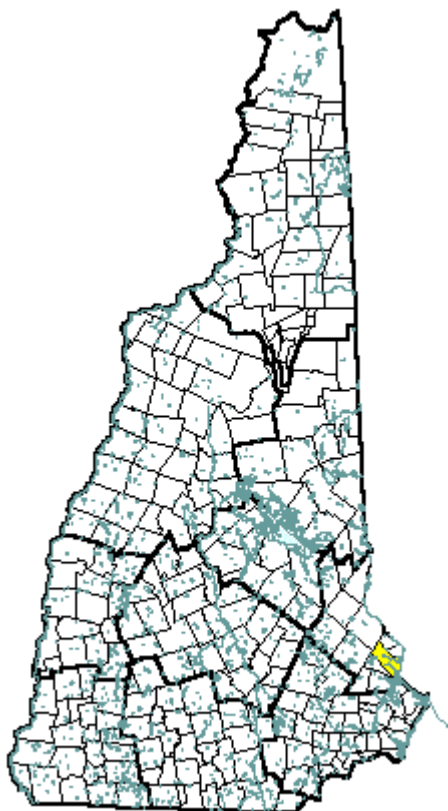


Dover, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, and
 Wednesday, 8 am - 6 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
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1 (All Wards)
District 3 (All Wards)
District 21 (All Wards)
**Strafford County Districts 4 (Wards 1 & 2), 5 (Wards 3 & 4),
 and 6 (Wards 5 & 6)**

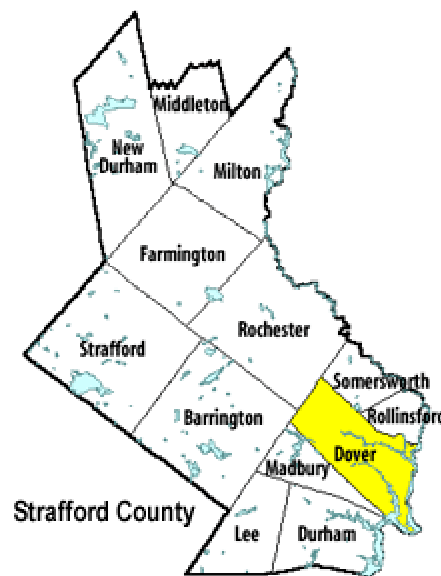
Incorporated: 1623

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 Indian names of Newichwannock (place of wigwams) and Coheco; 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 Coheco Rivers made it a thriving center of trading and manufacturing. Dover was incorporated as a city in 1855.

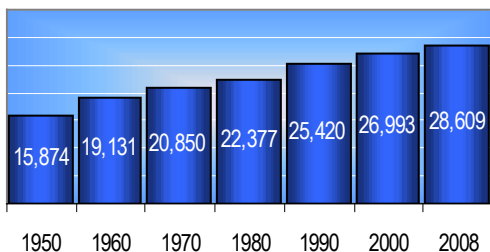
Villages and Place Names: Bellamy, Coheco, Gates Corner, Sawyers, Wentworth Terrace

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

Population Trends: Population change for Dover totaled 11,119 over 50 years, from 15,874 in



1950 to 26,993 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 21 percent increase between 1950 and 1960, and the population has grown less than 15 percent each decade since. The 2008 Census estimate for Dover was 28,609 residents, which ranked seventh among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2008 (NH Office of Energy & Planning):

1,070.3 persons per square mile of land area, the eighth highest among the cities and towns. 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, 2009	\$30,148,109
Budget: School Appropriations, 2009	\$42,978,335
Zoning Ordinance	1948/08
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	City Council
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery

Public Library **Dover Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	3/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	Local 134

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil Northern
Water Supplier	City of Dover
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal
Curbside Trash Pickup	Yes
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Yes
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2008 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.10
2008 Equalization Ratio	92.9
2008 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.33
2008 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	74.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.3%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2008 Total Housing Units	13,240
2008 Single-Family Units	5,976
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	16
2008 Multi-Family Units	6,823
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	63
2008 Manufactured Housing Units	441

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2008	28,609	121,914
2000	26,993	112,676
1990	25,420	104,348
1980	22,377	85,324
1970	20,850	70,431

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	12,914	Female	13,970
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,527
Age 5 to 19			4,653
Age 20 to 34			7,055
Age 35 to 54			7,880
Age 55 to 64			2,077
Age 65 and over			3,692
Median Age			35.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	88.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	32.4%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$23,459
Median 4-person family income	\$57,050
Median household income	\$43,873
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$37,876
Female	\$27,329
Families below the poverty level	4.8%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1998	2008
Civilian labor force	14,778	17,500
Employed	14,439	16,960
Unemployed	339	540
Unemployment rate	2.3%	3.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1998	2008
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,903	2,008
Average Weekly Wage	\$690	\$964
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	10,597	13,753
Average Weekly Wage	\$476	\$909
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	13,500	15,761
Average Weekly Wage	\$522	\$916
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,613	1,869
Average Weekly Wage	\$527	\$732
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	15,113	17,630
Average Weekly Wage	\$522	\$896

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Dover operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 11**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Voc. Center; Somersworth Reg. Voc. Center; Creteau Voc. Center, Rochester** Region: **12**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	1	1	4
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,412	1,093	1,618	1,845

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2009: Total Facilities: **28** Total Capacity: **1,256**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Great Bay; NHTI-Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Southern NH University**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Liberty Mutual	Insurance services	3,500	
City of Dover	Municipal services	1,139	1855
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Health care services	1,048	
Heidelberg Harris, Inc.	Web offset presses	900	
Foster's Daily Democrat	Newspaper	220	1873
Cambridge Tool North	Die casting	190	
EAD Motors	Electric motors	172	
DT Magnetics	High frequency transformers	105	
Moore Business Equipment	Business equipment & parts	80	1885

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	Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation	Yes	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation	Skyhaven, Rochester	
	Runway	4,001 ft. asphalt
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids? Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	Manchester-Boston Regional	
	Distance	43 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	6	
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	40 miles
	Portland, Maine	50 miles
	Boston, Mass.	66 miles
	New York City, NY	277 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	285 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (US Census Bureau)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.2%
Public transportation	1.0%
Walked	2.5%
Other means	0.8%
Worked at home	2.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	33%
Commuting to another NH community	57%
Commuting out-of-state	10%

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