

Somersworth, NH



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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 (All Wards)
District 1
District 4 (All Wards)
Strafford County District 12 (Wards 1-5)

Incorporated: 1754

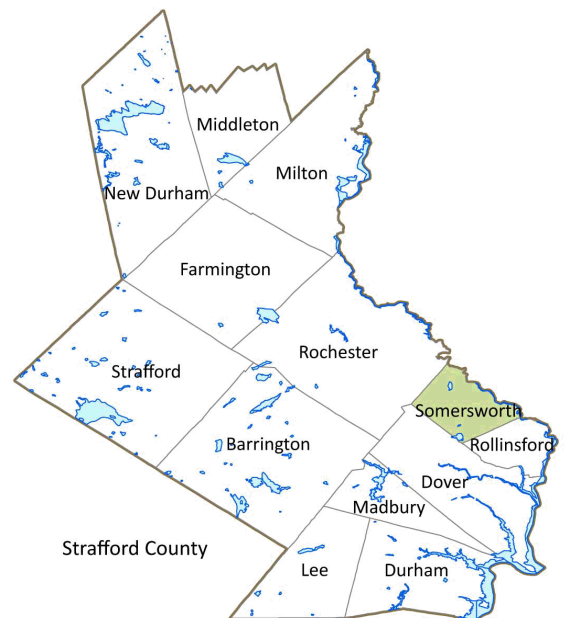
Origin: This territory was first settled about 1650 when it was part of Dover. It was made a separate parish in 1729, called Summersworth. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a separate township. The town was incorporated as Somersworth in 1754. In 1849, the town was divided 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 2,841 over 50 years, from 9,026 in 1970 to 11,867 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 15 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The city's population increased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Somersworth was 12,159 residents, which ranked 25th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 1,239.4 persons per square mile of land area. 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, 2021-2022	\$14,400,675
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	\$27,680,522
Zoning Ordinance	1953/21
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	173
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	6 miles	27

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	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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.09
2022 Equalization Ratio	66.6
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.60
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	74.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.9%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	5,541
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,665
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	1,563
Five or More Units in Structure	964
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	349

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	12,159	132,275	
2020	11,855	130,889	
2010	11,766	123,143	
2000	11,505	112,676	
1990	11,200	104,348	
1980	10,350	85,408	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021			
Population by Gender			
Male	6,131	Female	5,833
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	311		
Age 5 to 19	2,319		
Age 20 to 34	2,514		
Age 35 to 54	3,358		
Age 55 to 64	1,763		
Age 65 and over	1,699		
Median Age	39.7 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 8,897			
High school graduate or higher	93.0%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.1%		

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income	\$33,977		
Median family income	\$76,612		
Median household income	\$68,762		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$51,212		
Female	\$43,750		
Individuals below the poverty level	10.9%		

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	6,578	6,872
Employed	6,216	6,712
Unemployed	362	160
Unemployment rate	5.5%	2.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,168	847
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,068	\$1,260
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	3,845	4,086
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 715	\$1,105
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	5,013	4,932
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 797	\$1,131
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	536	460
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 719	\$1,048
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	5,549	5,393
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 789	\$1,124

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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

District: **SAU 56**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1	1	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	592	342	386	200

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

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **346**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Aclara	Manufacturing, meter control division	400	
Contitech	Manufacture of high performance silicone rubber hose	450	
J Pac	Medical contract packaging	95	
Wal-Mart	Retail store	291	
Somersworth School Department	Education	334	
Market Basket	Supermarket	253	
City of Somersworth	Municipal services	124	
Velcro	Hook & loop products	199	
The Works Athletic Club	Physical fitness, wellness center	139	
General Linen	Laundry facility	120	

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		8
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

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	13.5%
Public transportation	2.2%
Walked	1.1%
Other means	1.8%
Worked at home	5.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	21.3%
Commuting to another NH community	68.8%
Commuting out-of-state	9.9%

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