

Durham, 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
District 2
District 21
Strafford County District 6

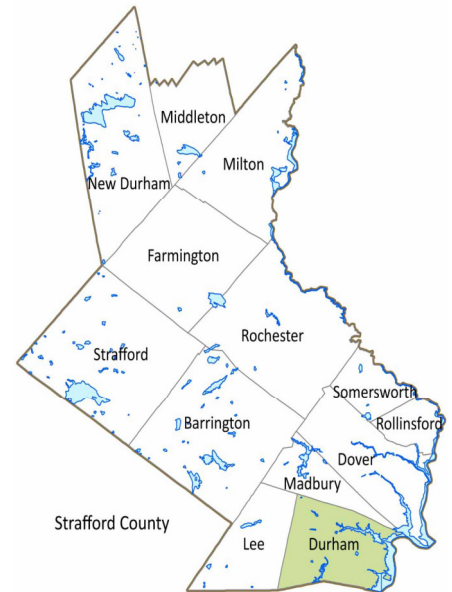
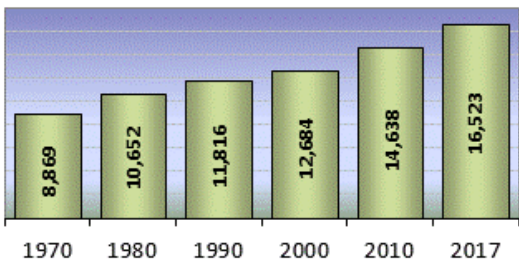
Incorporated: 1732

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 11,019 over 57 years, from 5,504 in 1960 to 16,523 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2017 Census estimate for Durham was 16,523 residents, which ranked 15th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 737.6 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, 2018	\$23,020,000
Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019	\$44,318,020
Zoning Ordinance	1935/18
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	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	6 miles	148

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	Municipal
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

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)

2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$30.64
2017 Equalization Ratio	88.7
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.23

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	67.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	30.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)

Total Housing Units	3,687
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,247
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	445
Five or More Units in Structure	984
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	11

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2017	16,523	128,613
2010	14,638	123,143
2000	12,684	112,676
1990	11,816	104,348
1980	10,652	85,324
1970	8,869	70,431

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016

Population by Gender		
Male	7,402	Female 8,532

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	344
Age 5 to 19	5,616
Age 20 to 34	6,007
Age 35 to 54	1,823
Age 55 to 64	933
Age 65 and over	1,211
Median Age	20.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	99.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	76.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)

Per capita income	\$23,019
Median family income	\$124,118
Median household income	\$67,241

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male	\$64,882
Female	\$50,795

Individuals below the poverty level **23.6%****LABOR FORCE** (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	7,035	9,113
Employed	6,824	8,874
Unemployed	211	239
Unemployment rate	3.0%	2.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	362	401
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,090	\$1,369
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,496	1,517
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 438	\$ 663
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,857	1,917
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 565	\$ 810
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	4,581	4,343
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 933	\$1,282
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	6,438	6,261
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 826	\$1,137

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			Region: 12
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools		1	1	
Grade Levels		5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment		659	793	

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

2017 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	2,890	
Goss International	Printing press	195	
Town of Durham	Municipal services	112	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (<i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i>)			
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 2012-2016)
Workers 16 years and over		
	Drove alone, car/truck/van	49.5%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.3%
	Public transportation	5.0%
	Walked	30.4%
	Other means	3.1%
	Worked at home	5.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work		21.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016		
	Working in community of residence	50.2
	Commuting to another NH community	42.1
	Commuting out-of-state	7.7

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