

Durham, 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
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 21
State Representative	Strafford County District 6

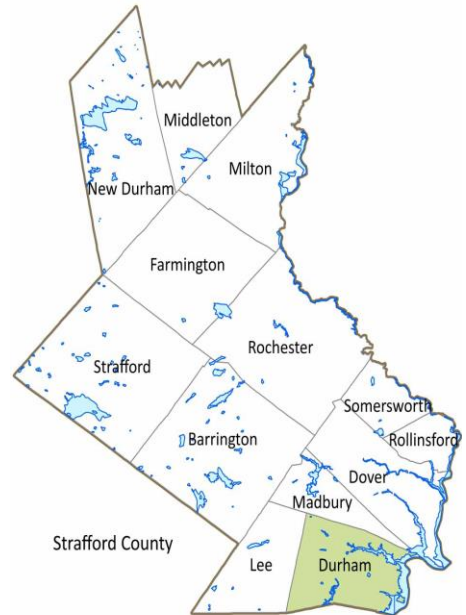
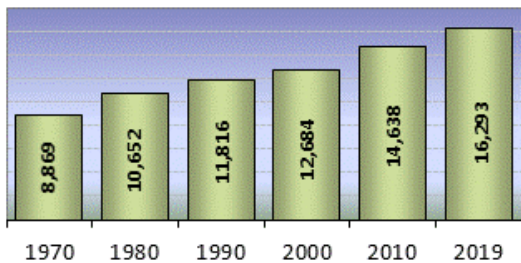
Incorporated: 1732

Origin: Durham started as a parish of Dover called Oyster River Plantation, first settled in 1669. Durham was incorporated in 1732, probably to honor the first Puritan bishop, Richard Barnes, Bishop of Durham. Durham included what is now Lee until 1766, when that town was incorporated. Benjamin Thompson, descendent of an early settler, bequeathed the family estate, the Warner Farm, to be used for establishment of an agricultural college. The state agricultural school, originally set up in Hanover in 1866, was moved to Durham in 1890, becoming the University of New Hampshire in 1923.

Villages and Place Names: Oyster River

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,247 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Durham, including resident students, totaled 7,424 over 49 years, from 8,869 in 1970 to 16,293 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 20 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. Next three decades had percent increases of 15 percent or less. The 2019 Census estimate for Durham was 16,293 residents, which ranked 17th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 727.4 persons per square mile of land area. Durham contains 22.4 square miles of land area and 2.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES		
Type of Government	Administrator & Council	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	\$27,351,349	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020	\$45,940,460	
Zoning Ordinance	1935/19	
Master Plan	2015	
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Town Planner/Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions		
Elected:	Town Council	
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Historic; Economic Development	
Public Library	Durham Public; UNH Library	

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service	Private	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	6 miles	142

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil	
Water Supplier	UNH/Durham Water System	
Sanitation	Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	No	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Mandatory	
Recycling Program	Fairpoint	
Telephone Company	Yes	
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)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.43
2019 Equalization Ratio	92.8
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.93
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	64.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	31.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	3,812
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,347
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	463
Five or More Units in Structure	993
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	9

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	16,293	130,633	
2010	14,638	123,143	
2000	12,684	112,676	
1990	11,816	104,348	
1980	10,652	85,324	
1970	8,869	70,431	

DEMOGRAPHICS			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019	
Population by Gender				
Male	7,731	Female	8,750	
Population by Age Group				
Under age 5	266			
Age 5 to 19	5,950			
Age 20 to 34	6,546			
Age 35 to 54	1,594			
Age 55 to 64	888			
Age 65 and over	1,237			
Median Age	20.8 years			
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over				
High school graduate or higher	97.9%			
Bachelor's degree or higher	75.0%			

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	\$24,299		
Median family income	\$145,402		
Median household income	\$81,995		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$69,919		
Female	\$57,798		
Individuals below the poverty level	27.1%		

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average	2009	2019		
Civilian labor force	7,347	9,307		
Employed	7,037	9,041		
Unemployed	310	266		
Unemployment rate	4.2%	2.9%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	n	212		
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$1,428		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	n	1,485		
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$ 706		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	2,141	1,697		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 732	\$ 797		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	4,186	4,303		
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,152	\$1,284		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	6,327	6,000		
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,010	\$1,146		

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Oyster River Cooperative (Durham, Lee, Madbury)** District: **SAU 5**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center** Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools		1	1	
Grade Levels		5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment		667	809	

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **138**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
University of New Hampshire	Education	2,890	
Goss International	Web and printing press systems	140	
Town of Durham	Municipal services	88	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	108, 155, 155A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 5
	Distance	8 miles
Railroad	Amtrak Downeaster	
Public Transportation	COAST; Wildcat Transit	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Pease International	Runway	11,321 ft.
asphalt/concrete		
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids? Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	39 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		39 miles
Portland, Maine		61 miles
Boston, Mass.		64 miles
New York City, NY		271 miles
Montreal, Quebec		283 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	52.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.6%
Public transportation	5.4%
Walked	27.5%
Other means	8.5%
Worked at home	6.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	47.4
Commuting to another NH community	45.8
Commuting out-of-state	6.8

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve