

Dover, NH



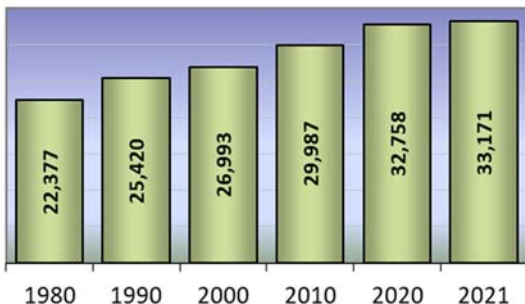
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County	Strafford
Labor Market Area	Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Seacoast
Planning Commission	Strafford Regional
Regional Development	Southeast Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1 (All Wards)
Executive Council	District 1 (All Wards)
State Senate	District 4 (All Wards)
State Representative	Strafford County Districts 11 (Ward 4), 13 (Ward 6), 14 (Ward 1), 15 (Ward 2), 16 (Ward 3), 17 (Ward 5), 20 (Ward 4), 21 (Wards 1-3, 5 & 6)

Incorporated: 1623

Origin: For the first fifty years of New Hampshire history, Dover was one of only three communities established in what is now New Hampshire. Settled in 1623 on the banks of the Piscataqua River, Dover was first called Hilton's Point, named after Edward Hilton, who procured for himself the "Dover and Squamscot Patent" in 1629. The town was also known by the Indian names of Newichwannock (place of wigwams) and Cocheco; and briefly called Bristol and Northam before permanently becoming Dover. The settlement was an independent government until 1641, when residents agreed to be annexed to Massachusetts; the town returned to New Hampshire when provincial status was restored by King George II in 1741. Dover's location on the Piscataqua and Cocheco Rivers made it a thriving center of trading and manufacturing. Dover was incorporated as a city in 1855.

Villages and Place Names: Bellamy, Cocheco, Gates Corner, Sawyers, Wentworth Terrace

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,998 residents in 1790



Population Trends:

Population change for Dover totaled 10,794 over 41 years, from 22,377 in 1980 to 33,171 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 14 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Dover was 33,171 residents, which ranked fifth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 1,240.5 persons per square mile of land area, the fifth highest among the cities and towns. Dover contains 26.7 square miles of land area and 2.3 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Manager & Council		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023	\$49,383,238		
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$67,866,258		
Zoning Ordinance	1948/21		
Master Plan	2021		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	City Council		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Recreation; Ethics; Open Lands; Arts; Transportation; Pool		
Public Library	Dover Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Full-time		
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	Local	145	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy		
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil		
Water Supplier	City of Dover		
Sanitation	Municipal		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes		
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes		
Recycling Program	Voluntary		
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	Yes		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.70		
2021 Equalization Ratio	91.0		
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.18		
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	73.7%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.2%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.1%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Total Housing Units	14,514		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	7,330		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,960		
Five or More Units in Structure	3,831		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	393		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	33,171	132,416	
2020	32,774	131,006	
2010	29,987	123,143	
2000	26,993	112,676	
1990	25,420	104,348	
1980	22,377	85,324	
DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	15,757	Female	16,165
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	2,076		
Age 5 to 19	3,814		
Age 20 to 34	9,618		
Age 35 to 54	7,502		
Age 55 to 64	3,713		
Age 65 and over	5,199		
Median Age	35.7 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	94.2%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	46.5%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Per capita income	\$43,061		
Median family income	\$97,359		
Median household income	\$74,833		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$58,931		
Female	\$46,341		
Individuals below the poverty level	8.5%		
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	17,411	18,495	
Employed	16,583	17,887	
Unemployed	828	608	
Unemployment rate	4.8%	3.3%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,318	1,433	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,374	\$1,167	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	13,491	14,366	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 995	\$1,330	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	14,809	15,799	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,029	\$1,315	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,777	1,738	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 756	\$1,086	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	16,586	17,537	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 999	\$1,292	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Dover operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 11**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; Creteau Regional Technology Ctr.; Somersworth Career Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	4	2	3	5
Grade Levels	P K 1-8	5-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,512	1,185	1,948	1,228

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay; NHTI-Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Southern NH University**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **21** Total Capacity: **1,269**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Health care services	2,435	
Liberty Mutual	Insurance services	1,911	
Lincoln Financial Group	Financial services	939	
Strafford County	County government services	559	
Dover Schools/Sau 11	Education	558	
Community Partners	Counseling & mental health services	361	
City of Dover	Municipal services	270	
UPS	Shipping services	95	

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality***TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	4, 9, 16, 16A, 16B, 108, 155
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exits 6-9; I-95, Exit 5	
Distance	Local access; 10 miles	
Railroad	Amtrak Downeaster; Guilford Rail Service	
Public Transportation	COAST; Wildcat Transit	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Skyhaven, Rochester	Runway	4,200 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	43 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		39 miles
Portland, Maine		50 miles
Boston, Mass.		65 miles
New York City, NY		272 miles
Montreal, Quebec		285 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.6%
Public transportation	2.6%
Walked	2.3%
Other means	1.0%
Worked at home	7.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020

Working in community of residence	58.0%
Commuting to another NH community	31.8%
Commuting out-of-state	10.2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	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
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	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): Gunstock
	Other: Woodman Institute; Bellamy River Sanctuary