

Acworth, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Board of Selectmen's Administrative Assistant: Monday to Thursday, 8-1; Town Clerk: Wednesday, 4:30-7, Saturday, 8-12; Tax Collector: Monday, 2-4

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Sullivan
Charlestown, NH LMA
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 8
Sullivan County Districts 4, 8

Incorporated: 1766

Origin: Acworth was first chartered in 1752 as Burnet, in honor of William Burnet, who was appointed Colonial Governor for the provinces of Massachusetts and New Hampshire in 1728 but died shortly thereafter. No settlements were made under this charter, and in 1766 the Masonian proprietors regranted the land to new settlers under the name Acworth, honoring Sir Jacob Acworth of the British Admiralty. Acworth's meetinghouse, built in 1821 and now the Congregational Church, is known for its federal-style architecture. Both the church and the Acworth Silsby Library are on the National Register of Historic Places.

Villages and Place Names: Crescent Lake, East Acworth, South Acworth

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 704 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Acworth totaled 405 over 50 years, from 459 in 1970 to 864 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase from 1980 to 1990, which followed a 29 percent increase over the previous decade. The town's population declined slightly from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Acworth was 888 residents, which ranked 191st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 22.8 persons per square mile of land area. Acworth contains 38.9 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$1,703,462
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Zoning Ordinance	1970/18
Master Plan	2019
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Zoning**

Public Library **Acworth Silsby Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	State Police
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Commercial

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Valley Regional, Claremont	19 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	NH Electric Coop; Liberty Utilities
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Direct TV
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.81
2022 Equalization Ratio	74.4
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.18

2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	92.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	524
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	491
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	3
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	30

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	888	43,958	
2020	853	43,063	
2010	891	43,742	
2000	837	40,560	
1990	777	38,652	
1980	590	36,063	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021			
Population by Gender			
Male	452	Female	492

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	27
Age 5 to 19	213
Age 20 to 34	131
Age 35 to 54	171
Age 55 to 64	186
Age 65 and over	216
Median Age	44.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 687	
High school graduate or higher	90.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	23.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income	\$26,761
Median family income	\$80,972
Median household income	\$70,893

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$52,422
Female	\$41,417
Individuals below the poverty level	4.7%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	469	456
Employed	448	436
Unemployed	21	20
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	73	74
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,036	\$1,044
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	8	12
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 254	\$ 306
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	81	85
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 958	\$ 942
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	14	17
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 353	\$ 593
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	95	102
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 871	\$ 885

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)** District: **SAU 60**

Career Technology Center(s): **Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Cheshire Career Center (Keene)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	1-4			
Total Enrollment	31			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Colby-Sawyer; New England; Antioch New England**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bascom's Sugar House	Maple products	7	1939
South Acworth Village Store	Convenience store	6	1865

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes		123A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 7	
	Distance		11 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Claremont Municipal	Runway	3,098 ft. asphalt	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Lebanon Municipal	Distance		40 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			1
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			61 miles
Portland, Maine			155 miles
Boston, Mass.			113 miles
New York City, NY			241 miles
Montreal, Quebec			219 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.6%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	1.6%
Worked at home	4.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	14.0%
Commuting to another NH community	76.2%
Commuting out-of-state	9.8%

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
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee
	Other: Library Used Book Sale; Summer Music Festival; Sestercentennial 2017