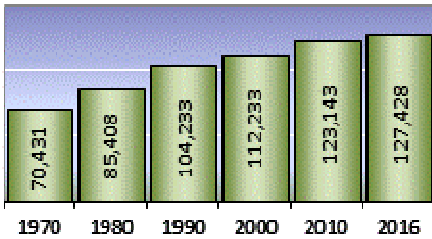
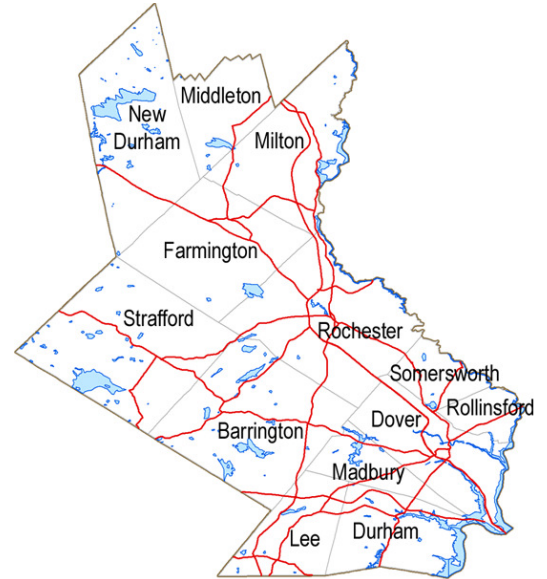


# Strafford County

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 37.1 — 3 years younger than the next oldest, Hillsborough County.

Population	(1-Year Population Estimates, US Census Bureau)				
	2016	2010	2000	1990	1980
	127,428	123,143	112,233	104,233	85,408

Demographics	(2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)	
By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	61,524	64,389
18 years and over	48,963	52,477
65 years and over	7,654	9,510
Median Age (years)	36.1	38.3
By Age Group:	Under age 5	6,397
	Age 5 to 19	24,615
	Age 20 to 34	29,150
	Age 35 to 54	32,477
	Age 55 to 64	16,110
	Age 65 and over	17,164
	Median Age (years)	37.1

Labor Force	(NHES-ELMI)	
	2006	2016
Annual Average		
Civilian Labor Force	66,850	72,260
Employed	64,740	70,460
Unemployed	2,110	1,800
Unemployment Rate	3.2%	2.5%

#### 2016 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Barrington	2.5%	Milton	3.1%
Dover	2.3%	New Durham	2.9%
Durham	2.6%	Rochester	2.5%
Farmington	2.6%	Rollinsford	2.4%
Lee	2.1%	Somersworth	2.6%
Madbury	2.3%	Strafford	2.3%
Middleton	2.5%		

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	4,846
Liberty Mutual	Dover	Insurance services	2,841
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Rochester	Health care services	1,060
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	475
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
Wal-Mart	Somersworth	Retail store	380
City of Rochester	Rochester	Municipal services	359
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Rochester	Retail store, supermarket	300
Somersworth School Department	Somersworth	Education	291
Hannaford Brothers - 2 locations	Rochester	Supermarket	264
The Works Athletic Club	Somersworth	Physical fitness, wellness center	240
General Linen	Somersworth	Laundry facility	200
Goss International	Durham	Printing press	195
Cambridge Tool North	Dover	Die casting	190
Velcro	Somersworth	Hook & loop products	180
Eastern Propane & Oil	Rochester	Retail propane & oil	178
Town of Durham	Durham	Municipal services	169
Phase 2 Medical	Rochester	Medical device manufacturer	160
Laars Heating Systems Co.	Rochester	Boilers & water heaters	160
Index Packaging	Milton	Foam packaging	157
Hurcell Systems	Dover	Business equipment & parts	150
Town of Milton	Milton	Municipal services	132
Market Basket	Lee	Supermarket	120

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

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	7,141	6,879
Average Weekly Wage	\$858	\$1,119
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	27,925	31,434
Average Weekly Wage	\$667	\$918
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	35,064	38,313
Average Weekly Wage	\$706	\$954
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	9,493	9,318
Average Weekly Wage	\$788	\$1,024
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	44,557	47,632
Average Weekly Wage	\$723	\$968

