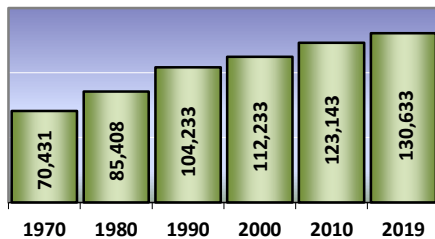
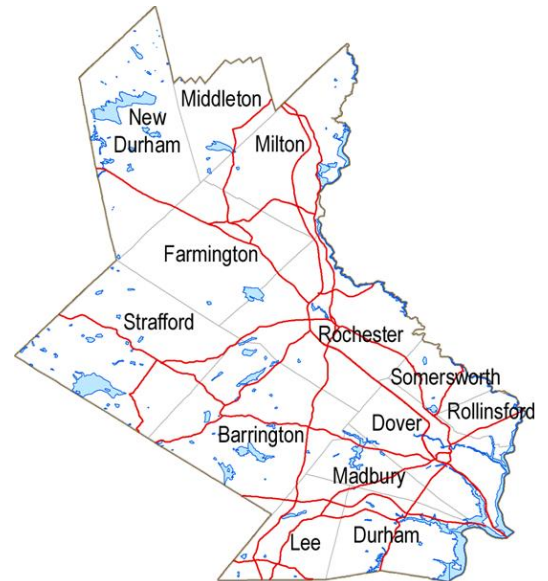


Strafford County

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, Dover, Rochester, and Somersworth, 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 21.3 percent. 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 36.9 — 3.6 years younger than the next oldest, Hillsborough County.

Population	(1-Year Population Estimates, US Census Bureau)				
	2019	2010	2000	1990	1980
	130,633	123,143	112,233	104,233	85,408

Demographics	(2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)	
By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	63,204	65,920
18 years and over	50,936	54,016
65 years and over	8,397	10,441
Median Age (years)	36.1	37.9
By Age Group:	Under age 5	6,084
	Age 5 to 19	24,662
	Age 20 to 34	30,788
	Age 35 to 54	31,401
	Age 55 to 64	17,351
	Age 65 and over	18,838
	Median Age (years)	36.9

Labor Force	(NHES-ELMI)	
	2009	2019
Annual Average		
Civilian Labor Force	69,750	74,630
Employed	65,430	72,880
Unemployed	4,320	1,750
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	2.3%

2019 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Barrington	2.2%	Milton	2.6%
Dover	2.1%	New Durham	1.9%
Durham	2.9%	Rochester	2.4%
Farmington	2.4%	Rollinsford	2.2%
Lee	2.1%	Somersworth	2.2%
Madbury	2.4%	Strafford	2.4%
Middleton	2.4%		

Due to differing methodologies, 1-Year Population Estimates and 5-Year Average ACS Demographics data may not match.

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
University of New Hampshire	Durham	Education	2,890
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Dover	Health care services	2,144
Liberty Mutual	Dover	Insurance services	1,962
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Rochester	Health care services	1,048
Contitech	Somersworth	Manufacture of high performance silicone rubber hose	1,000
City of Rochester - Schools	Rochester	Education	821
City of Dover	Dover	Municipal services	820
Albany/SAFRAN Engineered Composites	Rochester	Aerospace engineered products	750
Lincoln Financial Group	Dover	Financial services	729
Strafford County	Dover	County government services	559
Dover Schools/Sau 11	Dover	Education	558
Market Basket - 2 locations	Rochester	Supermarket	450
Turbocam USA	Barrington	Manufacturer of components for turbo-machinery operations	400
Aclara	Somersworth	Manufacturing, meter control division	400
City of Rochester	Rochester	Municipal services	387
Wal-Mart	Somersworth	Retail store	380
Community Partners	Dover	Counseling & mental health services	361
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Rochester	Retail store, supermarket	300
Measured Progress	Dover	Customized educational products	296
Somersworth School Department	Somersworth	Education	291
Market Basket	Somersworth	Supermarket	270
Hannaford Brothers - 2 locations	Rochester	Supermarket	264
The Works Athletic Club	Somersworth	Physical fitness, wellness center	240
General Linen	Somersworth	Laundry facility	200
Next Phase Medical (fka Phase 2 Medical)	Rochester	Medical devise manufacturing	180
Velcro	Somersworth	Hook & loop products	180
Eastern Propane & Oil	Rochester	Retail propane & oil	178
Laars Technologies	Rochester	Boilers & water heaters	165
Index Packaging	Milton	Foam packaging	157
Goss International	Durham	Web and printing press systems	140

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

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	5,981	7,127
Average Weekly Wage	\$916	\$1,146
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	29,133	32,239
Average Weekly Wage	\$775	\$1,003
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	35,115	39,366
Average Weekly Wage	\$799	\$1,029
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	9,260	9,348
Average Weekly Wage	\$911	\$1,061
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	44,375	48,714
Average Weekly Wage	\$822	\$1,035

Income	(2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$35,601
Median Family Income		\$91,077
Median Household Income		\$72,960
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$54,936
	Female	\$44,412
Individuals below poverty level		9.5%

Commuting to Work	(2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	67,542
Car, truck or van: drove alone	53,386
Car, truck or van: carpooled	5,715
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	1,200
Walked	2,923
Other means	1,101
Worked at home	3,217
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.4
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	58.8%
Commuting to some other NH county	31.3%
Commuting out-of-state/country	10.0%

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	9

Educational Attainment (2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)

Population, Age 25 and Over	84,448
Less than 9th grade	1,724
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,373
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	23,313
Some college, no degree	16,241
Associate's degree	8,603
Bachelor's degree	18,891
Graduate or professional degree	11,303
Percent high school graduates or higher	92.8%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	35.8%

Educational and Child Care Facilities*School Districts in Strafford County municipalities:*

- Barrington (Grades K-8)
- Dover (Grades K-12)
- Farmington (Grades K-12)
- Middleton (Grades K-6)
- 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, Middleton* (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:

- Granite State College (Portsmouth)
- Southern New Hampshire (Manchester)
- University of New Hampshire (Durham)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2020*(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)*

Total Facilities: 74 Total Capacity: 3,839

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.) Staffed Beds

Exeter Hospital, Exeter	99
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	96
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	25
Wentworth-Douglas, Dover	142

Housing (2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)

Total Housing Units	53,883
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	32,809
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	7,775
Five or More Units in Structure	8,292
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	5,007

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YTD 2020 Median Sale Price, Residential \$300,000

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2020 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,291

Property Tax Rates, 2019 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Barrington	\$22.67	96.8	\$21.68
Dover	\$25.19	93.5	\$22.97
Durham	\$27.43	92.8	\$24.93
Farmington	\$22.24	99.6	\$21.69
Lee	\$31.49	77.4	\$23.89
Madbury	\$29.86	83.8	\$24.67
Middleton	\$26.28	91.8	\$24.04
Milton	\$23.56	96.6	\$22.49
New Durham	\$23.72	77.1	\$18.21
Rochester	\$24.90	99.0	\$23.54
Rollinsford	\$22.61	90.3	\$20.31
Somersworth	\$27.28	97.6	\$26.33
Strafford	\$23.47	76.8	\$17.98

2019 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals

Residential Land and Buildings	77.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	20.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.6%

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