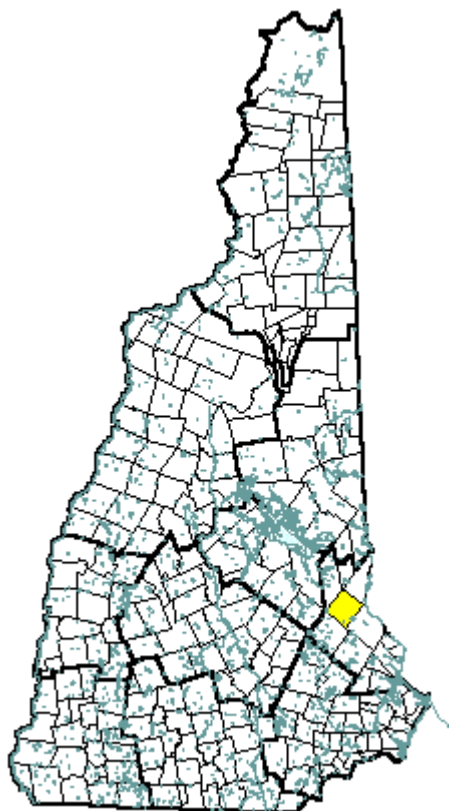


# Farmington, NH



## Community Contact

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[www.farmington.nh.us](http://www.farmington.nh.us)

## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 am - 5 pm, Thursday, 8:30 am - 7 pm, and Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**

## County

**Strafford**

## Labor Market Area

**Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion**

## Tourism Region

**Lakes**

## Planning Commission

**Strafford Regional**

## Regional Development

**Wentworth Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 1**  
**District 2**  
**District 3**  
**Strafford County District 3**

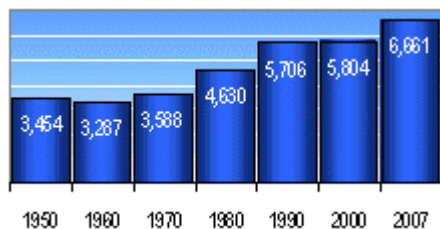
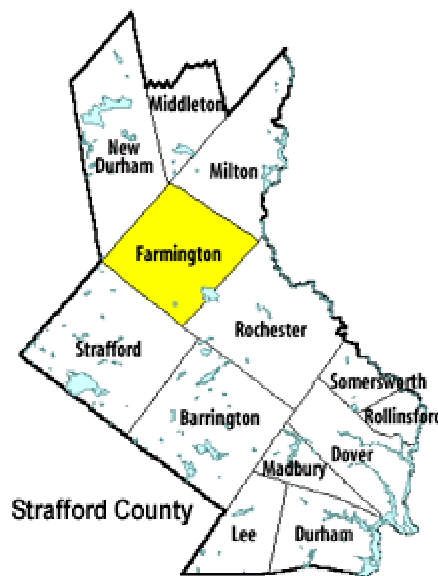
**Incorporated:** 1798

**Origin:** This town started as West Parish, a portion of Rochester that included several large farms. Those farms were separated from Rochester in 1798 as Farmington, a reference to the area's fertile farmland. It was also known as Farmington Dock because its location on the Cochecho River was an ideal spot for sawmills. Those sawmills expanded into shoe-making factories, one of the first places to use automated shoe-making machines instead of handwork. One Farmington resident known in the shoe trade was Jeremiah J. Colbath, who, after changing his name to Henry Wilson, was elected Vice-President under Ulysses S. Grant.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,029 residents in 1800

**Population Trends:** Population change for Farmington totaled 2,350 over 50 years, from 3,454 in 1950 to 5,804 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 29 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 23 percent increase over the next decade. The 2007 Census estimate for Farmington was 6,661 residents, which ranked 46th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 188.6 persons per square mile of land area. Farmington contains 36.5 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$6,074,956</b>
Budget: School Appropriations,	<b>not available</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1979/08</b>
Master Plan	<b>2005</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Budget; Economic Development; Downtown</b>

Public Library **Goodwin****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time &amp; volunteer</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>5/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Frisbie Memorial, Rochester</b>	<b>10 miles 112</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Northern Utilities</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Farmington Water Department</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>none</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>none</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint; Union</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>Yes Yes</b>

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

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.51</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>91.9</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.95</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>85.9%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>12.7%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.4%</b>

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

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>2,914</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>1,811</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>40</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>564</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>2</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>539</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>6,661</b>	<b>121,581</b>
2000	<b>5,804</b>	<b>112,676</b>
1990	<b>5,706</b>	<b>104,348</b>
1980	<b>4,630</b>	<b>85,324</b>
1970	<b>3,588</b>	<b>70,431</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>2,866</b>	Female	<b>2,908</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>373</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>1,393</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>1,008</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>1,912</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>495</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>593</b>
Median Age			<b>36.1 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>73.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>9.9%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$16,574</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$44,788</b>
Median household income	<b>\$40,971</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$32,320</b>
Female	<b>\$24,527</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>6.3%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>3,024</b>	<b>3,437</b>
Employed	<b>2,874</b>	<b>3,285</b>
Unemployed	<b>150</b>	<b>152</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,248</b>	<b>299</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$637</b>	<b>\$939</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>460</b>	<b>419</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$413</b>	<b>\$518</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>1,707</b>	<b>718</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$577</b>	<b>\$693</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>245</b>	<b>355</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$449</b>	<b>\$618</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>1,953</b>	<b>1,073</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$561</b>	<b>\$668</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Farmington operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 61**  
 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	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-3	4-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	450	568	479	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **8** Total Capacity: **372**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
UTEL Inc. & Subsidiaries	Telecommunications	44	1903
Cameron's Sod Farm	Lawn & garden supplies	40	1935
Pike Industries	Asphalt, gravel, stone	40	1975
Samco Inc.	Rubber rolls	32	1979
TD Banknorth	Banking services	20	1927
Energy Resource	Paper		1998
Three Phase Line Electric	Specialized electrical contractor		1999
Spencer Johnston	Machinery manufacturing		
Holy Rosary Credit Union	Banking services		

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>11, 75, 153</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>Spaulding Tpk., Exit 15; I-95, Exit 5</b>	
Distance		<b>7 miles; 26 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Skyhaven, Rochester</b>	Runway	<b>4,001 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>48 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>50 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>59 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>83 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>294 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>264 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>15.2%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>1.6%</b>
Other means	<b>1.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>2.0%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>27.6 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>19%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>71%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>10%</b>

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
<b>X</b>	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Hayday Festival</b>