

# Lee, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen Office: Monday, 8 am - 6 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 am - 4:30, Friday, 8 am - 12:30 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 8 am - 6 pm, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm**

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 Districts 5, 25**

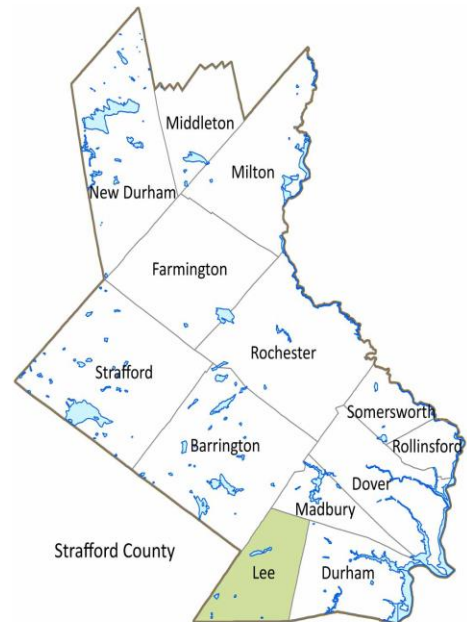
**Incorporated:** 1766

**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.

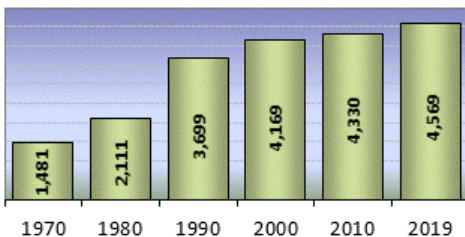
**Villages and Place Names:** Glenmere, Lee Five Corners, South Lee, Wadleigh Falls

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

**Population Trends:** Population change for Lee totaled 3,088 over 49 years, from 1,481 in 1970 to 4,569 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 75 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, followed by a 43 percent increase in the previous decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Lee was



4,569 residents, which ranked 79th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 228.7 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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$4,651,460</b>		
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1966/20</b>		
Master Plan	<b>2016</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Budget Advisory; Moderator; Checklist; Library</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Agricultural; Heritage; Recreation</b>		
Public Library	<b>Lee Public</b>		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Wentworth-Douglass, Dover</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>142</b>	
<b>Exeter Hospital, Exeter</b>	<b>13 miles</b>	<b>99</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Pennechuk; private wells</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Comcast; Fairpoint; AT&amp;T</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>	
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$31.49</b>		
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>77.4</b>		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.89</b>		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>84.7%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>13.5%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.7%</b>		
<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)			
Total Housing Units	<b>1,968</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,430</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>135</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>56</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>347</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>4,569</b>	<b>130,633</b>	
2010	<b>4,330</b>	<b>123,143</b>	
2000	<b>4,169</b>	<b>112,676</b>	
1990	<b>3,699</b>	<b>104,348</b>	
1980	<b>2,111</b>	<b>85,324</b>	
1970	<b>1,481</b>	<b>70,431</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>2,173</b>	Female	<b>2,312</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>130</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>740</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>529</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,505</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>846</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>735</b>		
Median Age	<b>47.8 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.9%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>56.3%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$51,092</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$123,125</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$100,170</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$69,444</b>		
Female	<b>\$62,907</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>1.1%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	<b>2,618</b>	<b>2,855</b>	
Employed	<b>2,491</b>	<b>2,796</b>	
Unemployed	<b>127</b>	<b>59</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>76</b>	<b>100</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 502</b>	<b>\$ 815</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>894</b>	<b>1,092</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 461</b>	<b>\$ 653</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>970</b>	<b>1,193</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 465</b>	<b>\$ 666</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>136</b>	<b>137</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 715</b>	<b>\$ 844</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>1,106</b>	<b>1,330</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 495</b>	<b>\$ 685</b>	

**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	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-4</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>365</b>			

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: **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	
Sunoco Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	2002
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	Health care services		

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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			<b>88.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van			<b>3.2%</b>
Public transportation			<b>0.9%</b>
Walked			<b>2.5%</b>
Other means			<b>5.2%</b>
Worked at home			<b>9.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work			<b>32.5 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>			
Working in community of residence			<b>12.2</b>
Commuting to another NH community			<b>78.0</b>
Commuting out-of-state			<b>9.8</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
<b>X</b>	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): <b>Moose Mountain, Gunstock, Bretton Woods, Cranmore, Wildcat</b>
	Other: <b>Lee USA Speedway; Library events; Little River Park</b>