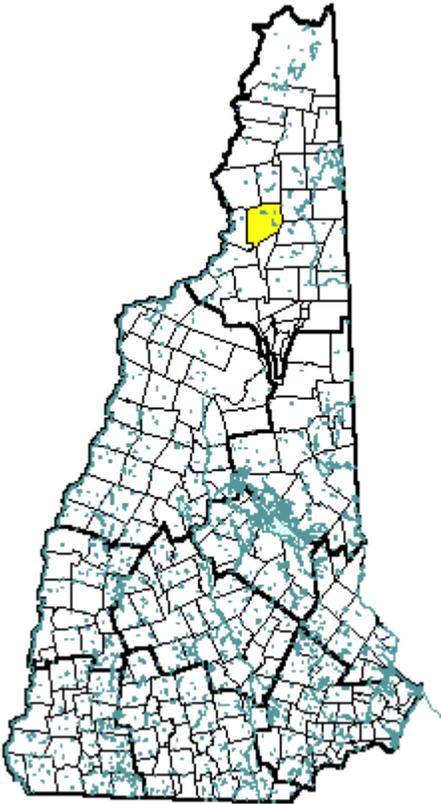


Stark, NH



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Municipal Office Hours
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County Coos
Labor Market Area Berlin NH Micro-NECTA
Tourism Region Great North Woods
Planning Commission North Country Council
Regional Development Coos Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress District 2
Executive Council District 1
State Senate District 1
State Representative Coos County District 2

Incorporated: 1795

Origin: First granted in 1774, this town was named Percy, in honor of Hugh Smithson, Earl Percy and first Duke of Northumberland. The town retained this name until 1832, when it was renamed 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. Stark, the first to carry the new thirteen-star American flag into battle, wrote those words in July 1809, in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington.

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

Population Trends: Population in Stark has increased, but growth was below the statewide average rate for four of the last five decades. Between 1950-1960, population decreased by 12 percent, and the highest increase came between 1970-1980 with a 37 percent increase. Over fifty years, Stark's population increased by a total of 143 residents, going from 373 in 1950 to 516 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Stark was 510 residents, which ranked 214th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 8.6 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.

Villages and Place Names: Crystal, Percy



Coos County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2003	\$434,421
Budget: School Appropriations, 2003	\$1,054,360
Zoning Ordinance	No Board
Master Plan	Pending
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning
Appointed:	Library Trustees

Public Library **Stark Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Part-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer - Milan & Dummer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster
Distance: **18 miles** Staffed Beds: **25**

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Portland Natural Gas
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	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	No
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	unknown
Residential	unknown

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.62
2004 Equalization Ratio	57.7
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.66
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	60.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.5%
Other Property including Utilities	37.4%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	404
2003 Single-Family Units	308
Building Permits Issued	3
2003 Multi-Family Units	46
Building Permits Issued	2
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	50

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	510	33,511
2000	516	33,156
1990	519	34,879
1980	470	35,014
1970	343	34,189

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	257	Female 259

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	27
Age 5 to 19	123
Age 20 to 34	66
Age 35 to 54	174
Age 55 to 64	59
Age 65 and over	67
Median Age	40.3 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	79.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.5%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$17,168
Median 4-person family income	\$40,089
Median household income	\$37,946

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$35,833
Female	\$24,750

Families below the poverty level

2.5%

LABOR FORCE

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	247	224
Employed	242	217
Unemployed	5	7
Unemployment rate	2.0%	3.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

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	4	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$165	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	25	8
Average Weekly Wage	\$153	\$110
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	29	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$155	n

n = indicates that data does 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): **Gallen Regional Voc. Center, Littleton; White Mountain Regional High, Whitefield** Region: **03**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	37			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Berlin**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Stark	Municipal services	41	
Barrett Salt	Rock salt	3	1991

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	110
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 35
	Distance	49 miles
Railroad		St.Lawrence & Atlantic
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Berlin
	Runway	5,200 feet
	Lighted?	Yes
	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	140 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	135 miles
	Portland, Maine	117 miles
	Boston, Mass.	185 miles
	New York City, NY	365 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	160 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
	Drove alone, car/truck/van 87.0%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van 6.0%
	Public transportation 0.0%
	Walked 0.9%
	Other means 1.9%
	Worked at home 4.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
	Working in community of residence 9%
	Commuting to another NH community 87%
	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
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
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Balsams Wilderness
	Other: Covered Bridge; Nash Stream Forest; Fiddlers Contest, John Stark Statue