

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)

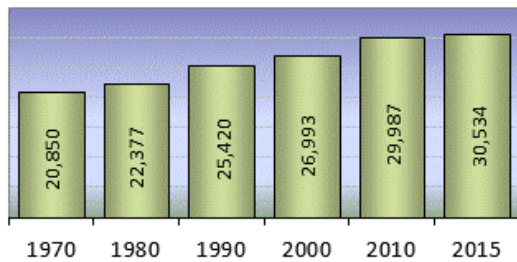
Incorporated: 1623

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

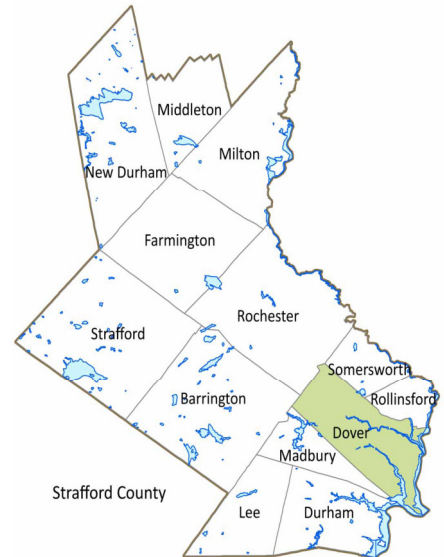
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,998 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Dover totaled 11,403 over 55 years, from 19,131 in



1960 to 30,534 in 2015. 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 2015 Census estimate for Dover was 30,534 residents, which ranked fifth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 1,141.9 persons per square mile of land area, the seventh 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, 2015	\$36,934,563
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$62,134,439
Zoning Ordinance	1948/16
Master Plan	2015
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	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
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 *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.29
2016 Equalization Ratio	91.7
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.59
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	73.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.0%

HOUSING *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Total Housing Units	13,589
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	6,720
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,806
Five or More Units in Structure	3,623
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	440

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2015	30,534	125,273
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, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	14,863	Female	15,671

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	1,784
Age 5 to 19	4,747
Age 20 to 34	8,173
Age 35 to 54	7,996
Age 55 to 64	3,570
Age 65 and over	4,264
Median Age	36.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	91.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	43.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Per capita income	\$32,865
Median family income	\$77,655
Median household income	\$61,008
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$56,599
Female	\$38,977
Individuals below the poverty level	10.0%

LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	16,896	18,075
Employed	16,413	17,663
Unemployed	483	412
Unemployment rate	2.9%	2.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,447	1,308
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 933	\$ 996
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	11,926	14,266
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 765	\$1,140
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	14,373	15,575
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 794	\$1,128
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,874	1,832
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 693	\$ 849
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	16,247	17,406
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 782	\$1,099

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	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-8	5-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,768	1,180	1,378	1,311

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **25** Total Capacity: **1,264**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Liberty Mutual	Insurance services	2,841	
City of Dover	Municipal services	789	1855
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Health care services	769	
Strafford County	County government services	485	
Measured Progress	Customized educational products	392	
Cambridge Tool North	Die casting	190	
Hurcell Systems	Business equipment & parts	150	
Universak Recycling Technologies Corp	Electronics recycling	120	
Churchill Medical Systems Inc	Hospital equipment & supplies	107	
Foster's Daily Democrat	Newspaper	100	1873
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 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.4%
Public transportation	2.2%
Walked	3.2%
Other means	2.0%
Worked at home	4.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.8 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence	35.6
Commuting to another NH community	53.5
Commuting out-of-state	10.9

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