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**101 Reasons
to Move to
New Hampshire**



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Historical Precedent

More than 200-year history of independence, small government, and local control...

Just a few of the famous people in NH history



**Josiah Bartlett -
Second signer of the
Declaration of
Independence**



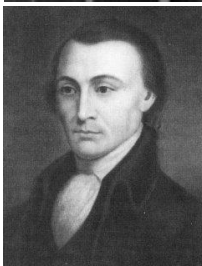
**General John Stark –
Popularized the “Live Free
or Die” state motto.
Commanded NH forces in
the Revolutionary War**



**Marilla Ricker – First
woman lawyer certified to
try cases in front of the
Supreme Court and ran for
governor – all before
women even had the right
to vote**



**John Sullivan– NH’s first
governor, fought in the
Revolutionary War and
joined the NH Seacoast
uprising at Fort William
and Mary in 1774**



**Matthew Thornton –
Signer of the Declaration
of Independence – served
on the NH court,
legislature, and executive
council**



**Robert Frost – Won his
first of four Pulitzer Prizes
with his 1924 volume of
poems named “New
Hampshire”**

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Famous spirit of independence and “Live Free or Die” State Motto

For more than 200 years, New Hampshire has held fast to the values of self-reliance, small government, and independence. For its symbolic significance, there is no state more suited to the Free State Project. The motto was popularized by General John Stark, a New Hampshire citizen and leader in the Revolutionary War, who wrote, “Live free or die. Death is not the worst of evils.”



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**New Hampshire was the first state to
declare itself independent from
England in 1774**

#3

**New Hampshire patriots were the first
to seize powder and guns from the
fort of William and Mary in 1774**

On December 14, 1774, more than 400 NH Seacoast-area patriots mobbed the gates of the William and Mary fort following the visit of Paul Revere confirming rumors of English ships and troops on the way. Within hours, the fort was overwhelmed and the patriots made away with 97 barrels of powder later distributed to militias throughout the state as building blocks for the nascent continental army.

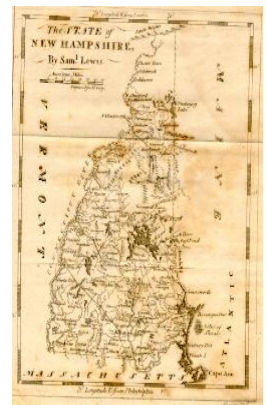


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New Hampshire was the first state to adopt a revolutionary constitution, 1776

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New Hampshire was the first state to hold a Constitutional Convention, 1778



New Hampshire was the first state to require that its Constitution be referred to the people for approval, 1783

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The historical precedent set by New Hampshire for the FSP is simply unmatched. The spirit of independence lives on today. Join the Free Stater's in New Hampshire and be a part of history in the making.

Constitutional Advantages

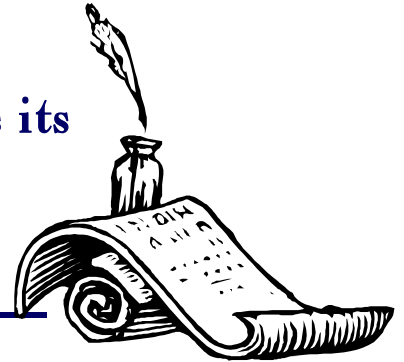


Constitutions are far more difficult to change than statutes; thus, a constitution that limits the power of the legislature provides a more stable basis for both determining the state's liberty orientation and ensuring the ultimate success of the Free State Project.

New Hampshire offers MANY constitutional advantages favorable to achieving the goals of FSP members

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New Hampshire's constitution is the **ONLY** constitution in the **WORLD** that expressly protects its citizens right to revolution.



Art. 10. [Right of Revolution.] Government being instituted for the common benefit, protection, and security, of the whole community, and not for the private interest or emolument of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, whenever the ends of government are perverted, and public liberty manifestly endangered, and all other means of redress are ineffectual, the people may, and of right ought to reform the old, or establish a new government. The doctrine of nonresistance against arbitrary power, and oppression, is absurd, slavish, and destructive of the good and happiness of mankind.

New Hampshire's governorship is the weakest of all the states due to our unique, constitutionally mandated system of checks and balances against the power of the governor. The Executive Council holds the distinction of being the first and the last of its kind in the nation. It is a vestige of the Colonial era and a public reminder of the continuing indication of the basic distrust Granite State citizens have for dictatorial government.

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Art. 60. [Councilors; Mode of Election, etc.] There shall be biennially elected, by ballot, five councilors, for advising the governor in the executive part of government...

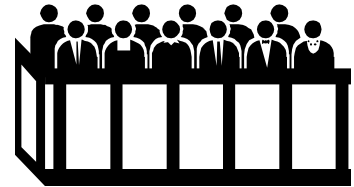
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New Hampshire offers the best representation of any state **NATIONWIDE** with a 400-member House of Representatives.

