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 15,439 over 58 years, from 15,927 in 1960 to 31,366 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2018 Census estimate for Rochester was 31,366 residents, which ranked sixth among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 699.7 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

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<td>Master Plan</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
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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 96

Utilities

Electric Supplier | PSNH |
Natural Gas Supplier | Unitil |
Water Supplier | Municipal |
Sanitation | Municipal |
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | Yes |
Solid Waste Disposal | Municipal |
Curbside Trash Pickup | Yes |
Pay-As-You-Throw Program | No |
Recycling Program | Voluntary |
Telephone Company | Fairpoint |
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)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>2018 Equalization Ratio</th>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>$26.33</td>
<td>94.9</td>
<td>$24.06</td>
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2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

- Residential Land and Buildings: 74.5%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 22.5%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 4.1%

Housing (ACS 2014-2018)

- Total Housing Units: 13,461
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 7,247
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 2,173
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 1,805
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 2,236

Demographics

Population by Gender
- Male: 15,226
- Female: 14,435

Population by Age Group
- Under age 5: 1,465
- Age 5 to 19: 5,443
- Age 20 to 34: 5,934
- Age 35 to 54: 8,300
- Age 55 to 64: 4,030
- Age 65 and over: 5,489
- Median Age: 41.3 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
- High school graduate or higher: 89.3%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 20.9%

Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2014-2018)

- Per capita income: $30,996
- Median family income: $73,975
- Median household income: $58,427
- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers:
  - Male: $46,535
  - Female: $42,691
- Individuals below the poverty level: 12.0%

Labor Force (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average:
  - 2008: 112,676
  - 2018: 123,143
- Civilian labor force:
  - 2008: 104,907
  - 2018: 112,676
- Employed:
  - 2008: 104,907
  - 2018: 112,676
- Unemployed:
  - 2008: 760
  - 2018: 431
- Unemployment rate:
  - 2008: 4.1%
  - 2018: 2.4%

Employment & Wages (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average Covered Employment:
  - 2008: 104,907
  - 2018: 112,676
- Goods Producing Industries:
  - Average Employment: 1,844
  - Average Weekly Wage: $856
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,303
- Service Providing Industries:
  - Average Employment: 8,511
  - Average Weekly Wage: $652
  - Average Weekly Wage: $789
- Total Private Industry:
  - Average Employment: 10,354
  - Average Weekly Wage: $688
  - Average Weekly Wage: $895
- Government (Federal, State, and Local):
  - Average Employment: 1,406
  - Average Weekly Wage: $708
  - Average Weekly Wage: $845
- Total, Private Industry plus Government:
  - Average Employment: 11,760
  - Average Weekly Wage: $691
  - Average Weekly Wage: $890

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018
  Working in community of residence 30.4
  Commuting to another NH community 59.1
  Commuting out-of-state 10.5

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

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

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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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
Skyyhaven, 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 2014-2018)

Workers 16 years and over
  Drove alone, car/truck/van 79.3%
  Carpooledl, car/truck/van 11.0%
  Public transportation 2.5%
  Walked 1.5%
  Other means 5.7%
  Worked at home 4.1%

Mean Travel Time to Work 26.9 minutes

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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

Other: Gunstock