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.

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.

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Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units

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<th>Type</th>
<th>City Manager &amp; Council</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget:</td>
<td>$14,012,560</td>
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<tr>
<td>School Appropriations, 2020-2021</td>
<td>$29,047,242</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1953/13</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2010</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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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

TOPICS

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 – ELMl)
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 – ELMl)
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

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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  
Region: 12

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<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
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<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
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<td>6-8</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>739</td>
<td>338</td>
<td>413</td>
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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**

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<th>Product/Service</th>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

- **Road Access**
  - State Routes: 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 Servicing 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

**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%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- **X** Municipal Parks
  - YMCA/YWCA
- **X** 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

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