

Strafford, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

**Strafford
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Lakes
Strafford Regional
Southeast Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

**District 1
District 4
District 6
Strafford County Districts 4, 18**

Incorporated: 1820

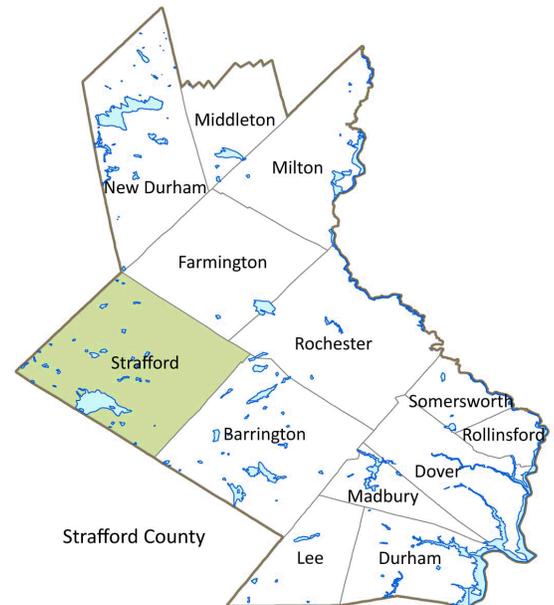
Origin: This territory was for a long time part of Barrington, and settled prior to the Revolution. It was incorporated as a separate town in 1820, taking its name from the county in which it is located. Earl of Strafford was a title of the Wentworth family in England. Strafford, Vermont is also named for the family. The name was also adopted by a state militia company in Dover, the Strafford Guards, who later became part of the New Hampshire National Guard. The company served as escort for the Marquis de Lafayette on his visit to America, and saw service in the Civil War.

Villages and Place Names: Berrys Corner, Bow Lake Village, Center Strafford, Hills Corner, Leighton Corners, Strafford Corner, Welshs Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,144 residents in 1820

Population Trends: Population change for Strafford totaled 3,270 over 50 years, from 965 in 1970 to 4,235 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by six percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Strafford was 4,329 residents, which ranked 91st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 88.4 persons per square mile of land area. Strafford contains 49.0 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023	\$4,406,695
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Zoning Ordinance	1970/22
Master Plan	2023
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Planning; Zoning Board of Adjustment
Appointed:	Conservation
Public Library	Hill

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department			Full-time
Fire Department			Full and Part-time
Emergency Medical Service			Full and Part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	10 miles	27	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier			Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier			None
Water Supplier			Private wells
Sanitation			Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant			No
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup			None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program			No
Recycling Program			Mandatory
Telephone Company			Consolidated Communications; TDS
Cellular Telephone Access			Yes
Cable Television Access			Yes
Public Access Television Station			No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business		Limited
	Residential		Limited

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$17.13	
2022 Equalization Ratio		69.4	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$11.86	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		95.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		1.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.0%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units		1,828	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,662	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		56	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		110	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	4,329	132,275	
2020	4,230	130,889	
2010	3,991	123,143	
2000	3,649	112,676	
1990	2,936	104,348	
1980	1,663	85,324	

DEMOGRAPHICS				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	1,956	Female		2,275	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				171	
Age 5 to 19				781	
Age 20 to 34				613	
Age 35 to 54				1,056	
Age 55 to 64				757	
Age 65 and over				853	
Median Age				49.3 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 3,136					
High school graduate or higher				89.8%	
Bachelor's degree or higher				38.3%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income			\$40,913
Median family income			\$127,125
Median household income			\$120,453
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$63,750
Female			\$66,875
Individuals below the poverty level			7.5%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2012	2022		
Civilian labor force	2,155	2,275		
Employed	2,045	2,227		
Unemployed	110	48		
Unemployment rate	5.1%	2.1%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	114	132			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 781	\$1,172			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	90	138			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 849	\$ 921			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	204	269			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 811	\$1,044			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	157	155			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 580	\$ 692			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	361	424			
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 711	\$ 915			
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Strafford operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Coe-Brown Academy (Northwood)** District: **SAU 44**
 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	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	403			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **107**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
David R. Whitcher, Builder	Building contractor	25	1971
Strafford Machine & Welding	Job machine shop	2	1974
Amusement Media, Inc.	Media & marketing	32	1997
Isinglass Country Store	Convenience store	3	1985
Strafford Insulating Technologies	Insulation	1	1985
Parker Mountain Machine	Machine Shop	8	2020
Independence Inn	Restaurant & Inn	5	2022
7 C's Kitchen and Market	Market & take-out food	7	2023

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes		126, 202A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 16; I-95, Exit 5		
	Distance		9 miles; 29 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
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		47 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			32 miles
Portland, Maine			62 miles
Boston, Mass.			79 miles
New York City, NY			270 miles
Montreal, Quebec			264 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			74.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			7.2%
Public transportation			.0%
Walked			3.0%
Other means			1.2%
Worked at home			14.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work			34.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence			22.7%
Commuting to another NH community			72.3%
Commuting out-of-state			5.0%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	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
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Bow Lake