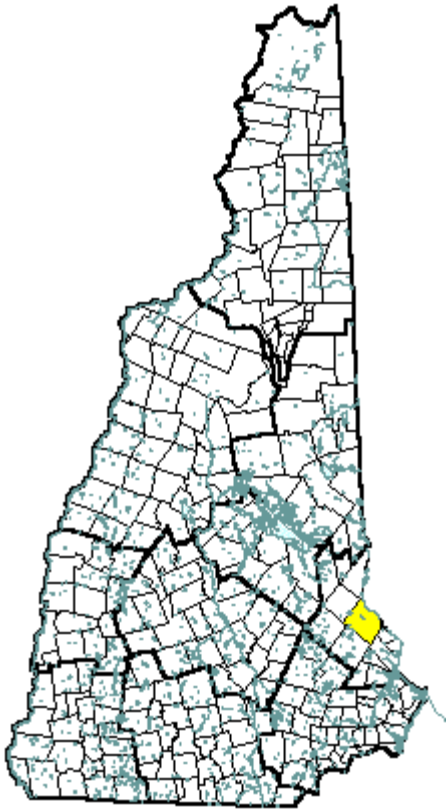


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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Strafford
Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion Lakes
Strafford Regional
Southeast Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1 (All Wards)
District 2 (All Wards)
District 6 (All Wards)
Strafford County District 1 (All Wards)

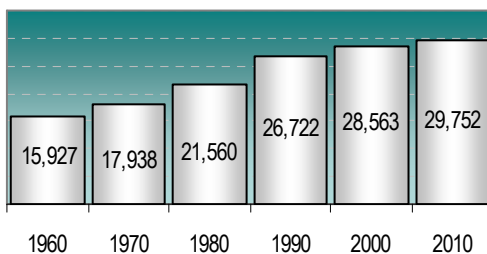
Incorporated: 1722

Origin: This town was one of four granted by Samuel Shute during his brief term as Governor of Massachusetts, which at the time included the New Hampshire province. The 1722 grant included what is now Farmington and Milton, and was named for a close friend of Governor Shute, Laurence Hyde, Earl of Rochester, who was a brother-in-law to King James II. The first settlers arrived in 1728, but due to trouble with Indians, the settlement didn't experience any growth until about 1760. Rochester was incorporated as a city in 1891. It includes the village of Gonic, named for the Indian Squamanagona, meaning day and water.

Villages and Place Names: East Rochester, Gonic

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,857 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Rochester, the ninth largest numeric increase among the cities and towns, totaled 13,825 over 50 years, from 15,927 in 1960 to 29,752 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2010 Census estimate for Rochester was 29,752 residents, which ranked sixth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (*US Census Bureau*): 655.3 persons per square mile of land area. Rochester contains 45.4 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Council/Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2012	\$30,780,127
Budget: School Appropriations, 2012	\$54,235,312
Zoning Ordinance	1984/07
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	City Council; Police; School
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Economic Development; Industrial Development; Arena; Historic; Utility; Arts & Culture

Public Library **East Rochester Public; Rochester Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	Local 82

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities
Water Supplier	Municipal
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.89
2010 Equalization Ratio	97.0
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.75
2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	75.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	21.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	13,694
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	7,358
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	1,919
Five or More Units in Structure	1,933
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,484

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	29,752	123,143
2000	28,563	112,676
1990	26,722	104,348
1980	21,560	85,408
1970	17,938	70,431

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010

Population by Gender			
Male	14,532	Female	15,269
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,475
Age 5 to 19			5,338
Age 20 to 34			5,581
Age 35 to 54			9,213
Age 55 to 64			3,873
Age 65 and over			4,321
Median Age			41.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	87.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.4%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	\$26,625
Median 4-person family income	\$63,197
Median household income	\$52,401
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$47,099
Female	\$34,979
Families below the poverty level	8.4%

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	15,414	17,187
Employed	14,947	16,060
Unemployed	467	1,127
Unemployment rate	3.0%	6.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,878	1,671
Average Weekly Wage	\$897	\$977
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	8,467	7,928
Average Weekly Wage	\$694	\$648
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	11,345	9,599
Average Weekly Wage	\$746	\$705
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,022	1,479
Average Weekly Wage	\$628	\$715
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	12,367	11,079
Average Weekly Wage	\$736	\$707

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Rochester operates grades K-12**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Voc. Center; Somersworth Reg. Voc. Center; Creteau Voc. Center, Rochester**

District: **SAU 54**
 Region: **12**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	8	1	2	6
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,974	967	1,546	207

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **24** Total Capacity: **934**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Great Bay**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
City of Rochester	Municipal services	1,547	1891
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Health care services	655	1919
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	464	1963
Eastern Propane & Oil	Retail propane & oil	310	1989
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Retail store, supermarket	295	1970
Market Basket	Supermarket	249	1996
Albany Engineered Composites	Aerospace engineered products	225	
Waste Management	Recycling & solid waste	200	1983
Home Depot	Home improvement center	176	2001
Laars Technologies	Boilers & water heaters	170	1984

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

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	11, 16, 108, 125, 202A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exits 12-16; I-95, Exit 5	
Distance	Local access; 21 miles	
Railroad	NH Northcoast	
Public Transportation	COAST	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Skyhaven, Rochester	Runway	4,001 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	42 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		43 miles
Portland, Maine		51 miles
Boston, Mass.		75 miles
New York City, NY		289 miles
Montreal, Quebec		271 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	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
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Rochester Fair; Live Performances; Opera House; Skyhaven Airport; Farmer's Markets; Art Galleries; History Museum; Oktoberfest**

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.7%
Public transportation	0.7%
Walked	1.9%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	3.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.0 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010

Working in community of residence	33.7%
Commuting to another NH community	57.1%
Commuting out-of-state	9.2%