residence	<b>12.5</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>82.4</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.1</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): <b>Loon Mtn, Waterville Valley</b>
	Other: <b>Plummer Ledge Natural Area; Market Day; Summer Concerts; Volleyball Court</b>