

Dorchester, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Lebanon, NH-VT Micropolitan NECTA, NH part
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
 US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
Grafton County Districts 11, 16

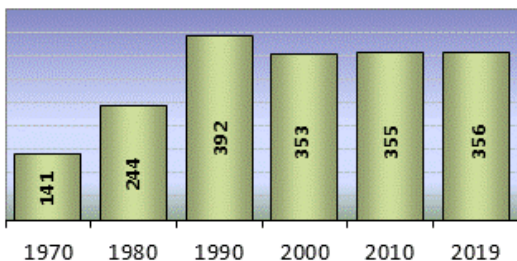
Incorporated: 1761

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 215 over 49 years, from 141 in 1970 to 356 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was 73 percent between 1970 and 1980, a numeric increase of 103. The 2019 Census estimate for Dorchester was 356 residents, which ranked 222nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 8.0 persons per square mile of land area. Dorchester contains 44.6 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government			Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020			\$473,975
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Zoning Ordinance			2017
Master Plan			2017
Capital Improvement Plan			No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By			Planning Board
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:			Selectmen; Planning; Cemetery
Appointed:			Zoning; Conservation; Historic District
Public Library			No Library
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department			No
Fire Department			Canaan, Rumney, Lyme - Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service			Canaan, Warren, Wentworth - Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s) Distance Staffed Beds			
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	18 miles		25
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	23 miles		25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier			NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier			None
Water Supplier			Private wells
Sanitation Private septic			
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant			No
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup			None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program			No
Recycling Program			Mandatory
Telephone Company			Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access			Limited
Cable Television Access			Limited
Public Access Television Station			No
High Speed Internet Service:			
Business			Yes
Residential			Yes
PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)			\$20.88
2019 Equalization Ratio			101.4
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)			\$21.06
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings			94.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings			0.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other			5.2%
HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)			
Total Housing Units			243
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached			178
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure			2
Five or More Units in Structure			3
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units			60

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	356	89,886	
2010	355	89,118	
2000	353	81,826	
1990	392	74,998	
1980	244	65,806	
1970	141	54,914	
DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	209	Female	192
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			19
Age 5 to 19			63
Age 20 to 34			52
Age 35 to 54			111
Age 55 to 64			54
Age 65 and over			102
Median Age			45.1 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			84.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher			26.3%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)			
Per capita income			\$26,101
Median family income			\$59,583
Median household income			\$55,000
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$49,688
Female			\$43,750
Individuals below the poverty level			9.2%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	164	199	
Employed	152	195	
Unemployed	12	4	
Unemployment rate	7.3%	2.0%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	5	6	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 179	\$ 294	
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; Dartmouth**

2020 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	4	1772

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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			88.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			6.0%
Public transportation			0.0%
Walked			1.8%
Other means			3.6%
Worked at home			16.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work			38.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence			6.6
Commuting to another NH community			76.6
Commuting out-of-state			16.8

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