

# Dorchester, NH



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County	<b>Grafton</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Upper Valley Lake Sunapee</b>
Regional Development	<b>Grafton County Economic Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 2</b>
State Representative	<b>Grafton County Districts 11, 16</b>

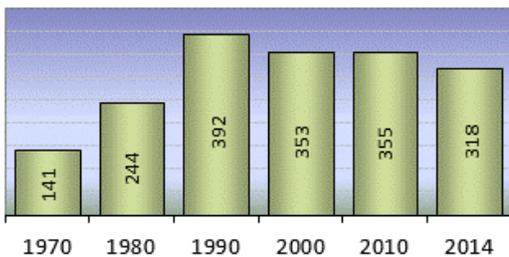
**Incorporated:** 1761

**Origin:** First chartered in 1761, Dorchester was probably given its name in honor of ancestors of Governor Benning Wentworth, who held the titles Marquis of Dorchester and Earl of Kingston. Due to the inability of grantees to meet prescribed terms of settlement, the territory was granted twice more, once in 1766 and again in 1772, retaining the name Dorchester throughout. The town's first moderator, Captain John Thompson, was a descendant of David Thompson, who was one of the first settlers in the colony, at Rye's Odiorne Point in 1623.

**Villages and Place Names:** Bucks Corner, Cheever, North Dorchester

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 175 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Dorchester totaled 227 over 54 years, from 91 in 1960 to 318 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was 73 percent between



1970 and 1980, a numeric increase of 103. The 2014 Census estimate for Dorchester was 318 residents, which ranked 225th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau):** 7.1 persons per square mile of land area, eighth lowest among cities and towns. Dorchester contains 44.6 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	<b>\$434,095</b>
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1989</b>
Master Plan	<b>1981</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Cemetery</b>
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Conservation; Historic District</b>
Public Library	<b>No Library</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>No</b>
Fire Department	<b>Canaan, Rumney, Lyme - Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Canaan, Warren, Wentworth - Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	
	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>18 miles 25</b>
<b>Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon</b>	<b>23 miles 25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	
	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Yes Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.66</b>
2015 Equalization Ratio	<b>109.5</b>
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.31</b>
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>93.7%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>1.9%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.4%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2010-2014)	
Total Housing Units	<b>198</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>171</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>2</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>25</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2014	<b>318</b>	<b>89,360</b>
2010	<b>355</b>	<b>89,118</b>
2000	<b>353</b>	<b>81,826</b>
1990	<b>392</b>	<b>74,998</b>
1980	<b>244</b>	<b>65,806</b>
1970	<b>141</b>	<b>54,914</b>

<b>Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014</b>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>167</b>	Female	<b>151</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>2</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>28</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>44</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>110</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>67</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>67</b>
Median Age			<b>50.9 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>85.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>17.2%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2010-2014)	
Per capita income	<b>\$42,975</b>
Median family income	<b>\$67,917</b>
Median household income	<b>\$56,719</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$40,000</b>
Female	<b>\$39,000</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>6.9%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES - ELMI)			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	<b>172</b>	<b>203</b>	
Employed	<b>166</b>	<b>192</b>	
Unemployed	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES - ELMI)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>0</b>	n	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$0</b>	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 111</b>	<b>\$ 239</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Mascoma Valley Regional (Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Orange)** District: **SAU 62**

Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Area Career & Technology Center (VT)** Region: **7**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)      Elementary      Middle/Junior High      High School      Private/Parochial

Number of Schools

Grade Levels

Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region; River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Lebanon; Dartmouth**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)      Total Facilities: **0**      Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Dorchester	Municipal services	7	

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access      US Routes

                         State Routes      **118**

Nearest Interstate, Exit      **I-93, Exit 26**

                         Distance      **19 miles**

Railroad      **No**

Public Transportation      **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

**Newfound Valley, Bristol**      Runway      **1,900 ft. asphalt**

Lighted?      **No**      Navigation Aids?      **No**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

**Lebanon Municipal**      Distance      **27 miles**

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport      **1**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH      **74 miles**

Portland, Maine      **106 miles**

Boston, Mass.      **124 miles**

New York City, NY      **293 miles**

Montreal, Quebec      **205 miles**

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van      **74.2%**

Carpooled, car/truck/van      **15.5%**

Public transportation      **0.0%**

Walked      **9.7%**

Other means      **0.0%**

Worked at home      **0.6%**

Mean Travel Time to Work      **41.9 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014**

Working in community of residence      **12.3**

Commuting to another NH community      **83.8**

Commuting out-of-state      **3.9**

**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

**X** 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

**X** Fishing/Hunting

Boating/Marinas

**X** Snowmobile Trails

**X** Bicycle Trails

**X** Cross Country Skiing

Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Tenney Mtn**

Other: **Dorchester "Going Places" Mountain Bike-a-Thon; D'Acres**