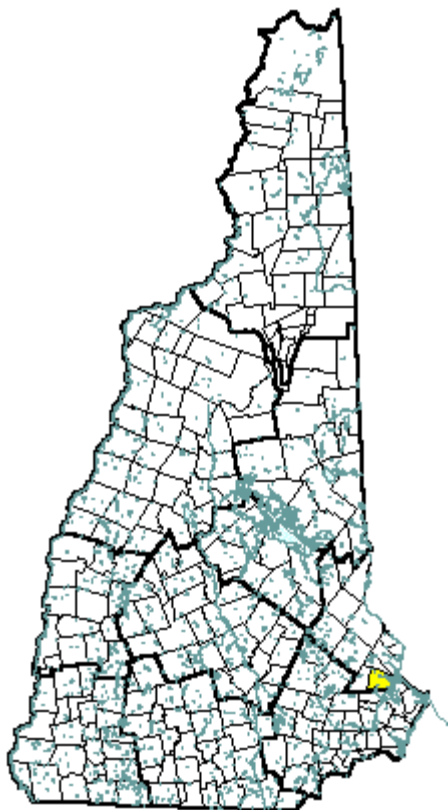


# Durham, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

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

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Strafford**  
**Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion**  
**Seacoast**  
**Strafford Regional**  
**Southeast Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 1**  
**District 3**  
**District 21**  
**Strafford County District 7**

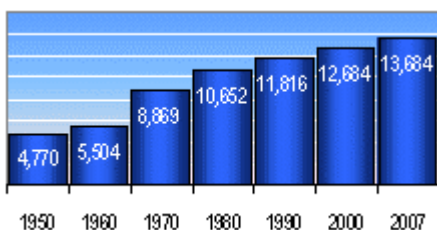
**Incorporated:** 1732

**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, descendant 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 7,914 over 50 years, from 4,770 in 1950 to 12,684 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2007 Census estimate for Durham was 13,684 residents, which ranked 19th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 624.3 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	<b>Administrator &amp; Council</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$10,525,822</b>
Budget: School Appropriations,	<b>not available</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1935/06</b>
Master Plan	<b>2000</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Town Planner/Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Town Council</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Historic</b>

Public Library **Durham Public; UNH Library****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>4/10</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Wentworth-Douglass, Dover</b>	<b>6 miles 178</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Northern Utilities</b>
Water Supplier	<b>UNH/Durham Water System</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>unknown unknown</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$28.24</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>94.5</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.76</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>82.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>16.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.3%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>3,249</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>1,845</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>2</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>1,400</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>2</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>4</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>13,684</b>	<b>121,581</b>
2000	<b>12,684</b>	<b>112,676</b>
1990	<b>11,816</b>	<b>104,348</b>
1980	<b>10,652</b>	<b>85,324</b>
1970	<b>8,869</b>	<b>70,431</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>5,719</b>	Female	<b>6,945</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>306</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>4,083</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>4,982</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>1,948</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>571</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>774</b>
Median Age			<b>21.2 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>97.5%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>73.4%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$17,210</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$83,609</b>
Median household income	<b>\$51,697</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$54,519</b>
Female	<b>\$31,548</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>2.8%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>5,349</b>	<b>6,911</b>
Employed	<b>5,214</b>	<b>6,703</b>
Unemployed	<b>135</b>	<b>208</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>155</b>	<b>348</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$653</b>	<b>\$1,115</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,727</b>	<b>1,343</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$531</b>	<b>\$511</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>1,882</b>	<b>1,691</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$541</b>	<b>\$635</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>4,073</b>	<b>4,600</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$642</b>	<b>\$965</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>5,955</b>	<b>6,291</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$610</b>	<b>\$877</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Oyster River Cooperative (Durham, Lee, Madbury)** District: **SAU 5**  
 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		1	1	
Grade Levels		5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment		637	707	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 5 Total Capacity: 250

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
University of New Hampshire	Education	4,268	
Goss International	Printing press	300	
Town of Durham	Municipal services	80	

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

Road Access	US Routes	4
	State Routes	108, 155, 155A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 5
	Distance	8 miles
Railroad		<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>
Public Transportation		<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Pease International</b>	Runway	<b>11,321 ft. asphalt/conc</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>40 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</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>275 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>282 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>56.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>3.6%</b>
Walked	<b>27.1%</b>
Other means	<b>2.1%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>17.1 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>46%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>47%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>6%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	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
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	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>