

Rochester, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
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Strafford
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Lakes
Strafford Regional
Southeast Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1 (All Wards)
District 2 (All Wards)
District 6 (All Wards)
Strafford County Districts 7, 22 (Ward 1) 9, 23 (Ward 2) 10, 23 (Ward 3) 11, 24 (Ward 4) 12, 24 (Ward 5) 8, 22 (Ward 6)

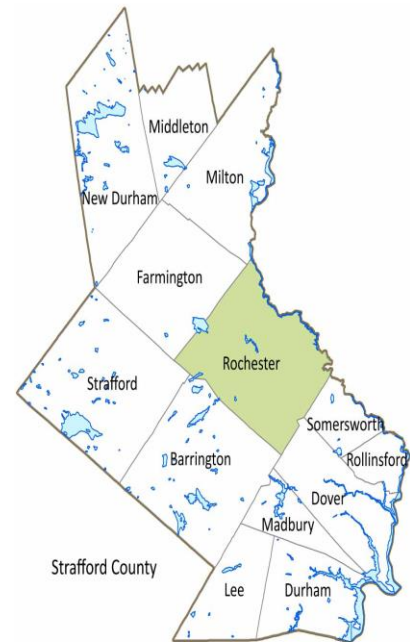
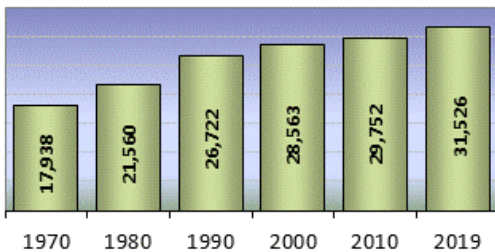
Incorporated: 1722

Origin: This town was one of four granted by Samuel Shute during his brief term as Governor of Massachusetts, which at the time included the New Hampshire province. The 1722 grant included what is now Farmington and Milton, and was named for a close friend of Governor Shute, Laurence Hyde, Earl of Rochester, who was a brother-in-law to King James II. The first settlers arrived in 1728, but due to trouble with Indians, the settlement didn't experience any growth until about 1760. Rochester was incorporated as a city in 1891. It includes the village of Gonic, named for the Indian Squamanagona, meaning day and water.

Villages and Place Names: East Rochester, Gonic

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,857 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Rochester, the ninth largest numeric increase among the cities and towns, totaled 13,588 over 49 years, from 17,938 in 1970 to 31,526 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Rochester was 31,526 residents, which ranked sixth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 703.2 persons per square mile of land area. Rochester contains 44.8 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Council/Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$48,868,269
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$72,195,431
Zoning Ordinance	1984/07
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	City Council; Police; School
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Economic Development; Industrial Development; Arena; Historic; Utility; Arts & Culture

Public Library	East Rochester Public; Rochester Public
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EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	Local	96

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
Water Supplier	Municipal

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
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)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.90
2019 Equalization Ratio	99.0
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.54

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	71.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.7%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	13,522
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	7,212
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,041
Five or More Units in Structure	2,019
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,250

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	31,526	130,633	
2010	29,752	123,143	
2000	28,563	112,676	
1990	26,722	104,348	
1980	21,560	85,408	
1970	17,938	70,431	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	15,423	Female	15,532

Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,243
Age 5 to 19			5,587
Age 20 to 34			6,036
Age 35 to 54			8,168
Age 55 to 64			4,352
Age 65 and over			5,569
Median Age			41.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			89.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher			21.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income			\$32,024
Median family income			\$74,767
Median household income			\$62,179

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$48,635
Female			\$43,308
Individuals below the poverty level			10.4%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2009	2019		
Civilian labor force	17,201	17,992		
Employed	15,945	17,559		
Unemployed	1,256	433		
Unemployment rate	7.3%	2.4%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	1,613	2,370			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 907	\$1,307			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	8,171	8,697			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 636	\$ 797			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	9,784	11,067			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 680	\$ 906			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	1,417	1,415			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 725	\$ 861			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	11,201	12,483			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 686	\$ 901			

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Rochester operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 54**
 Career Technology Center(s): **R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Ctr (Rochester)** Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	8	1	2	4
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,858	922	1,437	178

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **19** Total Capacity: **1,099**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Health care services	1,048	1919
City of Rochester - Schools	Education	821	1751
Albany/SAFRAN Engineered Composites	Aerospace engineered products	750	1985
Market Basket - 2 locations	Supermarket	450	1996
City of Rochester	Municipal services	387	1891
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Retail store, supermarket	300	1970
Hannaford Brothers - 2 locations	Supermarket	264	1963
Next Phase Medical (fka Phase 2 Medical)	Medical devise manufacturing	180	1995
Eastern Propane & Oil	Retail propane & oil	178	1989
Laars Technologies	Boilers & water heaters	165	1984

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		202
	State Routes	11, 16, 108, 125, 202A	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exits 12-16; I-95, Exit 5		
	Distance	Local access; 21 miles	
Railroad		NH Northcoast	
Public Transportation		COAST	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Skyhaven, Rochester	Runway	4,200 ft. asphalt	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	46 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		43 miles	
Portland, Maine		53 miles	
Boston, Mass.		75 miles	
New York City, NY		285 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		271 miles	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	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): Gunstock
	Other: Rochester Opera House; Skyhaven Airport; Rochester Farmer's Market; History Museum; Oktoberfest; Public Art Downtown; Concerts on the Common; Comic Book Day; Wings & Wheels; Historic Homes & Inns; Rochester Museum of Art (RMFA); Roger Allen Park; Walking Trails; Rochester Performing Arts Center; Trick or Treat/Zombie Walk; Dinner Theater Events; River Walk; Kayaking

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.5%
Public transportation	1.9%
Walked	1.1%
Other means	6.1%
Worked at home	11.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	31.8
Commuting to another NH community	57.1
Commuting out-of-state	11.1