Durham, NH

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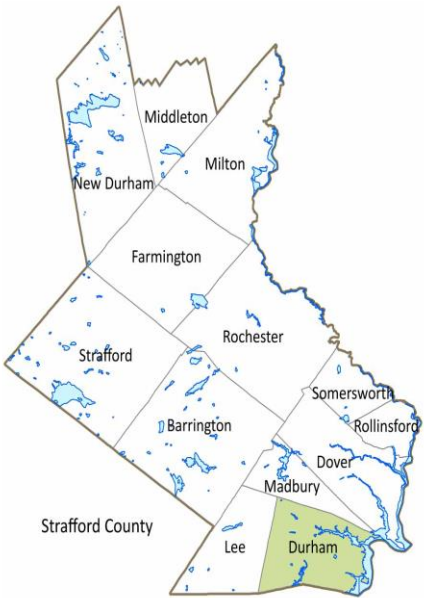
County	**Strafford**
Labor Market Area	**Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA**
Tourism Region	**Seacoast**
Planning Commission	**Strafford Regional**
Regional Development	**Southeast Economic Development Corp.**
Election Districts	
US Congress	**District 1**
Executive Council	**District 2**
State Senate	**District 21**
State Representative	**Strafford County District 6**



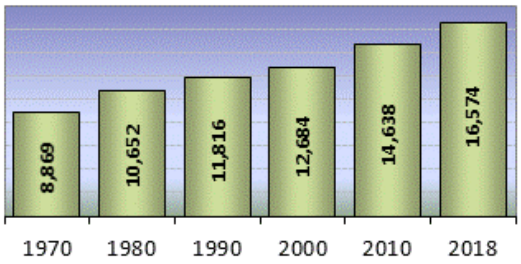
Incorporated: 1732

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 11,070 over 58 years, from 5,504 in 1960 to 16,574 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2018 Census estimate for Durham was 16,574 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2018 *(US Census Bureau)*: 739.9 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.

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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	
Curbside Trash Pickup	**Municipal**
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	**No**
Recycling Program	**Mandatory**
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)*

2018 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$30.64**
2018 Equalization Ratio	**88.7**
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$27.23**

2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	**67.1%**
Commercial Land and Buildings	**30.3%**
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	**3.1%**

Housing *(ACS 2014-2018)*

Total Housing Units	**3,885**
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	**2,392**
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	**511**
Five or More Units in Structure	**972**
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	**10**

Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial) *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2018	**16,574**	**130,090**
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) 2014-2018*

Population by Gender

Male	**7,936**	Female	**8,504**

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	**331**
Age 5 to 19	**5,738**
Age 20 to 34	**6,645**
Age 35 to 54	**1,645**
Age 55 to 64	**839**
Age 65 and over	**1,242**
Median Age	**20.8 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	**98.3%**
Bachelor's degree or higher	**75.8%**

Income, Inflation Adjusted $ *(ACS 2014-2018)*

Per capita income	**$23,988**
Median family income	**$137,083**
Median household income	**$75,066**
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	**$67,500**
Female	**$55,602**
Individuals below the poverty level	**26.8%**

Labor Force *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2008	2018
Civilian labor force	**7,135**	**9,182**
Employed	**6,918**	**8,963**
Unemployed	**217**	**219**
Unemployment rate	**3.0%**	**2.4%**

Employment & Wages *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2008	2018
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	**318**	**253**
Average Weekly Wage	**$1,159**	**$1,497**
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	**1,378**	**1,434**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 521**	**$ 704**
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	**1,697**	**1,687**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 641**	**$ 823**
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	**4,477**	**4,299**
Average Weekly Wage	**$1,089**	**$1,310**
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	**6,173**	**5,986**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 966**	**$1,173**

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 2014-2018)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	**52.2%**
Carpooled, car/truck/van	**5.9%**
Public transportation	**5.2%**
Walked	**27.8%**
Other means	**8.9%**
Worked at home	**5.5%**
Mean Travel Time to Work	**22.2 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018

Working in community of residence	**47.0**
Commuting to another NH community	**45.9**
Commuting out-of-state	**7.1**

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**