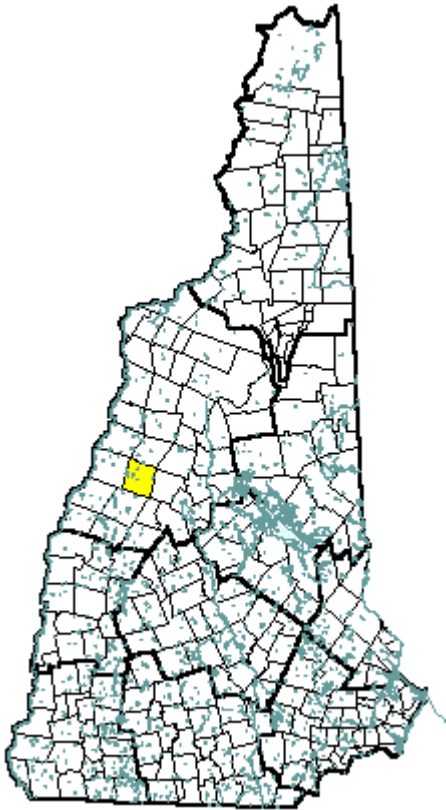


Dorchester, NH



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Municipal Office Hours **Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, 9 am - 11 am, Wednesday, 3 pm - 6 pm, and last Saturday of each month, 9 am - 11 am**

County **Grafton**
 Labor Market Area **Plymouth NH LMA**
 Tourism Region **Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**
 Planning Commission **Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee**
 Regional Development **Grafton County Economic Development Council**

Election Districts
 US Congress **District 2**
 Executive Council **District 1**
 State Senate **District 2**
 State Representative **Grafton County District 10**

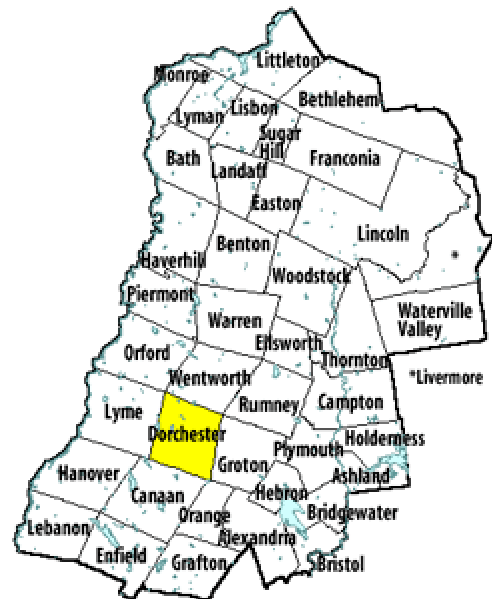
Incorporated: 1761

Origin: First chartered in 1761, Dorchester was probably given its name in honor of ancestors of Governor Benning Wentworth, who held the titles Marquis of Dorchester and Earl of Kingston. Due to the inability of grantees to meet prescribed terms of settlement, the territory was granted twice more, once in 1766 and again in 1772, retaining the name Dorchester throughout. The town's first moderator, Captain John Thompson, was a descendant of David Thompson, who was one of the first settlers in the colony, at Rye's Odiome Point in 1623.

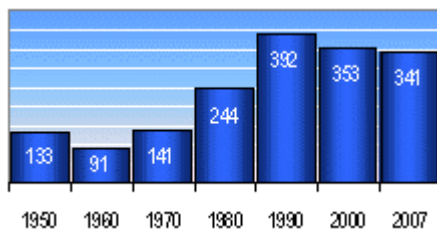
Villages and Place Names: Bucks Corner, Cheever, North Dorchester

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 175 residents in 1790

Population Trends: One of the state's smallest towns, population change for Dorchester totaled 220 over 50 years, from 133 in 1950 to 353 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was 73 percent between 1970 and 1980, a numeric increase of 103. The 2007 Census estimate for Dorchester was 341 residents, which ranked 222nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area

(NH Office of Energy & Planning): 8.4 persons per square mile of land area.

Dorchester contains 44.6 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	\$436,090
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1989
Master Plan	1981
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Cemetery
Appointed:	Zoning

Public Library **No Library****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	No
Fire Department	Canaan, Rumney, Lyme - Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Canaan, Warren, Wentworth - Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	18 miles	25
Alice Peck Day Memorial, Lebanon	23 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	none
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Limited
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.29
2007 Equalization Ratio	75.1
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.34
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	93.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	0.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	6.6%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	245
2007 Single-Family Units	194
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Multi-Family Units	8
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	43

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	341	85,514
2000	353	81,826
1990	392	74,998
1980	244	65,806
1970	141	54,914

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	175	Female	178
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			21
Age 5 to 19			82
Age 20 to 34			46
Age 35 to 54			127
Age 55 to 64			35
Age 65 and over			42
Median Age			39.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	85.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	16.9%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$18,940
Median 4-person family income	\$42,292
Median household income	\$40,833
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$35,000
Female	\$24,375
Families below the poverty level	8.6%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	187	173
Employed	181	163
Unemployed	6	10
Unemployment rate	3.2%	5.8%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	0	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	n	6
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$377
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	5	7
Average Weekly Wage	\$81	\$103
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	n	13
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$226

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Mascoma Valley Regional (Canaan, Dorchester, Enfield, Grafton, Orange)** District: **SAU 62**

Career Technology Center(s): **Hartford Career and Technical Center, White River Junction VT** Region: **07**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region; River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Lebanon; Dartmouth**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Dorchester	Municipal services	1 full time, 6 part time	

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	118
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 26
	Distance	19 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Newfound Valley, Bristol	Runway	1,930 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	27 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		79 miles
Portland, Maine		120 miles
Boston, Mass.		129 miles
New York City, NY		290 miles
Montreal, Quebec		212 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	88.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.1%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.2%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	7.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	39.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	18%
Commuting to another NH community	77%
Commuting out-of-state	5%

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
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	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): Tenney, Ragged Mountains
	Other: Dorchester Old Home Days