



# Durham, NH

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm**

## County

**Strafford**

## Labor Market Area

**Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion**

## 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

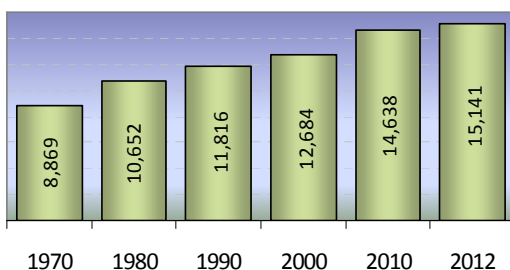
**Strafford County District 6**

**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

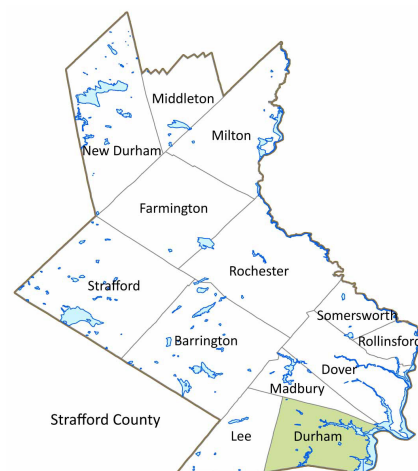
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,247 residents in 1790



## Population Trends: Population change for

Durham, including resident students, totaled 9,637 over 52 years, from 5,504 in 1960 to 15,141 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2012 Census estimate for Durham was 15,141 residents, which ranked 17th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 654.1 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, 2013		\$12,707,557	
Budget: School Appropriations,		Not Available	
Zoning Ordinance		1935/13	
Master Plan		2000	
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	124
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		PSNH; 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		Fairpoint	
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)	
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.75	
2012 Equalization Ratio		100.0	
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.67	
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		85.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		12.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.5%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2008-2012)	
Total Housing Units		3,701	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,290	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		139	
Five or More Units in Structure		1,261	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		11	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2012	15,141		124,119
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) 2008-2012			
Population by Gender			
Male	6,504	Female	8,191
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			368
Age 5 to 19			5,491
Age 20 to 34			4,712
Age 35 to 54			2,290
Age 55 to 64			968
Age 65 and over			866
Median Age			20.7 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			96.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher			72.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2008-2012)	
Per capita income			\$25,664
Median 4-person family income			\$114,191
Median household income			\$72,176
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$77,188
Female			\$55,270
Individuals below the poverty level			20.1%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2002		2012
Civilian labor force	6,480		7,628
Employed	6,276		7,194
Unemployed	204		434
Unemployment rate	3.1%		5.7%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002		2012
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	545		n
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,115		n
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,518		n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 630		n
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,063		1,812
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 758		\$ 867
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	4,483		4,279
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 768		\$1,160
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	6,546		6,091
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 765		\$1,073
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Oyster River Cooperative (Durham, Lee, Madbury)**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; Creteau Regional Technology Center, Rochester;  
 Somersworth Career Technical Center**

District: **SAU 5**  
 Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels		<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	
Total Enrollment		<b>651</b>	<b>672</b>	

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2013 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **246**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
University of New Hampshire	Education	4,077	
Goss International	Printing press	417	
Town of Durham	Municipal services	81	

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

Road Access	US Routes	<b>4</b>
	State Routes	<b>108, 155, 155A</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-95, Exit 5</b>	
	Distance	<b>8 miles</b>
Railroad	<b>Amtrak Downeaster</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>COAST; Wildcat Transit</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Pease International</b>	Runway <b>11,321 ft. asphalt/concrete</b>	
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids? <b>Yes</b>	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>39 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>37 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>61 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>64 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>277 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>282 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2008-2012*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>54.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.3%</b>
Public transportation	<b>5.2%</b>
Walked	<b>28.9%</b>
Other means	<b>2.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>3.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>19.2 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2008-2012**

Working in community of residence	<b>44.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>43.4</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>12.2</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve</b>