Wentworth, NH

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Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm

County
Grafton

Labor Market Area
Plymouth, NH LMA

Tourism Region
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee

Planning Commission
North Country Council

Regional Development
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
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.

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

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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014</td>
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<td>$1,381,547</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
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#### 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 | Volunteer |

#### Nearest Hospital(s)

Speare Memorial, Plymouth

- Distance: 16 miles
- Staffed Beds: 25

### Utilities

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

### Property Taxes

#### (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

- 2013 Total Tax Rate (per $1,000 of value) | $21.45 |
- 2013 Equalization Ratio | 106.2 |
- 2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1,000 of value) | $23.09 |

#### (NH DEP of Revenue Administration)

- 2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 86.0%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 7.2%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 6.8%

### Housing

#### (ACS 2009-2013)

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

### Demographics

#### (US Census Bureau)

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<td>2013</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>89,268</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>911</td>
<td>89,118</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>797</td>
<td>81,826</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>631</td>
<td>74,998</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>527</td>
<td>65,806</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>376</td>
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#### Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013

- Population by Gender
  - Male: 471
  - Female: 429

#### Population by Age Group

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

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

- High school graduate or higher: 92.1%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 18.7%

#### Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2009-2013)

- Per capita income: $22,299
- Median family income: $61,295
- Median household income: $44,837

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $34,375
  - Female: $31,806

- Individuals below the poverty level: 15.1%

### Labor Force

#### (NHES - ELM)

- Annual Average
  - 2003: 449
  - 2013: 473
- Civilian labor force: 432
- Employed: 456
- Unemployed: 17
- Unemployment rate: 3.8%

### Employment & Wages

#### (NHES - ELM)

- Annual Average Covered Employment
  - 2003: 410
  - 2013: 340
- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 77
  - Average Weekly Wage: $474
- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 333
  - Average Weekly Wage: $330
- Total Private Industry
  - Average Employment: 410
  - Average Weekly Wage: $357
- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 25
  - Average Weekly Wage: $532
- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 435
  - Average Weekly Wage: $367

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE
Schools students attend: Wentworth operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are part of Pem-Baker Cooperative (Ashland, Campton, Holderness, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Wentworth) District: SAU 48
Career Technology Center(s): Plymouth Applied Technology Center Region: 5

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) Elementary Middle/Junior High High School Private/Parochial
Number of Schools 1
Grade Levels K 1-8
Total Enrollment 66

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES PRODUCT/SERVICE EMPLOYEES ESTABLISHED
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 25, 25A, 118
State Routes
Nearest Interstate, Exit I-93, Exit 26
Distance 20 miles
Railroad No
Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation Plymouth Regional Runway 2,380 ft. turf
Lighted? No Navigation Aids? No

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service Lebanon Municipal Distance 40 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1

Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH 76 miles
Portland, Maine 116 miles
Boston, Mass. 126 miles
New York City, NY 301 miles
Montreal, Quebec 199 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2009-2013)
Workers 16 years and over
Drove alone, car/truck/van 80.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van 7.3%
Public transportation 0.0%
Walked 0.5%
Other means 0.0%
Worked at home 11.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work 25.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013
Working in community of residence 12.5
Commuting to another NH community 82.4
Commuting out-of-state 5.1

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
X 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)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
Youth Sports: Football
Youth Sports: Basketball
Youth Sports: Hockey
X Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X Overnight or Day Camps
Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon Mtn, Waterville Valley

Other: Plummer Ledge Natural Area; Market Day; Summer Concerts; Volleyball Court