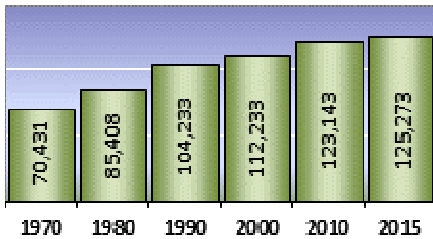


Strafford County

Strafford County is located on the eastern border of the state, south of center. A 45-mile stretch of the Salmon Falls River pouring into the Piscataqua River separates the county from Maine. It is the only county with three cities—Rochester, Dover, and Somersworth. It was one of the five original counties established in 1769, once encompassing all of Belknap County and the portion of Carroll County not in the White Mountain National Forest. The county was named for the Earl of Strafford, a title held by the Wentworth family in England who were prominent in New Hampshire politics in colonial days. Dover, along with Rye, was one of the first places to be settled in New Hampshire.

Strafford County contains 369.0 square miles of land area, the smallest among the counties, and 15.0 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 333.7 persons per square mile. Strafford County includes three cities, and ten towns. The county seat is Dover.



Population Trends: Though the smallest in land area, Strafford County is the third highest in population density. Site of one of the state's first settlements, population in this county grew fairly quickly until the Civil War. After that it was 1970 to 1980 before the population increased by 20 percent or more. Between 1980 and 1990 the county's population grew by 22 percent, then growth slowed again, increasing by 7.7 percent between 1990 and 2000. Strafford County, location of the University of New Hampshire, ranks as the state's youngest county, with a median age of 37.2 — 3 years younger than the next oldest, Hillsborough County.

Population		(US Census Bureau)		
2015	2010	2000	1990	1980
125,273	123,143	112,233	104,233	85,408

Demographics		(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
By Gender:		Male	Female
Total		61,104	64,169
18 years and over		48,426	52,231
65 years and over		7,317	9,232
Median Age (years)		36.1	38.3
By Age Group:			
Under age 5			6,467
Age 5 to 19			24,720
Age 20 to 34			28,716
Age 35 to 54			33,162
Age 55 to 64			15,659
Age 65 and over			16,549
Median Age (years)			37.2

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average		2005	2015
Civilian Labor Force		66,510	70,700
Employed		64,270	68,490
Unemployed		2,240	2,210
Unemployment Rate		3.4%	3.1%

2015 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Barrington	3.0%	Milton	4.0%
Dover	2.8%	New Durham	3.6%
Durham	3.3%	Rochester	3.3%
Farmington	3.3%	Rollinsford	2.9%
Lee	2.6%	Somersworth	3.2%
Madbury	2.7%	Strafford	3.0%
Middleton	3.2%		

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
University of New Hampshire	Durham	Education	5,151
Liberty Mutual	Dover	Insurance services	2,841
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Rochester	Health care services	1,014
Contitech	Somersworth	Manufacture of high performance silicone rubber hose	1,000
City of Rochester - Schools	Rochester	Education	806
City of Dover	Dover	Municipal services	789
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Dover	Health care services	769
Strafford County	Dover	County government services	485
Albany Engineered Composites	Rochester	Aerospace engineered products	410
Turbocam USA	Barrington	Manufacturer of components for turbo-machinery operations	400
General Electric Co.	Somersworth	Manufacturing, meter control division	400
Measured Progress	Dover	Customized educational products	392
City of Rochester	Rochester	Municipal services	387
Wal-Mart	Somersworth	Retail store	380
Hannaford Brothers	Rochester	Supermarket	324
Market Basket	Rochester	Supermarket	322
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Rochester	Retail store, supermarket	299
Goss International	Durham	Printing press	293
Somersworth School Department	Somersworth	Education	291
Market Basket	Somersworth	Supermarket	270
The Works Athletic Club	Somersworth	Physical fitness, wellness center	240
Eastern Propane & Oil	Rochester	Retail propane & oil	202
General Linen	Somersworth	Laundry facility	200
Cambridge Tool North	Dover	Die casting	190
Velcro	Somersworth	Hook & loop products	180
Laars Heating Systems Co.	Rochester	Boilers & water heaters	160
Index Packaging	Milton	Foam packaging	157
Phase 2 Medical	Rochester	Medical devise manufacturer	151
Hurcell Systems	Dover	Business equipment & parts	150
Town of Durham	Durham	Municipal services	147

