

Dover, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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Monday to Thursday, 8:30-5:30, Friday, 8:30-4

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 (All Wards)
District 1
District 4 (All Wards)
Strafford County Districts 11 (Ward 4), 13 (Ward 6), 14 (Ward 1), 15 (Ward 2), 16 (Ward 3), 17 (Ward 5), 20 (Ward 4), 21 (Wards 1-3, 5, 6)

Incorporated: 1623

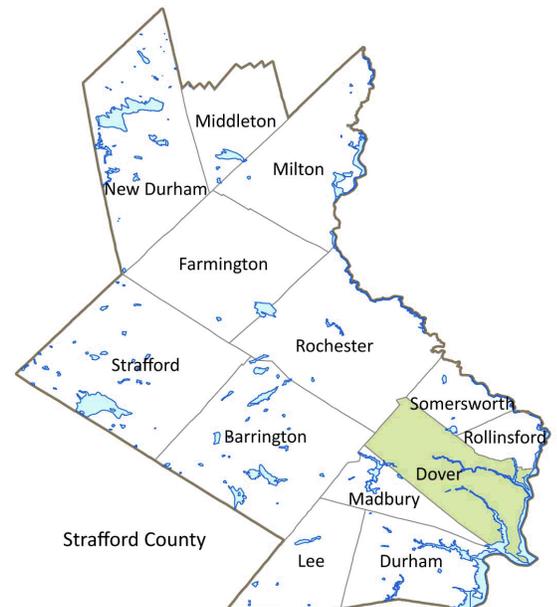
Origin: For the first fifty years of New Hampshire history, Dover was one of only three communities established in what is now New Hampshire. Settled in 1623 on the banks of the Piscataqua River, Dover was first called Hilton's Point, named after Edward Hilton, who procured for himself the "Dover and Squamscot Patent" in 1629. The town was also known by the Abenaki names of Newichwannock (river with many waterfalls) and Cocheco (rapidly foaming water); and briefly called Bristol and Northam before permanently becoming Dover. The settlement was an independent government until 1641, when residents agreed to be annexed to Massachusetts; the town returned to New Hampshire when provincial status was restored by King George II in 1741. Dover's location on the Piscataqua and Cocheco Rivers made it a thriving center of trading and manufacturing. Dover was incorporated as a city in 1855.

Villages and Place Names: Bellamy, Cocheco, Gates Corner, Sawyers, Wentworth Terrace

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,998 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Dover totaled 11,908 over 50 years, from 20,850 in 1970 to 32,758 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 14 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The city's population increased by nine percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Dover was 33,416 residents, which ranked fifth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 1,249.7 persons per square mile of land area. Dover contains 26.7 square miles of land area and 2.3 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023	\$49,383,238
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Zoning Ordinance	1948/21
Master Plan	2021
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	City Council
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Recreation; Ethics; Open Lands; Arts; Transportation; Pool
Public Library	Dover Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Full-time
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	Local	173

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
Water Supplier	City of Dover
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	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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.84
2022 Equalization Ratio	90.2
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.34
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	74.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	23.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.0%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	15,353
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	7,567
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	3,018
Five or More Units in Structure	4,364
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	404

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	33,416	132,275	
2020	32,741	130,889	
2010	29,987	123,143	
2000	26,993	112,676	
1990	25,420	104,348	
1980	22,377	85,324	

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	16,078	Female	16,521
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,967
Age 5 to 19			4,077
Age 20 to 34			9,479
Age 35 to 54			8,084
Age 55 to 64			3,674
Age 65 and over			5,318
Median Age			36.2 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 23,336			
High school graduate or higher			94.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher			47.8%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income			\$47,343
Median family income			\$115,240
Median household income			\$82,387
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$69,958
Female			\$52,106
Individuals below the poverty level			8.0%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2012	2022		
Civilian labor force	17,494	18,791		
Employed	16,662	18,383		
Unemployed	832	408		
Unemployment rate	4.8%	2.2%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,293	1,646	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 929	\$1,188	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	13,720	14,345	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,011	\$1,377	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	15,013	15,990	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,004	\$1,357	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,760	1,795	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 771	\$1,082	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	16,773	17,785	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 980	\$1,329	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Dover operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 11**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Ctr.; Somersworth Career Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	4	1	1	4
Grade Levels	P K 1-8	5-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,519	1,018	1,482	1,282

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

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **20** Total Capacity: **1,318**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Health care services	2,620	
Lincoln Financial Group	Financial services	1,011	
Strafford County	County government services	474	
Dover Schools/Sau 11	Education	471	
Community Partners	Counseling & mental health services	360	
City of Dover	Municipal services	275	
Stonewall Kitchen	Distribution center	150	
Vishay HiRel Systems	Custom magnetics	104	
United Parcel Services	Shipping services	95	
Forward Merch/JSR	Brand merchandise	91	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		4
	State Routes	4, 9, 16, 16A, 16B, 108, 155	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exits 6-9; I-95, Exit 5		
Distance	Local access; 10 miles		
Railroad	Amtrak Downeaster; Guilford Rail Service		
Public Transportation	COAST; Wildcat Transit		
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation	Skyhaven, Rochester		
	Runway	4,200 ft. asphalt	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	Manchester-Boston Regional		
	Distance	43 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	4		
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH	39 miles		
Portland, Maine	50 miles		
Boston, Mass.	65 miles		
New York City, NY	272 miles		
Montreal, Quebec	285 miles		
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.8%		
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.3%		
Public transportation	2.8%		
Walked	1.9%		
Other means	1.1%		
Worked at home	12.1%		
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.2 minutes		
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence	39.4%		
Commuting to another NH community	49.9%		
Commuting out-of-state	10.7%		

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
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	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
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Woodman Institute; Bellamy River Sanctuary