Northumberland, NH

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County Coos
Tourism Region Great North Woods
Planning Commission North Country Council
Regional Development Coos Economic Development Corp.

Incorporated: 1779

Origin: The town was first named Stonington in 1761, probably due to Governor Benning Wentworth's shipbuilding interests in Stonington, Connecticut. It was renamed Northumberland in honor of Hugh Smithson, first Duke of Northumberland. The Duke's son, James Smithson, is remembered for leaving a legacy of more than a half million dollars for the founding of the Smithsonian Institution. Most of Northumberland's residents live in the village of Groveton.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 117 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Northumberland's population posted the third largest decrease in both percent and numeric change over fifty years. Population decreased over each decade except 1970-1980, when it grew by one percent; the largest decline was seven percent between 1950-1960. Northumberland lost at total of 341 residents, going from 2,779 in 1950 to 2,438 residents in 2000. The 2003 Census estimate for Northumberland was 2,417 residents, which ranked 117th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 67.1 persons per square mile of land area. Northumberland contains 36.7 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: Groveton
MUNICIPAL SERVICES
Type of Government
Selectmen
2003 Annual Budget
$2,305,677
Zoning Ordinance
1959/04
Master Plan
2003
Capital Improvement Plan
No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By
Planning Board
Boards and Commissions
Elected: Board of Selectmen
Appointed: Planning Board; Zoning Board; Library Trustees; Conservation Commission
Public Library
Northumberland Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES
Police Department
Full-time
Fire Department
Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating
7/9
Emergency Medical Service
Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s):
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster
Distance: 9 miles Staffed Beds: 25

UTILITIES
Electric Supplier
PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier
Portland Natural Gas
Water Supplier
Groveton Water System; Lost Nation Water System
Sanitation
Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant
Yes
Solid Waste Disposal
Curbside Trash Pickup
Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program
No
Recycling Program
Mandatory
Telephone Company
Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access
Yes
Cable Television Access
Yes
High Speed Internet Service: Business unknown Residential unknown

PROPERTY TAXES
2003 Total Tax Rate (per $1000)
$28.28
2003 Equalization Ratio
88.5
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000)
$25.47
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type
Residential Land and Buildings 58.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings 23.4%
Other Property including Utilities 18.4%

HOUSING
2002 Total Housing Units
1,131
2002 Single-Family Units
753
Building Permits Issued
3
2002 Multi-Family Units
226
Building Permits Issued
0
2002 Manufactured Housing Units
152

DEMographics
Total Population
Community
County
2003
2,417
33,019
2000
2,438
33,111
1990
2,492
34,828
1980
2,520
35,014
1970
2,493
34,189
Census 2000 Demographics
Population by Gender
Male 1,210 Female 1,228
Population by Age Group
Under age 5 119 Age 5 to 19 572 Age 20 to 34 386 Age 35 to 54 738 Age 55 to 64 237 Age 65 and over 386 Median Age 38.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
High school graduate or higher 73.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher 4.0%
ANNUAL INCOME, 1999 (Census 2000)
Per capita income $15,101
Median 4-person family income $34,444
Median household income $31,570
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
Male $33,281 Female $19,464
Families below the poverty level 9.4%
LABOR FORCE
Annual Average 1993 2003
Civilian labor force 1,315 1,251
Employed 1,116 1,191
Unemployed 199 60
Unemployment rate 15.1% 4.8%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES 1993 2003
Goods Producing Industries
Average Employment 577 519
Average Weekly Wage $542 $893
Service Providing Industries
Average Employment 297 222
Average Weekly Wage $262 $373
Total Private Industry
Average Employment 874 741
Average Weekly Wage $447 $738
Government (Federal, State, and Local)
Average Employment 131 163
Average Weekly Wage $333 $444
Total, Private Industry plus Government
Average Employment 1,005 904
Average Weekly Wage $432 $685
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Northumberland operates grades K-12
Career Technology Center(s): Gallen Reg. Voc Ctr.; White Mountain Reg. HS

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<th>Grade Levels</th>
<th>Number of Schools</th>
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<td>7-8</td>
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<td>High School</td>
<td>9-12</td>
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Private/Parochial

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003:
Total Facilities: 4
Total Capacity: 84

Nearest Community/Technical College: Berlin
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University; College for Lifelong Learning-Littleton

**LARGEST EMPLOYERS**

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<td>Groveton Paper Board</td>
<td>Pulp, paper</td>
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**TRANSPORTATION**

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<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-93, Exit 35</td>
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<td>Distance</td>
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<tr>
<td>Railroad</td>
<td>State owned line</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Nearest Airport</td>
<td>Berlin</td>
<td>5,200 feet</td>
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<td>Runway Lighted?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Nearest Commercial Airport</td>
<td>Manchester</td>
<td>127 miles</td>
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Driving distance to select cities:
- Manchester, NH: 125 miles
- Portland, Maine: 125 miles
- Boston, Mass.: 175 miles
- New York City, NY: 355 miles
- Montreal, Quebec: 157 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

Workers 16 years and over:
- Drove alone, car/truck/van: 73.6%
- Carpooled, car/truck/van: 13.1%
- Public transportation: 0.0%
- Walked: 9.5%
- Other means: 2.0%
- Worked at home: 1.8%
- Mean Travel Time to Work: 18.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:
- Working in community of residence: 48%
- Commuting to another NH community: 47%
- Commuting out-of-state: 4%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- 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
- Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

Nearest Ski Area(s): Wildcat
Other: Meeting House Covered Bridge