

# Lee, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Select Board Office: Monday to Friday, 8-4; Town Administrator: Monday, 8-6, Tuesday to Thursday, 8-4:30, Friday, 8-12:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, 8-6, Wednesday and Friday, 8-4

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, 20

**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 3,043 over 50 years, from 1,481 in 1980 to 4,524 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 75 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by four percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Lee was 4,600 residents, which ranked 84th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 230.2 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	173	
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			
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$21.72	
2022 Equalization Ratio		80.6	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$17.24	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		84.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		13.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,041	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,663	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		63	
Five or More Units in Structure		85	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		230	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	4,600		132,275
2020	4,520		130,889
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) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	2,107	Female	2,417
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		153	
Age 5 to 19		890	
Age 20 to 34		413	
Age 35 to 54		1,379	
Age 55 to 64		772	
Age 65 and over		917	
Median Age		47.7 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		3,298	
High school graduate or higher		96.0%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		55.2%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$52,300	
Median family income		\$117,961	
Median household income		\$88,750	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$64,200	
Female		\$64,190	
Individuals below the poverty level		2.4%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		2,687	2,876
Employed		2,581	2,816
Unemployed		106	60
Unemployment rate		3.9%	2.1%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		74	117
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 616	\$1,089
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		935	1,123
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 480	\$ 737
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		1,008	1,241
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 490	\$ 771
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		145	130
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 733	\$ 934
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		1,153	1,370
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 521	\$ 786
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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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-4</b>			<b>K-4</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>327</b>			<b>20</b>

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

2022 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
Sunny's Restaurant	Restaurant	20	
Dunkin' Donuts	Donut shop	20	
Mobil Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	Health care services		
Sunoco Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	2002

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	<b>4</b>
	State Routes	<b>125, 152, 155</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Spaulding Tpk., Exit 6; I-95, Exit 5</b>	
Distance	<b>10 miles; 15 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Pease International</b>	Runway	<b>11,321 ft.</b>
<b>asphalt/concrete</b>		
Lighted?	<b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids? <b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>33 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>30 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>68 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>67 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>263 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>285 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>81.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>5.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>13.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>31.2 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>16.3%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>78.1%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.6%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	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**