Art. 9. [Representatives Elected Every Second Year; Apportionment of Representatives.] There shall be in the legislature of this state a house of representatives, biennially elected and founded on principles of equality, and representation therein shall be as equal as circumstances will admit. ***The whole number of representatives to be chosen from the towns, wards, places, and representative districts thereof established hereunder, shall be not less than three hundred seventy-five or more than four hundred...***

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New Hampshire offers a true citizen legislature – a government “of the people”



–based on their **\$100 per year** pay to legislators.

Art. 15. [Compensation of the Legislature.] The presiding officers of both houses of the legislature, shall severally receive out of the state treasury as compensation in full for their services for the term elected [two years] the sum of \$250, and all other members thereof, seasonably attending and not departing without license, the sum of \$200...

More than any other state, New Hampshire’s compensation system ensures that its representatives are motivated most strongly by a desire to serve the people. A pay raise would require a Constitutional amendment!

New Hampshire's Constitution is one of the few in the nation that **DOES NOT** mandate the provision of a public school system.

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To abolish government-controlled schools in many other states would require a constitutional amendment.

New Hampshire (Article 83): “it shall be the duty of the legislators and magistrates, in all future periods of this government, to cherish the interest of literature and the sciences, and all seminaries and public schools”

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Unlike some, New Hampshire's Constitution does not specifically prohibit secession. While this is not a goal of the Free State Project, it could be a critical bargaining chip during negotiations with the federal government.



Political Advantages

The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to a single state of the U.S., where they may work within the political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

New Hampshire is that state!

New Hampshire offers us the most existing political advantages to facilitate the achievement of our goals.



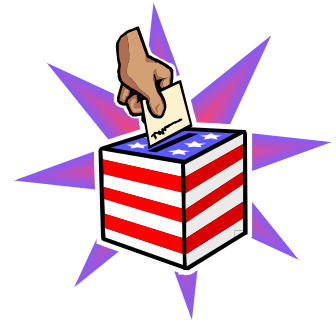
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In New Hampshire, the FSP already has at least two FREE STATE PROJECT MEMBERS ALREADY IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES!

It's true! At least two FSP members are already members of the New Hampshire legislature. Active New Hampshire-based FSP members have a fast-track head start on electing members to office to work within the political system in order to reduce the size and scope of government!

#14

New Hampshire boasts a LIBERTARIAN AND FREE STATE PROJECT MEMBER ALREADY APPOINTED TO AN OFFICIAL POSITION BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE!



Again, it's true! John Babiarz, chair of the LPNH and FSP member, was an appointee of Governor Benson to the Efficiency in Government Commission, a commission formed to streamline and downsize New Hampshire state government. As an extension of this Commission, a number of Porcupines and Libertarians have been invited to work on a Task Force authorized by Governor Benson, to assist in analyzing New Hampshire government and making recommendations to streamline and cut costs. Currently, John Babiarz is serving as an appointee of Governor Benson on the Consensus Revenue Estimation Panel. In New Hampshire, FSP members have hit the ground running but need YOUR help to sustain their momentum.

#15

The FSP HAS LIBERTY-MINDED FRIENDS IN THE EXISTING NEW HAMPSHIRE LEGISLATURE.

Numerous members of the New Hampshire House of Representatives have attended Free State Project meetings, publicly voiced support for the Free State Project coming to New Hampshire, and/or have reached out to establish alliances with FSP members already in New Hampshire. Free State Project members and the political activity they bring is welcome in New Hampshire!



#16

New Hampshire's Governor Benson is a signed friend of the Free State Project and has publicly voiced his support for the Free State Project on numerous occasions.

Governor Benson has expressed his support of the FSP in a multitude of ways: in television interviews, in state and national newspaper stories, by speaking at the 2003 LPNH convention, and by agreeing to participate as the keynote speaker at the 2004 Liberty Dinner organized by the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance, a political action committee founded by Free State Project members already residing in New Hampshire.



In New Hampshire, the FSP has received a friendly reception from many in the major parties. The Chair

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of the New Hampshire GOP, Jayne Millerick, was welcoming to the Free State Project and indicated that the group would be happy with the political activity in the state. From a Stateline.org article:

"If these individuals choose to come to New Hampshire they'll find an atmosphere that's very open to grassroots activities and very strong and independent voter participation."

#18

New Hampshire offers the critical advantage of allowing fusion candidates. A fusion candidate is

defined as one who has been nominated by two or more parties, and appears on the general ballot with all parties noted.

The advantage is absolutely critical to the political success of FSP members. It means the ability to run as a Libertarian-Republican or even as a Libertarian-Republican-Democrat, capturing all of the straight-ticket votes.

How successful is this strategy in New Hampshire? In the 2002 election, 59 seats of 400, or 15% of the House, was won with fusion! Every single fusion candidate on the general ballot won! In 1992, 2 Libertarians won seats using just this method.

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In New Hampshire you have the opportunity to completely **OVERHAUL THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES** every other year as NH is one of only a handful of states to run elections on the biennial cycle.

The New Hampshire voter population makeup hints at its citizens' spirit of independence and a dissatisfaction with major parties; a huge potential opportunity for a third party – Approximately 37% are registered Republicans and 27% are registered Democrats but a full 36% are registered Independents.

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Geographically, New Hampshire is the perfect size to optimize and facilitate campaigns. 180 miles long and 50 miles wide with an extreme width of 93 miles, within a matter of hours you can reach any corner of the state by car. Contrast this with some of the larger states in the U.S. To effectively execute a statewide campaign in one of these states, an airplane would be necessary – an expense that our competitors may be able to afford, but one that would not be an option for most FSP candidates.



**NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFERS SMALL,
EASY TO CANVASS, WINNABLE
DISTRICTS.**

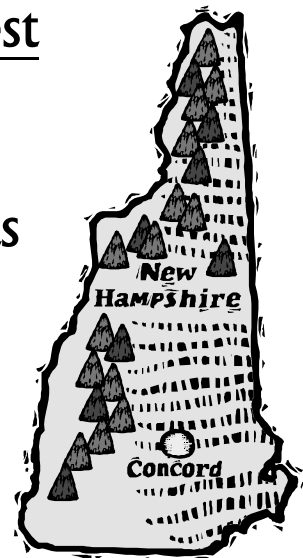
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In terms of representation (population / # of representatives) New Hampshire offers the smallest districts in the NATION.

Small districts facilitate success! If your goal as an Free State Project member is to WIN and to work WITHIN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM, small districts far outweigh overall population concerns.

New Hampshire districts are small enough that the candidates get to know their constituents personally, in many districts, you can walk from one end to another in less than in an hour, and seats are often won with no more than a couple-hundred-dollar campaign budgets.

Remember, New Hampshire has the largest legislature of any state or province in any country in the WORLD. With NH's 400-member House, every legislator represents very few constituents. In some districts, candidates need as few as 700 votes to win! Even multi-seat districts are easy to win – re-read advantage #18 – the ability to run fusion candidates.



NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS A LONG TRADITION OF LOCAL CONTROL THROUGH TOWN MEETINGS.

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Town meetings in New Hampshire and other New England states are probably the most direct access to government given to citizens in America.



Though town meetings such as this are unfamiliar to many from other parts of the nation, in New Hampshire these meetings have deep ideological roots and reflect the citizens' commitment to local control. Topics covered in town meetings are diverse and the meetings themselves are often quite lively. Since Colonial times they have given citizens, not their representatives, the ability to participate directly in the making of their laws and the raising and spending of taxes.

The New Hampshire Constitution even prohibits unfunded state mandates, providing a check upon state control and ensuring that decision-making remains with the local jurisdictions.

What better atmosphere could there be for FSP members to begin repealing unwanted government intrusion, to demonstrate that our ideas are viable, and to create pockets of freedom on a local level to act as statewide and nationwide examples of the benefits of freedom?



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NEW HAMPSHIRE TOWNS VOTE ON THEIR BUDGETS LINE-BY-LINE, IN THE FORM OF WARRANTS.

The result is incredible control by towns and citizens over their budgets, unlike many states that simply elect representatives to “bring home the bacon” for their favorite pet projects.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE HAS THE 4TH LOWEST PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT IN THE COUNTRY, AS A PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL LABOR FORCE.

1. New Hampshire – 12.44%
2. Massachusetts – 12.02%
3. Pennsylvania – 11.92%
4. Nevada – 11.59%

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FREE STATE PROJECT MEMBERS WHO HAVE ALREADY MADE THE MOVE TO NEW HAMPSHIRE, MARVEL ABOUT HOW OPEN AND INVITING THE NH POLITICAL SYSTEM IS:

“The NH Legislatures interest and willingness to work with us, has been incredibly exciting!” – David Mincin

“NH legislative process empowers the citizen to a degree of involvement much greater than I have ever experienced in any of the other nine states where I've lived. Here is a state where you are truly represented and can make a difference.” – Calvin Pratt

**NEW HAMPSHIRE IS ACTIVELY
SEEKING TO REDUCE THE SIZE AND
SCOPE OF GOVERNMENT, CUT
COSTS, AND IMPROVE EFFICIENCY.**

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SOUND FAMILIAR?

As the first bill he signed into law, New Hampshire's Governor Benson established the **Efficiency in Government Commission** – appointing LPNH chair, John Babiarz to pinpoint ways the state could streamline operations, create new efficiencies, and save taxpayers money.