Income	(2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$30,598
Median Family Income		\$79,521
Median Household Income		\$63,533
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$51,150
	Female	\$40,151
Individuals below poverty level		10.1%

Commuting to Work	(2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	64,349
Car, truck or van: drove alone	50,776
Car, truck or van: carpooled	5,114
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	1,550
Walked	3,221
Other means	935
Worked at home	2,753
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	31.8%
Commuting out-of-state/country	9.5%

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 (2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)**

Population, Age 25 and Over	81,175
Less than 9th grade	1,832
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	4,456
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	22,522
Some college, no degree	16,328
Associate's degree	7,777
Bachelor's degree	17,584
Graduate or professional degree	10,676
Percent high school graduates or higher	92.3%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	34.8%

**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, 2017***(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)*

Total Facilities: 82                      Total Capacity: 3,804

**Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.) Staffed Beds**

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

**Housing (2012-2016 5-Year Average, ACS)**

Total Housing Units	52,396
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	31,232
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	7,829
Five or More Units in Structure	8,178
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	5,157

**Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics\***

YTD 2017 Median Sale Price, Residential \$228,000

**NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey\*\***

2017 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,156

**Property Tax Rates, 2016 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)**

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Barrington	\$26.04	95.5	\$24.53
Dover	\$26.29	91.7	\$23.59
Durham	\$29.73	92.9	\$27.68
Farmington	\$25.03	97.6	\$24.34
Lee	\$29.25	94.3	\$26.99
Madbury	\$28.59	95.0	\$27.60
Middleton	\$36.16	99.1	\$36.02
Milton	\$28.40	92.5	\$25.59
New Durham	\$22.76	91.6	\$20.77
Rochester	\$28.26	88.3	\$24.18
Rollinsford	\$27.98	83.6	\$23.22
Somersworth	\$32.12	95.0	\$30.25
Strafford	\$21.25	93.0	\$19.73

**2016 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals**

Residential Land and Buildings	77.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	19.8%
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
Farmington Board of Selectmen	356 Main Street, Municipal Offices Farmington NH	03835	P: 755-3657 F: 755-9128	tctc@metrocast.net www.farmington.nh.us	M-F 8-5; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-W 8:30-5, Th 8:30-7, F 8:30-12:30
Town of Lee	7 Mast Road Lee NH	03861	P: 659-5414 F: 659-7202	townadministrator@leenh.org www.leenh.org	Selectmen's Office: M 8-6, T-Th 8-4:30, F 8-12:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 8-6, WF 8-4
Madbury Planning Board	13 Town Hall Road Madbury NH	03823	P: 742-5131 F: 742-2505	tcmadbury@comcast.net www.townofmadbury.com	M 8-1 & 5-7, WTh 8-1
Middleton Board of Selectmen	182 King's Highway Middleton NH	03887	P: 473-2261 F: 473-2577	bos@middletonnh.gov www.middletonnh.gov	Selectmen: M-Th 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTTh 9-5, W 9-3
Town of Milton	PO Box 310 Milton NH	03851	P: 652-4501 X1 F: 652-4120	TownAdmin@miltonnh-us.com www.miltonnh-us.com	M-F 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTWF 8:30-4, Th 8:30-6:30, last Sat 8-12
Town of New Durham	4 Main Street PO Box 207 New Durham NH	03855	P: 859-2091 F: 859-6644	skinmond@newdurhamnh.us www.newdurhamnh.us	M-F 9-4; T Clerk/Tax Collector: MWThF 9-4, T 9-7, last Sat 9-12; Solid Waste Facility: FSaSuM 9-5
Rochester Dept of Econ Development	31 Wakefield Street, City Hall Rochester NH	03867-1917	P: 335-7522 F: 335-7597	karen.pollard@rochesternh.net www.rochesternh.net	M-F 8-5
Town of Rollinsford	PO Box 309 Rollinsford NH	03869	P: 742-2510 F: 740-0254	selectboard@rollinsford.nh.us www.rollinsford.nh.us	MTWF 9-1, Th 3-7, closed Fri during July, August, and September
Somersworth Dept of Development Services	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
Town of Strafford	12 Mountain View Dr Strafford NH	03815	P: 664-2192 F: 664-7276	Not Available www.strafford.nh.gov	Selectmen: MTW 9-12; Town Clerk: MWTh 8:30-2, T 1-7

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