

Farmington, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Strafford
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Lakes
Strafford Regional
Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 6
Strafford County District 1

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 3,133 over 50 years, from 3,588 in 1970 to 6,721 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 29 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by one percent from 2010 to 2000. The 2022 Census estimate for Farmington was 6,844 residents, which ranked 48th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 187.5 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			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020		\$7,760,907	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$17,256,507	
Zoning Ordinance		1979/20	
Master Plan		2020	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Town Clerk/Tax Collector; 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)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester		10 miles	27
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		Consolidated Communications; 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		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.18	
2022 Equalization Ratio		60.9	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.40	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		84.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		13.0%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.1%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,912	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,953	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		245	
Five or More Units in Structure		274	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		440	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	6,844		132,275
2020	6,722		130,889
2010	6,786		123,143
2000	5,804		112,676
1990	5,706		104,348
1980	4,630		85,324
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	3,209	Female	3,539
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		473	
Age 5 to 19		1,112	
Age 20 to 34		1,517	
Age 35 to 54		1,383	
Age 55 to 64		1,394	
Age 65 and over		869	
Median Age		42.7 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		4,822	
High school graduate or higher		89.8%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		16.2%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$30,563	
Median family income		\$77,543	
Median household income		\$60,271	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$63,316	
Female		\$36,438	
Individuals below the poverty level		11.6%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		3,605	3,641
Employed		3,367	3,546
Unemployed		238	95
Unemployment rate		6.6%	2.6%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		227	197
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 998	\$1,195
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		403	412
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 571	\$ 923
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		629	609
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 725	\$1,011
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		382	301
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 629	\$ 892
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		1,012	910
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 689	\$ 972
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Farmington operates grades K-12**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)**

District: **SAU 61**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-3	4-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	266	287	239	

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

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **203**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Cameron's Sod Farm	Lawn & garden supplies	40	1935
Pike Industries	Asphalt, gravel, stone	30	1975
TDS Telecom	Telecommunications	44	2009
Schaffer Rolls	Rubber rolls	32	
Energy Resource	Mechanical contracting & power plant svcs	15	1998
Three Phase Line Electric	Specialized electrical contractor	15	1999
Winnisquam Wood Products	Countertop fabrication	20	2011
MBG Enterprises	Carrier truck company	40	2015

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (<i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i>)				RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
Road Access	US Routes			X	Municipal Parks
	State Routes	11, 75, 153			YMCA/YWCA
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 15; I-95, Exit 5			X	Boys Club/Girls Club
Distance	7 miles; 26 miles			X	Golf Courses
Railroad	No				Swimming: Indoor Facility
Public Transportation	COAST				Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation				X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
Skyhaven, Rochester	Runway	4,200 ft. asphalt			Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes			Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service					Bowling Facilities
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	52 miles			Museums
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4		X	Cinemas
Driving distance to select cities:				X	Performing Arts Facilities
Manchester, NH		52 miles		X	Tourist Attractions
Portland, Maine		55 miles		X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
Boston, Mass.		81 miles		X	Youth Sports: Baseball
New York City, NY		292 miles		X	Youth Sports: Soccer
Montreal, Quebec		264 miles		X	Youth Sports: Football
				X	Youth Sports: Basketball
					Youth Sports: Hockey
				X	Campgrounds
				X	Fishing/Hunting
				X	Boating/Marinas
				X	Snowmobile Trails
				X	Bicycle Trails
				X	Cross Country Skiing
				X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
					Overnight or Day Camps
					Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
					Other: Hayday Festival
COMMUTING TO WORK (<i>ACS 2017-2021</i>)					
Workers 16 years and over					
Drove alone, car/truck/van		82.6%			
Carpooled, car/truck/van		8.8%			
Public transportation		0.0%			
Walked		0.7%			
Other means		0.0%			
Worked at home		7.9%			
Mean Travel Time to Work		27.0 minutes			
Percent of Working Residents					
Working in community of residence		26.0%			
Commuting to another NH community		65.1%			
Commuting out-of-state		8.9%			