

Durham, NH



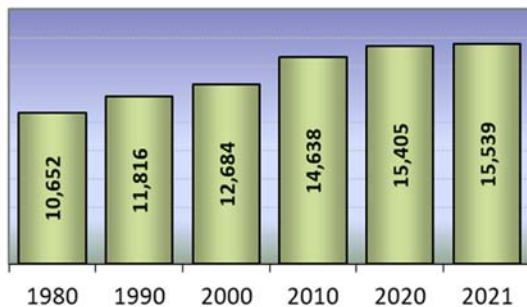
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County	Strafford
Labor Market Area	Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Seacoast
Planning Commission	Strafford Regional
Regional Development	Southeast Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 21
State Representative	Strafford County Districts 10, 20

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.

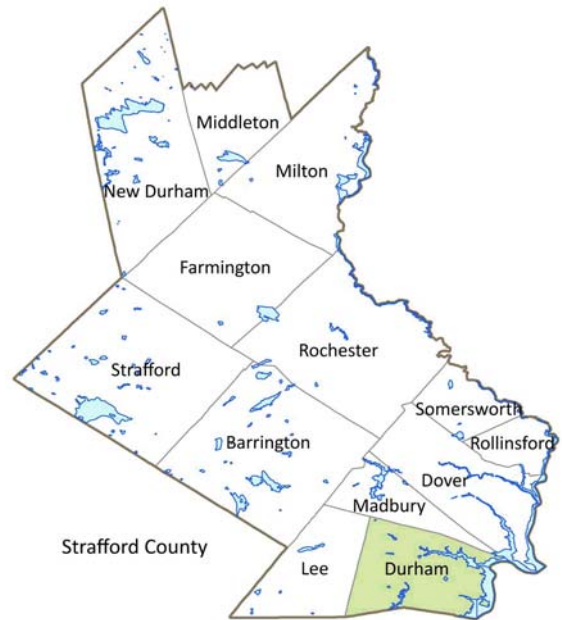
Villages and Place Names: Oyster River

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



Population Trends:

Population change for Durham, including resident students, totaled 4,887 over 41 years, from 10,652 in 1980 to 15,539 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 15 percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2021 Census estimate for Durham was 15,539 residents, which ranked 20th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 693.7 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, 2022	\$29,218,000
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	\$48,707,995
Zoning Ordinance	1935/21
Master Plan	2015
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Town Planner/Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Town Council
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Historic; Economic Development
Public Library	Durham Public; UNH Library

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Emergency Medical Service	Private
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	6 miles 145

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
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 Program	Mandatory
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)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.91
2021 Equalization Ratio	71.8
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.33
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	63.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	30.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	6.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	3,826
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,381
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	450
Five or More Units in Structure	988
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	7

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	15,539	132,416	
2020	15,472	131,006	
2010	14,638	123,143	
2000	12,684	112,676	
1990	11,816	104,348	
1980	10,652	85,324	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020			
Population by Gender			
Male	7,862	Female	8,614
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			261
Age 5 to 19			6,227
Age 20 to 34			6,326
Age 35 to 54			1,651
Age 55 to 64			764
Age 65 and over			1,247
Median Age			20.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			98.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher			75.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2016-2020)	
Per capita income			\$25,045
Median family income			\$139,831
Median household income			\$83,289
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$87,614
Female			\$55,529
Individuals below the poverty level			25.9%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average	2011	2021		
Civilian labor force	8,050	8,802		
Employed	7,657	8,568		
Unemployed	393	234		
Unemployment rate	4.9%	2.7%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	n				176
Average Weekly Wage	n				\$1,425
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	n				1,339
Average Weekly Wage	n				\$ 882
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	1,818				1,515
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 848				\$ 945
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	4,236				4,193
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,170				\$1,386
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	6,054				5,708
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,073				\$1,269

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Oyster River Cooperative (Durham, Lee, Madbury)** District: **SAU 5**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P	5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	25	658	834	

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **138**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
University of New Hampshire	Education	3,597	
Town of Durham	Municipal services	87	

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality***TRANSPORTATION (distances 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	Amtrak Downeaster	
Public Transportation	COAST; Wildcat Transit	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Pease International	Runway	11,321 ft.
asphalt/concrete		
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids? Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	39 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		39 miles
Portland, Maine		61 miles
Boston, Mass.		64 miles
New York City, NY		271 miles
Montreal, Quebec		283 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	52.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.3%
Public transportation	5.8%
Walked	26.6%
Other means	2.3%
Worked at home	9.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	65.6%
Commuting to another NH community	25.7%
Commuting out-of-state	8.7%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	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
	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
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	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: Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve