



Durham, NH

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County	Strafford
Labor Market Area	Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion
Tourism Region	Seacoast
Planning Commission	Strafford Regional
Regional Development	Strafford Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 3
State Senate	District 21
State Representative	Strafford County District 7

Incorporated: 1732

Origin: Durham started as a parish of Dover called Oyster River Plantation, first settled in 1669. Durham was incorporated in 1732, probably to honor the first Puritan bishop, Richard Barnes, Bishop of Durham. Durham included what is now Lee until 1766, when that town was incorporated. Benjamin Thompson, descendent of an early settler, bequeathed the family estate, the Warner Farm, to be used for establishment of an agricultural college. The state agricultural school, originally set up in Hanover in 1866, was moved to Durham in 1890, becoming the University of New Hampshire in 1923.

Villages and Place Names: Oyster River

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,247 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Durham, including resident students, totaled 7,914 over 50 years, from 4,770 in 1950 to 12,684 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2005 Census estimate for Durham was 13,040 residents, which ranked 21st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2005: 582.1 persons per square mile of land area. Durham contains 22.4 square miles of land area and 2.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Administrator & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$9,799,490
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1935/06
Master Plan	2000
Capitol Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Town Planner/Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Town Council
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Historic

Public Library **Durham Public; UNH Durham Dimond****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	4/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	6 miles	178

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop.
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities
Water Supplier	UNH/Durham Water System

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	unknown
Residential	unknown

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2005 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.19
2005 Equalization Ratio	87.0
2005 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.84

2005 Percent of Property Valuation by Type

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2005	13,040	119,015
2000	12,684	112,676
1990	11,816	104,348
1980	10,652	85,324
1970	8,869	70,431

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender

Male	5,719	Female	6,945
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	306
Age 5 to 19	4,083
Age 20 to 34	4,982
Age 35 to 54	1,948
Age 55 to 64	571
Age 65 and over	774
Median Age	21.2 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	97.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	73.4%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$17,210
Median 4-person family income	\$83,609
Median household income	\$51,697

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$54,519
Female	\$31,548

Families below the poverty level

2.8%**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1995	2005
Civilian Labor Force	5,058	6,767
Employed	4,927	6,554
Unemployed	131	213
Unemployment Rate	2.6%	3.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1995	2005
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	43	582
Average Weekly Wage	\$425	\$1,086
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,808	1,449
Average Weekly Wage	\$500	\$423

EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES

(NH Dept. of Education)

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Oyster River Cooperative (Durham, Lee, Madbury)** District: **SAU 5**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Voc. Center; Somersworth Reg. Voc. Center; Creteau Voc. Center, Rochester** Region: **12**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools		1	1	
Grade Levels		5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment		701	722	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2006: Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **277**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Stratham**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; McIntosh**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
University of New Hampshire	Education	4,268	
Goss International	Printing press	300	
Town of Durham	Municipal services	80	

TRANSPORTATION (Distance estimated from city / town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	108, 155, 155A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 5
	Distance	8 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Pease International		
Runway		11,321 ft. asphalt/concrete
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Pease International Distance 9 miles		
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		2
Driving distance to selected cities:		
Manchester, NH		37 miles
Portland, ME		61 miles
Boston, MA		64 miles
New York City, NY		275 miles
Montreal, Quebec		282 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

- X** Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- X** Golf Courses
- Swimming: Indoor Facility
- X** Swimming: Outdoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
- X** Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
- Bowling Facilities
- Museums
- Cinemas
- X** Performing Arts Facilities
- Tourists 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

COMMUTING TO WORK*(US Census)*

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van **56.6%**Carpooled, car/truck/van **6.5%**Public transportation **3.6%**Walked **27.1%**Other Means **2.1%**Worked at home **4.1%**Mean Travel Time to Work **17.1 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents:

Working in community of residence **46%**Commuting to another NH community **47%**Commuting out-of-state **6%****X** Fishing/Hunting**X** Boating/Marinas

Snowmobile Trails

X Bicycle Trails**X** Cross Country Skiing

Beach or Waterfront Recreational Area

Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**Other: **Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve**

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