

Rochester, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
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Strafford
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Lakes
Strafford Regional
Southeast Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

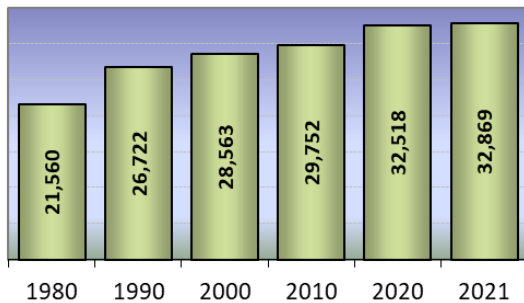
District 1 (All Wards)
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District 6 (All Wards)
Strafford County Districts 2 (Ward 5), 5 (Ward 1), 6 (Ward 2), 7 (Ward 3), 8 (Ward 4), 9 (Ward 6), 19 (Wards 1-4 & 6)

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 totaled 11,309 over 41 years, from 21,560 in 1980 to 32,869 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Rochester was 32,869 residents, which ranked sixth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 733.2 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	\$37,028,625		
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Zoning Ordinance	1984/14		
Master Plan	2018		
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		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Municipal		
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	Local	23	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy		
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil		
Water Supplier	Municipal		
Sanitation	Municipal		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes		
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal		
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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.65		
2021 Equalization Ratio	73.5		
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.31		
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	70.3%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.9%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.8%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Total Housing Units	13,791		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	7,292		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,134		
Five or More Units in Structure	1,855		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,510		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	32,869	132,416	
2020	32,524	131,006	
2010	29,752	123,143	
2000	28,563	112,676	
1990	26,722	104,348	
1980	21,560	85,408	
DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	15,800	Female	15,505
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,059
Age 5 to 19			5,880
Age 20 to 34			5,608
Age 35 to 54			8,265
Age 55 to 64			4,626
Age 65 and over			5,867
Median Age			43.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			91.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			20.9%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Per capita income	\$34,457		
Median family income	\$75,258		
Median household income	\$66,831		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$50,434
Female			\$45,916
Individuals below the poverty level			8.9%
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	16,868	17,582	
Employed	15,894	16,964	
Unemployed	974	618	
Unemployment rate	5.8%	3.5%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,614	2,128	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,062	\$1,417	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	7,750	8,076	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 665	\$ 885	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	9,364	10,204	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 734	\$ 995	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,416	1,326	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 737	\$ 950	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	10,780	11,529	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 734	\$ 990	

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)**

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	1,746	912	1,391	170

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **16** Total Capacity: **1,025**

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 device manufacturing	220	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

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.5%
Public transportation	1.9%
Walked	0.7%
Other means	1.8%
Worked at home	5.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	60.5%
Commuting to another NH community	27.8%
Commuting out-of-state	11.7%

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
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Rochester Opera House; Skyhaven Airport; Rochester Farmer's Market; History Museum; Oktoberfest; Concerts on the Common; Comic Book Day; Wings & Wheels; Rochester Museum of Art (RMFA); Roger Allen Park