Governor Benson also has a sense of humor that advocates of limited government everywhere can appreciate:

"TAX ME MORE"

A special account for those who want to pay higher taxes

CONCORD, March 6, 2003 — Today Governor Craig Benson announced that he is setting up a special "Tax Me More" account for those who feel that their taxes aren't high enough.

"The voters spoke loud and clear last November: No income tax, no sales tax, no tax increases, no way. I have put forward the first budget in a long time that controls spending and lowers taxes. But every now and then I hear someone wants to spend more money or raise some tax," said Benson. "I can certainly respect a difference of opinion and I want to accommodate those who feel that their taxes aren't high enough. That's why I am setting up the 'Tax Me More' account for those people who want to pay more in taxes."

Anyone wishing to pay higher taxes can make their checks payable to "The State of NH / Tax Me More Account" and mail their checks to Administrative Services, Room 120, Statehouse Annex, Concord, NH, 03301. All voluntary tax payments should be accompanied by the "Tax Me More" tax form. Copies of the form are available the Governor's Customer Service Department and can be obtained by calling (603) 271-7626.

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NH HAS A LONG TRADITION OF TRANSPARENCY IN THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE BRANCHES.

To create a truly free political entity, it is essential to have total legislative transparency. In New Hampshire, complete and absolute transparency is already part of the political system and culture.

91-A:1 Preamble. Openness in the conduct of public business is essential to a democratic society. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure both the greatest possible public access to the actions, discussions and records of all public bodies, and their accountability to the people.

II. All public proceedings shall be open to the public, and all persons shall be permitted to attend any meetings of these bodies or agencies... no vote while in open session may be taken by secret ballot. Any person shall be permitted to use recording devices, including but not limited to, tape recorders, cameras and video-tape equipment, at such meetings. Minutes of all such meetings, including names of members, persons appearing before the bodies or agencies, and a brief description of the subject matter discussed and final decisions, shall be promptly recorded and open to public inspection within 144 hours of the public meeting...

In New Hampshire, all state business is conducted and voted in public. Meeting minutes and all public records are freely available and easily accessible, many on the state website. If a citizen is unable to travel to the State House to sit in on legislative sessions, it is easy to listen in by streaming audio as provided on the state website. Very few states enjoy such open accountability between its Executive and Legislative departments and its citizens.

#29

New Hampshire is well known for their first-in-the-nation primaries that will provide the FSP with UNMATCHED leverage in the national debate.



Once we begin winning state- and local-level offices in New Hampshire we will add real strength to liberty-oriented national candidates at primary and debate time. The benefits of liberty and freedom will be broadcast to the nation and the world in an unprecedented way. Like-minded advocates of small government all over the U.S. would finally have a roadmap and example to follow.

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New Hampshire offers the best chance to achieve clean elections.

100% of New Hampshire's votes are recorded on paper ballots and 60% of NH municipalities count them by hand. Counting takes place at the precinct, beginning immediately after the polls close, and in full view of the public. Very few states offer these protections. New Hampshire is a state in which counting fraud can be prevented.

IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, EDUCATION IS MOSTLY FUNDED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

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With the exception of the \$5.80 statewide property tax, all education funding is raised at the local level, reflecting New Hampshire's long tradition of local control and education decision-making. FSP members will appreciate and find many allies among NH citizens who deeply believe that much as small government is better, closer government is better.

Also noteworthy and of interest to FSP members should be the Governor's new plan that cuts this statewide tax nearly in half over the next 5 years.



IN NEW HAMPSHIRE, WE HAVE A CHANCE OF ENDING THE GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY ON

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THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. Although education is mostly funded at the local level, not too long ago it was ALL funded at the local level. The current system was created with the highly unpopular Claremont decision handed down by the Supreme Court. No issue unites the citizens of New Hampshire quite so much as the disgust over the school-funding situation. There is an enormous opportunity right now for any political movement to promote a workable solution to the school funding situation and END public schooling in those towns that wish to do so.

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New Hampshire local elections are mostly nonpartisan. This offers an excellent opportunity for FSP members to focus on the message rather than the political label, win local offices, and demonstrate first hand, the benefits of liberty. The LPNH has clearly demonstrated this advantage by electing more Libertarians to office than any other state in the NATION.

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Almost across the board, New Hampshire-region newspapers and television stations have been receptive of and fair to the Free State Project – in front-page feature articles, special television news segments, event coverage, radio interviews, editorials, and letters to the editor. Many thousands of New Hampshire citizens and the citizens of neighboring states have learned about the Free State Project in a positive way thanks to reporters from the Union Leader, Channel 9, WBZ-TV, Tiger Radio, Boston Globe, and other media outlets.

