

Tuftonboro, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Administration: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8-4, Thursday, 8-12; Town Clerk: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30-4, Tuesday, 4-7; Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9-12

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Carroll
Wolfeboro, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 3
Carroll County Districts 6, 7

Incorporated: 1795

Origin: Tuftonboro was owned by just one man, John Tufton Mason, for whom the town was named. Mason was heir to the Masonian Claim, the undivided lands of northern New Hampshire, which he sold to a group of Portsmouth merchants in 1746. These merchants were thereafter known as the Masonian Proprietors. They disposed of the land via grants to prospective settlers prior to the Revolution. The Tuftonboro grant was issued in 1750 by the Proprietors, and the town was incorporated in 1795. Between 1799 and 1863, six Winnepesaukee islands were annexed to Tuftonboro.

Villages and Place Names: Center Tuftonboro, Federal Corner, Melvin Village, Mirror Lake, Tuftonboro Corner, Union Wharf, Abenaki Tower

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 109 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Tuftonboro totaled 1,565 over 50 years, from 910 in 1970 to 2,475 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 65 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by four percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Tuftonboro was 2,584 residents, which ranked 122nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 63.6 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Lisbon. Tuftonboro contains 40.6 square miles of land area and 8.8 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$6,052,633	
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Zoning Ordinance		1969/19	
Master Plan		2006	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Parks & Recreation		
Public Library	Tuftonboro Free		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro		8 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop; Wolfeboro		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
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; TDS Telecom		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
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)		\$ 6.44	
2022 Equalization Ratio		89.6	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 5.76	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		97.2%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		1.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.0%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,468	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,127	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		30	
Five or More Units in Structure		110	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		201	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	2,584		52,199
2020	2,467		50,107
2010	2,387		47,818
2000	2,164		43,918
1990	1,832		35,526
1980	1,500		27,929
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	1,190	Female	1,289
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			144
Age 5 to 19			368
Age 20 to 34			245
Age 35 to 54			487
Age 55 to 64			352
Age 65 and over			883
Median Age			54.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		1,897	
High school graduate or higher			95.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			46.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$40,481
Median family income			\$92,581
Median household income			\$76,176
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$78,750
Female			\$41,406
Individuals below the poverty level			7.2%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	1,211		1,169
Employed	1,160		1,139
Unemployed	51		30
Unemployment rate	4.2%		2.6%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	55		63
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 562		\$ 926
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	283		254
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 612		\$ 888
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	338		316
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 604		\$ 896
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	96		65
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 521		\$ 954
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	434		381
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 585		\$ 906
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro)** District: **SAU 49**

Career Technology Center(s): **Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	100			

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: **2** Total Capacity: **32**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Melvin Village Marina	Marina	26	1954
Birch and Vine	Restaurant	17	2021
Spiderweb Gardens	Greenhouse & garden center	20	1938
Lands End Marina	Marina	9	1946
Pier 19	Convenience Store	8	2020
Tuftonboro General Store	General Store	3	1822

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes
State Routes **109, 109A, 171**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **Spaulding Tpk., Exit 18; I-93, Exit 24**
Distance **23 miles; 28 miles**

Railroad **No**
Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Moultonborough Airport Runway **3,475 ft. asphalt**
Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **No**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Portland (ME) International Distance **60 miles**
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **8**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	64 miles
Portland, Maine	64 miles
Boston, Mass.	110 miles
New York City, NY	318 miles
Montreal, Quebec	240 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	70.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	5.1%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	13.7%

Mean Travel Time to Work **27.8 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents

Working in community of residence	35.8%
Commuting to another NH community	61.8%
Commuting out-of-state	2.4%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	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)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Cranmore, Attitash, Gunstock, Abenaki, King Pine**

Other: **Hiking**