

Dover, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Strafford
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Seacoast
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 4 (All Wards)
Strafford County Districts 13, 19 (Ward 1) 14, 19 (Ward 2) 15,
20 (Ward 3) 16, 20 (Ward 4) 17, 21 (Wards 5 & 6)

Incorporated: 1623

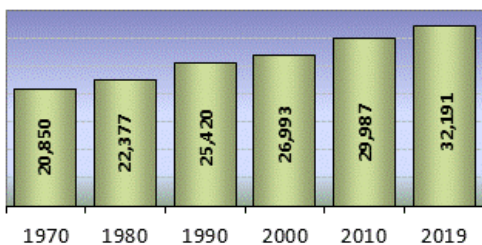
Origin: For the first fifty years of New Hampshire history, Dover was one of only three communities established in what is now New Hampshire. Settled in 1623 on the banks of the Piscataqua River, Dover was first called Hilton's Point, named after Edward Hilton, who procured for himself the "Dover and 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

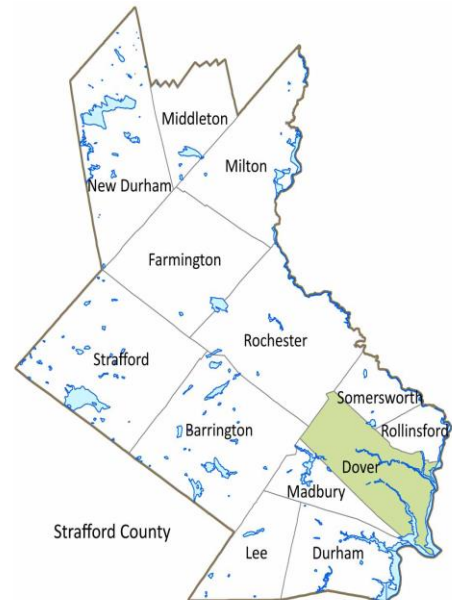
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,998 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Dover totaled 11,341 over 49 years, from 20,850 in 1970 to 32,191 in 2019. The largest decennial

percent change was a 14 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, and the population has grown less than 15 percent each decade since. The 2019 Census estimate for Dover was 32,191 residents, which ranked fifth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 1,203.9 persons per square mile of land area, the sixth 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, 2020	\$41,371,778
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020	\$58,177,215
Zoning Ordinance	1948/18
Master Plan	2018
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	142	

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		Yes	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
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		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.19		
2019 Equalization Ratio	93.5		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.97		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	74.0%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.0%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.0%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Total Housing Units	14,226		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	7,162		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,929		
Five or More Units in Structure	3,708		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	427		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population		Community	County
2019	32,191	130,633	
2010	29,987	123,143	
2000	26,993	112,676	
1990	25,420	104,348	
1980	22,377	85,324	
1970	20,850	70,431	

DEMOGRAPHICS				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	15,011	Female		16,566	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				2,033	
Age 5 to 19				4,250	
Age 20 to 34				9,025	
Age 35 to 54				7,563	
Age 55 to 64				3,650	
Age 65 and over				5,056	
Median Age				36.1 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher				93.9%	
Bachelor's degree or higher				46.5%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income			\$41,533
Median family income			\$95,141
Median household income			\$71,631
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$63,588
Female			\$44,188
Individuals below the poverty level			9.9%

LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average		2009		2019	
Civilian labor force	17,279		18,734		
Employed	16,331		18,334		
Unemployed	948		400		
Unemployment rate	5.5%		2.1%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2009		2019	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	1,319		1,428		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 888		\$1,040		
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	13,141		14,462		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 953		\$1,229		
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	14,460		15,890		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 947		\$1,212		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	1,811		1,878		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 767		\$ 943		
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	16,271		17,768		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 927		\$1,183		

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	4	1	2	4
Grade Levels	P K 1-8	5-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,691	1,173	1,459	1,176

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **23** Total Capacity: **1,274**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Health care services	2,144	
Liberty Mutual	Insurance services	1,962	
City of Dover	Municipal services	820	1855
Lincoln Financial Group	Financial services	729	
Strafford County	County government services	559	
Dover Schools/Sau 11	Education	558	
Community Partners	Counseling & mental health services	361	
Measured Progress	Customized educational products	296	
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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.3%		
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.2%		
Public transportation	1.5%		
Walked	2.5%		
Other means	6.0%		
Worked at home	11.4%		
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.2 minutes		
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence	35.6		
Commuting to another NH community	53.0		
Commuting out-of-state	11.4		

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