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New Hampshire tends to be characterized in the media as a 'mainstream' state. In New Hampshire, FSP members are gaining media attention not as a 'fringe curiosity' but as a viable, mainstream movement with real potential. If our goal is to establish a beachhead of freedom that will serve as an example of freedom to the rest of the nation and world, we can achieve that in New Hampshire.

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Unlike many low population states, New Hampshire voters are not as likely to be influenced by federal

government farm subsidies. NH voters receive only \$1.08 per capita as compared to \$891.44 per capita in North Dakota and \$228.25 in Montana.



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Within months of selection as the Free State, Porcupines in New Hampshire – both early movers and natives of the state – were already influencing NH

politics...testifying at the State House, networking with liberty-oriented groups statewide, and establishing new non-partisan coalition groups to advance and accelerate the cause of individual liberty in New Hampshire.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE OFFERS A BROAD-BASED, DYNAMIC ECONOMY WITH GROWTH POTENTIAL AND MANY STRENGTHS.

The reality is that it will take money to achieve success with the Free State Project. If jobs are scarce, if money is tight, and if it is difficult to support a family, it wouldn't be long before we lost activists to reality. In New Hampshire our members will thrive economically from the start and be able to immediately begin working for and contributing toward the achievement of FSP goals.

Advantages of a Freedom-Oriented Culture

The native political culture of the state is vitally important. Because New Hampshire is oriented toward liberty already, consistently voting for smaller, less intrusive government, it will be much easier for the Free State Project to introduce reforms and to live as neighbors with the native citizens of the state. New Hampshire indisputably has one of the nation's leanest, most efficient government combined with strong, inherent values of self-reliance and personal responsibility. It is a state in which libertarians will feel at home.



#39 Unlike any other state, New Hampshire has a history of electing and re-electing Libertarians to office.

In 1991, New Hampshire state legislators Cal Warburton and Finlay Rothhaus resigned from the Republican Party and joined the Libertarian Party. In 1992, Warburton and Rothhaus were re-elected and Libertarians Don Gorman and Andy Borsa were elected to the House of Representatives.

#40 In New Hampshire's 1992 presidential primary election, Libertarian Andre Marrou beat incumbent President George Bush in Dixville Notch, the first town to vote in the nation.

#41 New Hampshire citizens have elected a high number of Libertarians to public office. Presently, there are 30 public offices held by New Hampshire Libertarians.

New Hampshire has the highest per capita of elected and appointed Libertarians in the nation.

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As of 2003, New Hampshire has the highest density of Libertarian Party members in the nation.



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There is a large contingency of liberty-minded Republicans in the New Hampshire legislative and executive branches.

These individuals consistently vote to reduce spending, cut programs, lower taxes, and repeal intrusive laws. These individuals have even indicated that they WANT a Libertarian caucus at the State House so they can push their agenda through.

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New Hampshire has grassroots freedom-oriented groups springing up statewide.

New Hampshire even has a visible presence of active anarchists in the state.

New Hampshirites HATE TAXES. At every opportunity, New Hampshire citizens vote to cut taxes lower

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and lower. The mere mention of introducing new taxes is death to the career of politicians in New Hampshire. This vigilance is the primary reason that New Hampshire citizens enjoy the lowest taxes as a percentage of gross income NATIONWIDE. NH citizens receive their tax bills in one lump property tax that provides for an extraordinarily tax-aware electorate that applauds all efforts to lower taxes. In New Hampshire, you keep more of the money you earn.



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New Hampshire has NO GENERAL INCOME TAX.

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New Hampshire has NO GENERAL SALES TAX.

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New Hampshire has NO CAPITAL GAINS TAX.

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New Hampshire has NO INVENTORY TAX.

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New Hampshire has NO TAX ON MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT.

#52

New Hampshire offers very low dependence on federal dollars and is the fourth lowest in the nation!

New Hampshire receives back only 71 cents for every \$1 paid in federal taxes.

States that receive more from the central government than they pay in taxes are less likely to seek fiscal autonomy or sovereignty. New Hampshire offers a clear advantage for FSP members seeking to reduce the size and scope of government.

#53

New Hampshire offers some of the least restrictive gun laws in the nation.

Open carry (no permit necessary) is allowed in all but courtrooms and CCW permits are provided on a "shall issue" basis - no fingerprints, photos, or special training required as in other states. Obtaining a non-resident CCW permit in New Hampshire is easy. The NH legislature is presently considering a bill that would make concealed carry permits optional.



