

Somersworth, NH



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County	Strafford
Labor Market Area	Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Seacoast
Planning Commission	Strafford Regional
Regional Development	Southeast Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1 (All Wards)
Executive Council	District 2 (All Wards)
State Senate	District 4 (All Wards)
State Representative	Strafford County Districts 18, 21 (Wards 1, 3, 4, & 5) 17, 21 (Ward 2)

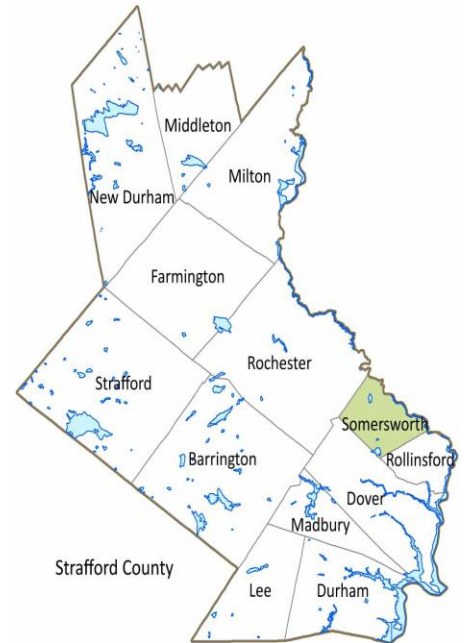
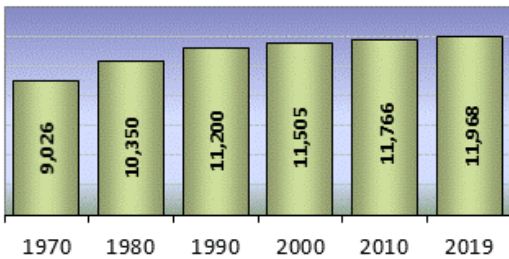
Incorporated: 1754

Origin: This territory was first settled about 1650 when it was part of Dover. It was made a separate parish in 1729, called Summersworth. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a separate township. The town was incorporated as Somersworth in 1754. In 1849, the town was divided nearly in half when the southern portion was incorporated as Rollinsford. Somersworth was incorporated as a city in 1893. Situated on the Salmon River, Somersworth has been home to many gristmills, sawmills, and cotton and woolen making establishments.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 943 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Somersworth totaled 2,942 over 49 years, from 9,026 in 1970 to 11,968 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 15 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, a two percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2019 Census estimate for Somersworth was 11,968 residents, which ranked 25th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 1,220.0 persons per square mile of land area, the fourth highest among the cities and towns. Somersworth contains 9.8 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	City Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$14,012,560
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$29,047,242
Zoning Ordinance	1953/13
Master Plan	2010
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	City Council
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; HDC
Public Library	Somersworth Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Full-time & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service		Private
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	4 miles	142
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	6 miles	96

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy
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		Yes
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)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.28
2019 Equalization Ratio	97.6
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.33
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	73.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	25.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.7%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	5,501
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,625
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	1,418
Five or More Units in Structure	1,026
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	432

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	11,968	130,633	
2010	11,766	123,143	
2000	11,505	112,676	
1990	11,200	104,348	
1980	10,350	85,408	
1970	9,026	70,431	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	5,864	Female	6,061
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	653		
Age 5 to 19	1,908		
Age 20 to 34	3,036		
Age 35 to 54	2,986		
Age 55 to 64	1,769		
Age 65 and over	1,573		
Median Age	36.9 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	93.8%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.8%		

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	\$32,762		
Median family income	\$78,254		
Median household income	\$66,663		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$50,264		
Female	\$38,034		
Individuals below the poverty level	8.8%		

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	6,568	6,810
Employed	6,132	6,660
Unemployed	436	150
Unemployment rate	6.6%	2.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,017	1,182
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 976	\$1,103
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	3,400	4,093
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 674	\$ 936
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	4,418	5,275
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 743	\$ 973
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	521	465
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 719	\$ 907
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	4,938	5,740
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 741	\$ 968

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Somersworth operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 56**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Somersworth Career Technical Center** Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	739	338	413	206

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: **6** Total Capacity: **388**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Contitech	Manufacture of high performance silicone rubber hose	1,000	
Aclara	Manufacturing, meter control division	400	
Wal-Mart	Retail store	380	
Somersworth School Department	Education	291	
Market Basket	Supermarket	270	
The Works Athletic Club	Physical fitness, wellness center	240	
General Linen	Laundry facility	200	
Velcro	Hook & loop products	180	
City of Somersworth	Municipal services	115	
J Pac	Medical contract packaging	100	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	16A, 16B, 108, 236
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 9; I-95, Exit 5	
	Distance	4 miles; 17 miles
Railroad	Boston & Maine	
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		
Portland (ME) International	Distance	46 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		44 miles
Portland, Maine		47 miles
Boston, Mass.		70 miles
New York City, NY		281 miles
Montreal, Quebec		279 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Pumpkin Festival; Childrens Festival; Walking Trails; Baseball/Softball Fields; Basketball Courts; Childrens Playgrounds; Indonesian Festival; River Access; Splash Pad

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.7%
Public transportation	1.5%
Walked	1.2%
Other means	4.6%
Worked at home	8.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	19.3
Commuting to another NH community	72.2
Commuting out-of-state	8.5