

Lee, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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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

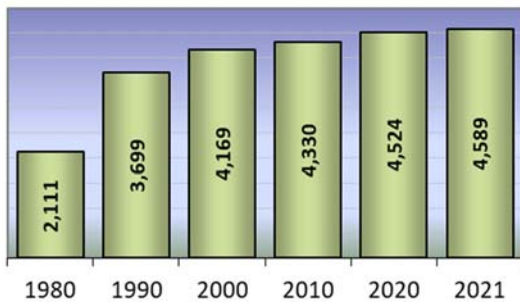
District 1
District 4
District 21
Strafford County District 11

Incorporated: 1766

Origin: Established in 1766 following separation from Durham, Lee was one of the last among the 129 towns chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth. The town was named for General Charles Lee, friend and kin of the Governor, who had fought with George Washington and others during the French and Indian Wars. Lee also fought under Washington during the American Revolution, and in doing so, forfeited estates in England. Lee is the location of Wheelwright Pond, a noted scenic area, which was part of the claim issued to Reverend John Wheelwright, founder of Exeter.

Villages and Place Names: Glenmere, Lee Five Corners, South Lee, Wadleigh Falls

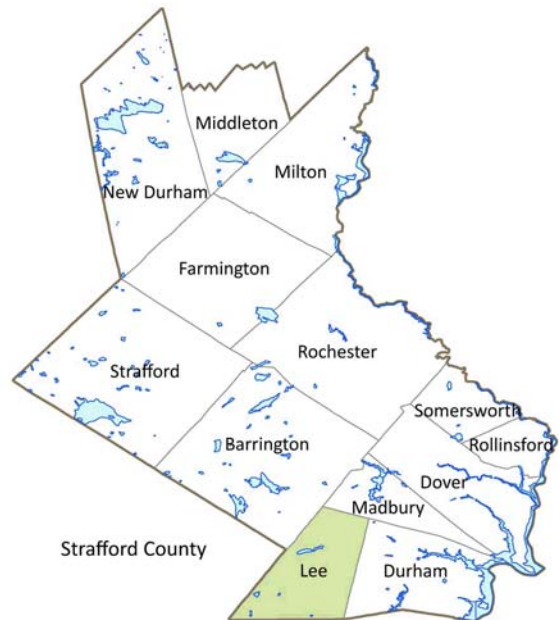
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,029 residents in 1790



Population Trends:

Population change for Lee totaled 2,478 over 41 years, from 2,111 in 1980 to 4,589 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 75 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Lee was 4,589 residents, which ranked 83rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 229.7 persons per square mile of land area. Lee contains 20.0 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Selectmen		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021-2022	\$5,803,848		
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Zoning Ordinance	1966/20		
Master Plan	2016		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Budget Advisory; Moderator; Checklist; Library		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Agricultural; Heritage; Recreation; Sustainability; Lee Trails		
Public Library	Lee Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Full-time		
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	10 miles	145	
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	13 miles	99	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Pennechuk; private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal	None		
Curbside Trash Pickup	None		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Mandatory		
Telephone Company	Comcast; Consolidated; AT&T		
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)			
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.77		
2021 Equalization Ratio	96.6		
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.73		
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	85.0%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.7%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.3%		
HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)			
Total Housing Units	2,063		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,592		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	119		
Five or More Units in Structure	60		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	292		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	4,589	132,416	
2020	4,528	131,006	
2010	4,330	123,143	
2000	4,169	112,676	
1990	3,699	104,348	
1980	2,111	85,324	
DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020			
Population by Gender			
Male	2,167	Female	2,357
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	120		
Age 5 to 19	675		
Age 20 to 34	618		
Age 35 to 54	1,504		
Age 55 to 64	697		
Age 65 and over	910		
Median Age	48.3 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	93.3%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	56.1%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2016-2020)			
Per capita income	\$51,084		
Median family income	\$121,889		
Median household income	\$97,438		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$72,042		
Female	\$61,500		
Individuals below the poverty level	1.2%		
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	2,695	2,808	
Employed	2,577	2,740	
Unemployed	118	68	
Unemployment rate	4.4%	2.4%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	80	102	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 603	\$1,008	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	894	1,139	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 481	\$ 653	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	974	1,242	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 491	\$ 682	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	143	124	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 792	\$ 990	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,117	1,366	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 530	\$ 710	

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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			1
Grade Levels	K 1-4			K-4
Total Enrollment	326			20

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **236**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Market Basket	Supermarket	120	1993
S & J Transportation	Trucking, leasing, sales	40	1992
McDonald's	Fast food restaurant	35	1995
Wendy's	Fast food restaurant	35	2004
Dunkin' Donuts	Donut shop	20	
Sunny's Restaurant	Restaurant	20	
Mobil Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	
Sunoco Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	2002
Wentworth Douglass Hospital Express Care	Health care services		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		4
	State Routes		125, 152, 155
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 6; I-95, Exit 5		
	Distance		10 miles; 15 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
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		33 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			30 miles
Portland, Maine			68 miles
Boston, Mass.			67 miles
New York City, NY			263 miles
Montreal, Quebec			285 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			91.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			2.6%
Public transportation			0.0%
Walked			1.5%
Other means			0.0%
Worked at home			4.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work			33.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence			41.3%
Commuting to another NH community			51.8%
Commuting out-of-state			6.9%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	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
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
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): Moose Mountain, Gunstock, Bretton Woods, Cranmore, Wildcat
	Other: Lee USA Speedway; Library events; Little River Park; Pickleball Courts; Outdoor Ice Skating Rink