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New Hampshire is one of only four states **NATIONWIDE** that believes in the saying: "Let those that ride decide." **NEW HAMPSHIRE PLACES NO HELMET RESTRICTIONS ON MOTORCYCLISTS.**



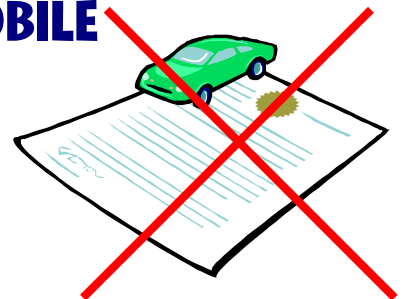
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New Hampshire is the **ONLY STATE NATIONWIDE** that **DOES NOT HAVE A MANDATORY SEATBELT LAW.** In New Hampshire, adults are respected to make their own decisions.



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New Hampshire is one of only five states **NATIONWIDE** that **DOES NOT HAVE A MANDATORY AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE LAW.**



#57

At just 7.7%, New Hampshire offers some of the LOWEST federal, state, and local government spending as a percentage of gross state product nationwide.

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At just 6.2%, New Hampshire offers some of the LOWEST state and local government spending nationwide.

#59

At just \$927 per capita, New Hampshire offers one of the SMALLEST state budgets nationwide.

#60

New Hampshire is the only state in the nation that has had a jury nullification bill passed by the House twice (though killed in the Senate) – this most recent time (May 2003) by a margin of 220-147.

Although juries in New Hampshire have the right to find a defendant not guilty even if the prosecutor has proved his case, judges do not always notify juries of this right (although it is implied in the current instructions). The bill would have required judges to include this right in instructions to juries.



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New Hampshire is one of the few states that does not regulate raw milk sales.

Want to buy milk from the farm down the road? No problem in New Hampshire.



New Hampshire has a large, politically active, and rapidly growing

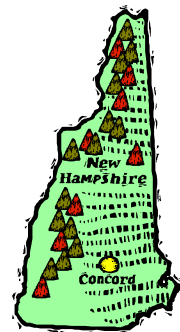
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homeschooling population. In 1987 there was believed to be approximately 346 homeschooled children in NH. By 2001, that figure had grown exponentially to over 3,600 (as reported to the Dept. of Ed.

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Prior to the FSP state vote, by a huge lead, almost double its nearest competitor, New Hampshire had the highest number of FSP members per 1,000 population. Perhaps a strong indication of native sentiment?

NH	0.092544955
MT	0.05387854
AK	0.043492713
DE	0.043349827
ID	0.034299408
WY	0.034088425
VT	0.022705452
SD	0.019709275
ND	0.017347148
ME	0.016222931



ECONOMIC & EMPLOYMENT ADVANTAGES



New Hampshire is a state in which a high percentage of Free State Project members will be able to find employment in their chosen professions, start or grow businesses in an already thriving economy, bring home a higher income, and keep more of that income because of New Hampshire's lowest-in-the-nation taxes as a percentage of that income.

New Hampshire's thriving economy will enable immediate ability for FSP members to concentrate on political activism rather than concerns about how they will support their family.

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New Hampshire offers the lowest taxes as a percentage of gross income NATIONWIDE.

#1 NH 4.54% 1st in nation



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Among the low population states, New Hampshire is the highest ranked for offering the most dynamic

economy. Nationwide, against all states large and small, NH is ranked right in the middle (25 out of 50). For FSP members, that means a broader-based economy, more business opportunities, diverse job opportunities, and lots of consumer choices.

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New Hampshire is ranked 3rd in the NATION for the having the highest percentage of high-tech jobs. The high-

tech sector in New Hampshire is growing to 300% the U.S. average of employment concentration. According to the FSP board, a high percentage of the FSP membership work in the high-tech industry. New Hampshire is a state where the majority of the membership will be able to find jobs within their existing profession.



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New Hampshire is ranked #8 in the nation for offering the highest percentage of knowledge jobs.

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New Hampshire is ranked 4th in the NATION for the highest dollar amount of venture capital invested in the state. With the strong economy and growth potential, funding businesses in New Hampshire is a winning investment. New Hampshire is a superb state for starting or growing a small business.

#69

New Hampshire is friendly to small businesses and nurturing of entrepreneurs. New Hampshire is frequently in the top 10 in nationwide listings, for offering a business-friendly environment. In a recent Microsoft bCentral ranking, New Hampshire was listed as being “close behind” the TOP 10. The SBSC index, which includes a measure of entrepreneurial activity within the state also lists NH among the TOP 10.

#70

Among the low-population states, NH is one of the highest ranked for Research & Development (R&D) expenditures. invested in the state.

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Among the low-population states, New Hampshire is second only to ID for highest number of new patents coming from the state.

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NH has the 7th highest per capita personal income in the country, after high cost of living states CT, DC, MD, MA, NY, and NJ. For per capita disposable personal income, NH is also 7th behind the same states.

#73

New Hampshire is #10 in the nation for offering the lowest poverty rates. Besides the obvious economic advantage of this measure, it also indicates a lower percentage of possible opponents based on reliance on public assistance.



#74

For states with a population under 1.5 million, New Hampshire is second only to ID for the number of new jobs forecast, 2000-2010.

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New Hampshire holds the coveted 10th spot in the Milken Institute's 2001 New Economy Index ranking states on how well they are positioned to take advantage of growth in technology-driven industries.

New Hampshire cities have been mentioned multiple times in *Money Magazine's* "The Best Places to Live in America" ranking.

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- Nashua rated #1 as the "Best Place to Live in America" in *Money Magazine's* 1997 and 1987 rankings.
- Nashua is the only #1 rated city to ever take the title twice.
- Manchester rated #1 as the "Best Place to Live in America" in *Money Magazine's* 1998 ranking.
- Nashua rated as #3 "Best Small City in the Northeast" in *Money Magazine's* 1998 ranking.
- Nashua rated in top 20 out of 300 "Best Places to Live in America" in 1995, 1994. Nashua rated in top 6 out of 300 three times in the last 10 years.
- Nashua frequently listed among *Money Magazine's* "Five Best Places to Live in New England."



#77

New Hampshire is ranked #2 in the nation as the state most tax friendly to businesses.

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New Hampshire's core industries and leading industries in terms of growth are

ones that will ensure that a majority of FSP members will find employment in areas familiar to them – major career changes will be unnecessary.



NH Core Industries:

Electronics, Health Services, Engineering and Management Services

NH High-Growth Industries:

Electronic Components, Commercial Physical Research, Printed Circuit Boards, Computer Programming and Related Services, and Analytical Instruments

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New Hampshire's current unemployment rate (4.2) is a full 1.5 percentage points lower than national average (5.7) – March 2004

New Hampshire offers 5 FREE TRADE ZONES, including those at Manchester

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Airport and the Port of NH. Free trade zones, also known as foreign trade zones, help companies avoid high tariffs when importing or exporting goods. The savings increase the company's cash flow – creating more jobs and boosting the economy.

Geographic Advantages

Nestled as it is, in the political and economic hub of America, yet a holdout among more statist neighbors, New Hampshire is famous for her independence, small government values, and freedom-oriented culture. New Hampshire has become a haven for freedom-lovers nationwide and welcomes the political activism and ideals of the Free State Project. With both a coastal and international border, diverse terrain, a geographic size optimal for FSP purposes, abundant water resources, and ability to draw small government activists from the more populous eastern states, as well as nationwide, New Hampshire is ideal as the Free State.



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New Hampshire offers a coastal border for access to ports and harbors to facilitate trade in markets outside the U.S.



Light House on New Hampshire's Coast Line
Photographer: NHDTTD/Musumeci

Jenness Beach
Photographer: NHDTTD/Grant



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New Hampshire offers a border with Canada for facilitating international trade.

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New Hampshire offers the opportunity to expand into two neighboring states that were once FSP candidates - Vermont and Maine.

While the advantage of this may not be immediately important, the ultimate goal of the FSP is to act as an example of the benefits of liberty so that the freedoms we will enjoy will spread to other states and the world. By choosing New Hampshire we ensure that our two closest neighbors are states that were serious contenders during the selection of the Free State and that would have better than average odds to become free themselves.

#84 New Hampshire offers easy access to the seacoast, lakes, rivers, mountains, and forests.

No matter where you are in the state or where you want to go, you are never more than a two or three hour drive away. New Hampshire is an incredibly diverse state with an incredibly diverse terrain.



Stone Wall and Scenic Vista in Wolfeboro
Photographer: NHDTTD/Alness

New Hampshire offers reasonable commute time, by rail, bus, or car, to major metropolitan areas in

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surrounding states. While New Hampshire's largest cities – Concord (pop. 40,687), Derry (pop. 34,012), Manchester (pop. 107,006), and Nashua (pop. 86,605) are thriving metropolitan areas with all the culture and amenities of larger cities, without the related congestion and overdensity (Manchester is the most dense with 3,238 persons per square mile), the ability to quickly and easily travel to Boston and other cities, whether for work or pleasure, will be enjoyed by many.

#86 New Hampshire's relatively small geographic size facilitates activism statewide and makes frequent collaboration and meetings between FSP members easier.

This vital level of activism and collaboration is critical to our ultimate success.

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A significantly smaller percentage of New Hampshire's territory is owned by the federal government than many other states.

Smaller percentages of federally owned land mean greater control over the state's territory by citizens. It is likely that states with less federally owned land will experience less resistance and interference from the federal government as we seek an end to federal mandates.

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With the majority of the nation's population east of the Mississippi, New Hampshire offers a large population from nearby states to draw freedom-lovers from in order to reach and exceed our 20,000 goal.

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With its nearness to denser-population states, for a majority of current and future FSP members, a move to New Hampshire will be less disruptive and require less life-altering changes.

