Farmington, NH

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County Strafford
Labor Market Area Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region Lakes
Planning Commission Strafford Regional
Regional Development Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Incorporated: 1798

Origin: This town started as West Parish, a portion of Rochester that included several large farms. Those farms were separated from Rochester in 1798 as Farmington, a reference to the area’s fertile farmland. It was also known as Farmington Dock because its location on the Cocheco River was an ideal spot for sawmills. Those sawmills expanded into shoe-making factories, one of the first places to use automated shoe-making machines instead of handwork. One Farmington resident known in the shoe trade was Jeremiah J. Colbath, who, after changing his name to Henry Wilson, was elected Vice-President under Ulysses S. Grant.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,029 residents in 1800

Population Trends: Population change for Farmington totaled 3,385 over 49 years, from 3,588 in 1970 to 6,973 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 29 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 23 percent increase over the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Farmington was 6,973 residents, which ranked 48th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 191.0 persons per square mile of land area. Farmington contains 36.5 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.
## Municipal Services

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020</td>
<td>$7,760,907</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019</td>
<td>$16,947,465</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1979/20</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2020</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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### Boards and Commissions
- Elected: Selectmen; Budget; Moderator; Trust Funds; Checklist
- Appointed: Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Economic Development; ZBA

### Public Library
- Goodwin

### Emergency Services
- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Full-time & volunteer
- Emergency Medical Service: Municipal
- Nearest Hospital(s): Frisbie Memorial, Rochester (10 miles)

### Utilities
- Electric Supplier: Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
- Natural Gas Supplier: None
- Water Supplier: Farmington Water Department
- Sanitation: Municipal
- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: Yes
- Solid Waste Disposal: Curbside Trash Pickup: None
- Pay-As-You-Throw Program: Yes
- Recycling Program: Voluntary
- Telephone Company: Fairpoint; TDS Telecom
- Cellular Telephone Access: Yes
- Cable Television Access: Yes
- Public Access Television Station: Yes
- High Speed Internet Service: Business: Yes
- Residential: Yes

### Property Taxes
- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $22.24
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 99.6
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $21.69
- 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type:
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 84.4%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 13.1%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.5%

### Housing
- Total Housing Units: 3,130
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 2,092
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 289
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 186
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 563

### Demographics

#### American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019

**Population by Gender**
- Male: 3,696
- Female: 3,234

**Population by Age Group**
- Under age 5: 321
- Age 5 to 19: 1,415
- Age 20 to 34: 1,089
- Age 35 to 54: 1,865
- Age 55 to 64: 1,164
- Age 65 and over: 1,076
- Median Age: 44.0 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
- High school graduate or higher: 90.3%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 14.9%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $

#### (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $31,335
- Median family income: $88,344
- Median household income: $70,257

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**
- Male: $47,684
- Female: $41,964

**Individuals below the poverty level**: 9.7%

### Labor Force

#### (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average: 2009
  - Civilian labor force: 3,558
  - Employed: 3,259
  - Unemployed: 299
  - Unemployment rate: 8.4%

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### Employment & Wages

#### (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009
  - Goods Producing Industries: Average Employment 214, Average Weekly Wage $1,000
  - Service Providing Industries: Average Employment 390, Average Weekly Wage $590
  - Total Private Industry: Average Employment 603, Average Weekly Wage $735

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2019
  - Goods Producing Industries: Average Employment 207, Average Weekly Wage $987
  - Service Providing Industries: Average Employment 409, Average Weekly Wage $736
  - Total Private Industry: Average Employment 616, Average Weekly Wage $821

- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 375, Average Weekly Wage $659

- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 978, Average Weekly Wage $798

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/04/2020
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Farmington operates grades K-12

Career Technology Center(s): Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

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<th>Number of Schools</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>P K 1-3</td>
<td>4-8</td>
<td>9-12</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>275</td>
<td>321</td>
<td>267</td>
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Nearest Community College: Great Bay; Lakes Region

Nearest Colleges or Universities: University of NH

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

| Total Facilities: 6 | Total Capacity: 217 |

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>ESTABLISHED</th>
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<td>TDS Telecom</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>2009</td>
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<td>Cameron's Sod Farm</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>1935</td>
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<td>MGB Enterprises</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>2015</td>
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<td>Schaffer Rolls</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>1979</td>
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<td>Pike Industries</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>1975</td>
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<td>TD Bank</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>1927</td>
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<td>Winnisquam Wood Products</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>2011</td>
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<td>Energy Resource</td>
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<td>1998</td>
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<td>Three Phase Line Electric</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes 11, 75, 153</th>
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<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>Spaulding Tpk., Exit 15; I-95, Exit 5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distance</td>
<td>7 miles; 26 miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Railroad</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
<td>COAST</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</td>
<td>Skyhaven, Rochester</td>
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<tr>
<td>Runway</td>
<td>4,200 ft. asphalt</td>
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<td>Lighted?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Navigation Aids?</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service</td>
<td>Manchester-Boston Regional</td>
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<td>Distance</td>
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<td>Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport</td>
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<td>Driving distance to select cities:</td>
<td>Manchester, NH 52 miles</td>
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<td>Portland, Maine 55 miles</td>
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<td>Boston, Mass. 81 miles</td>
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<td>New York City, NY 292 miles</td>
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<td>Montreal, Quebec 264 miles</td>
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**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)**

| Workers 16 years and over | Drove alone, car/truck/van 84.6% |
|----------------------------| Carpooleo, car/truck/van 7.4% |
|                            | Public transportation 2.6% |
|                            | Walked 0.5% |
|                            | Other means 4.9% |
|                            | Worked at home 8.5% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | 34.0 minutes |

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

- Working in community of residence 18.1%
- Commuting to another NH community 73.4%
- Commuting out-of-state 8.5%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- Golf Courses
  - Swimming: Indoor Facility
  - Swimming: Outdoor Facility
  - Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
  - Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
- Bowling Facilities
- Museums
- Cinemas
- Performing Arts Facilities
- Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps
- Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
- Other: Hayday Festival