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	7,211	6,657
Average Weekly Wage	\$828	\$1,122
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	27,056	30,860
Average Weekly Wage	\$657	\$903
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	34,267	37,517
Average Weekly Wage	\$693	\$942
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	9,506	9,309
Average Weekly Wage	\$768	\$1,006
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	43,773	46,826
Average Weekly Wage	\$709	\$954

Income	(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$29,917
Median Family Income		\$76,368
Median Household Income		\$60,711
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$51,914
	Female	\$39,553
Individuals below poverty level		11.1%

Commuting to Work	(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	63,602
Car, truck or van: drove alone	49,843
Car, truck or van: carpooled	5,361
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	1,330
Walked	3,413
Other means	918
Worked at home	2,737
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.8
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	58.7%
Commuting to some other NH county	31.7%
Commuting out-of-state/country	9.7%

Transportation		
Road Access	US Routes	4; 202
	State Routes	4; 9; 11; 16; 16A; 16B; 75; 108; 125; 126; 152; 153; 155; 155A; 202A; 236
Nearest Interstates	Spaulding Tpk., Exits 6-9 and 12-18; I-93, Exit 15; I-95, Exit 5; I-95 (ME), Exit 2	
Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines	
	Manchester-Boston Regional	4
	Portland (Maine) International	6

Educational Attainment (2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Population, Age 25 and Over	80,575
Less than 9th grade	1,909
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,603
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	22,573
Some college, no degree	16,250
Associate's degree	7,752
Bachelor's degree	17,024
Graduate or professional degree	10,464
Percent high school graduates or higher	91.9%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	34.1%

Educational and Child Care Facilities

School Districts in Strafford County municipalities:

- Barrington (Grades K-8)
- Dover (Grades K-12)
- Farmington (Grades K-12)
- Milton (Grades K-12)
- Rochester (Grades K-12)
- Rollinsford (Grades K-6)
- Somersworth (Grades K-12)
- Strafford (Grades K-8)
- Governor Wentworth Regional – *New Durham* (Grades K-12)
- Oyster River Coop. – *Durham, Lee, Madbury* (Grades K-12)

Career Technology Centers:

- R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Center (Rochester)
- Dover Career Technical Center
- Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)
- Somersworth Career Technical Center

Nearest Community College:

- Great Bay (Portsmouth)
- Lakes Region (Laconia)
- NHTI (Concord)

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

- Southern New Hampshire (Manchester)
- University of New Hampshire (Durham)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2016

(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 86 Total Capacity: 3,856

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.)		Staffed Beds
Exeter Hospital, Exeter		99
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester		92
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro		82
Wentworth-Douglas, Dover		114

Housing (2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)

Total Housing Units	52,237
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	31,090
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	7,888
Five or More Units in Structure	8,244
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	5,015

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*

YTD 2016 Median Sale Price, Residential \$201,000

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2016 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,083

Property Tax Rates, 2015 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Barrington	\$25.22	100.3	\$24.91
Dover	\$26.61	91.3	\$23.77
Durham	\$29.85	92.7	\$27.82
Farmington	\$25.09	97.0	\$24.12
Lee	\$29.25	91.8	\$26.26
Madbury	\$27.60	99.0	\$27.90
Middleton	\$28.65	103.6	\$29.77
Milton	\$28.60	96.6	\$26.84
New Durham	\$22.15	91.1	\$20.12
Rochester	\$28.15	92.5	\$25.29
Rollinsford	\$27.43	93.8	\$25.49
Somersworth	\$32.25	99.1	\$31.73
Strafford	\$21.81	99.3	\$21.60

2015 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals

Residential Land and Buildings	77.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	19.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.5%

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Dover City Clerk's Office	288 Central Avenue Dover NH	03820-4169	P: 516-6020 F: 516-6666	k.lavertu@dover.nh.gov www.dover.nh.gov	M-Th 8:30-5:30, F 8:30-4
Town of Durham	8 Newmarket Road Durham NH	03824-2898	P: 868-8064 F: 868-1858	mbehrendt@ci.durham.nh.us http://ci.durham.nh.us	M-F 8-5
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Somersworth Dept of Development Svcs.	One Government Way Somersworth NH	03878	P: 692-9517 F: 692-9575	ssaunders@somersworth.com www.somersworth.com	MTThF 8-4:30, W 8-6
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