#90

New Hampshire is home to the tallest mountain in the Northeast, Mt.

Washington, affording 100-mile views of three states and Canada.



Mount Washington
Photographer: NHDTTD/Grant

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Unlike some states, New Hampshire offers abundant water resources. The potential for water shortages in NH are insignificant.



Boat on Lake Winnepesaukee
Photographer: NHDTTD/Brownell

Quality of Life Advantages

Consistently ranked among the top of all states nationwide for “Quality of Life and Livability,” for having the “Least Overall Violent and Property Crimes in the Nation,” for cities that are the “Best Places to Live in America,” and among the top of the “Healthiest States in the Nation,” New Hampshire is the unsurpassed first choice for those who understand that quality of life will play a primary role in ensuring the ongoing commitment of FSP activists. Add to this, New Hampshire’s diverse communities, breathtaking scenic beauty, cultural offerings, and hundreds of four-season recreational options and you have a clear winner.



#92 New Hampshire is #1 in the NATION as ranked for quality of life and livability by Morgan Quitno Press, 2004.

#93 New Hampshire is a state with breathtaking beauty and scenery – the ocean, lakes, mountains, forests, rivers, picturesque



New England towns, covered bridges, historical homes – New Hampshire has it all.

Dixville Notch
Photographer: NHDTTD/Grant

#94 Based on FBI figures, New Hampshire has the least overall crime in the NATION as of 2001.

According to Morgan Quitno Press, which uses FBI figures in conjunction with other factors, NH has been the 2nd safest state in the nation for 5 consecutive years and has been in the top 6 since 1994.

#95 New Hampshire is the #1 healthiest state in the NATION, tied with Minnesota, as ranked by the United Health Foundation, 2003.

#96

NH offers 17 accredited private senior colleges and universities to choose from.

Dartmouth College in Hanover
Photographer: NHDTTD/Winniker



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Air transportation to and from New Hampshire is facilitated by 23 commercial airports and 79 landing areas throughout the state. Passenger rail service has been recently added to New Hampshire's transportation options.

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Throughout NH, in every region, there are numerous cultural offerings not always easily found or within convenient driving distance in other states – science, historical, and art museums, theme parks, symphonies, concert centers, art galleries, performing art theaters, antique shows, agricultural fairs, and much more.

Market Square Day in Downtown Portsmouth
Photographer: NHDTTD/Morang



#99

New Hampshire offers modern, extensive cellular and Internet infrastructures and statewide access to low-cost, high-speed Internet.

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Fisherman in Pittsburg
Photographer:
NHDTTD/Bouffard



New Hampshire offers extraordinary recreation opportunities and choices. NH is a mecca for hunting and fishing as the state has more than 500 species of vertebrate animals, including black bear, coyote, bobcats, moose, white-tailed deer, and beaver, and fishing options that include deep-sea, river, and lake fishing.

Marlborough in Fall with view of Mt. Monadnock
Photographer: NHDTTD/Speszaferrri



Spectacular fall foliage brings millions of dollars in tourist revenue to the state.

Excellent four-season sporting opportunities include thousands of miles of hiking and biking trails, boating on our lakes, rivers, and the ocean, mountain climbing, skiing, snowboarding, camping, ATV riding, snowmobiling, and much more.

Hiking in the White Mountains
Photographer: NHDTTD/Dodge



101 **New Hampshire offers an incredibly diverse mix of communities.** Whether your ideal home is oceanside, lakefront, mountainside, or riverside, New Hampshire offers you the ideal spot.

Whether you desire a thriving metropolitan area, a quaint New England town, a large acreage homestead, or an isolated cabin deep in the forest, you will find it in New Hampshire. There is a place in New Hampshire where almost every FSP member will feel welcome, comfortable, and at home.

Of New Hampshire's 234 municipalities:

- 55 have a population under 1,000
- 67 have a population between 1,000 – 2,500
- 53 have a population between 2,500 – 5,000
- 23 have a population between 5,000 – 7,500
- 8 have a population between 7,500 – 10,000
- 13 have a population between 10,000 – 15,000
- 7 have a population between 15,000 – 25,000
- 8 have a population over 25,000

- 16 have a population per square mile of 10 or less
- 28 have a population per square mile of 11-25
- 41 have a population per square mile of 26-50
- 33 have a population per square mile of 51-75
- 12 have a population per square mile of 76-100
- 46 have a population per square mile of 101-200
- 12 have a population per square mile of 201-300
- 46 have a population per square mile of 301-500
- 21 have a population per square mile of 501-1000
- 8 have a population per square mile of over 1000

New Hampshire's most dense city is Manchester which is 3,238.7. New Hampshire's least dense town has a population per square mile of 1.9.



Salem in Winter
Photographer: NHDTTD/Musumeci