

Rochester, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

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

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1 (All Wards)
District 2 (All Wards)
District 6 (All Wards)
Strafford County District 1 (All Wards)

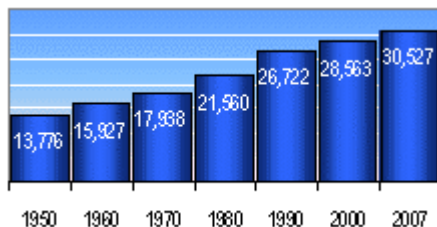
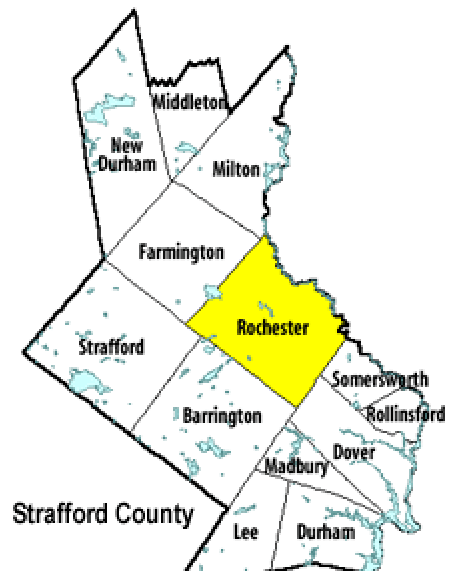
Incorporated: 1722

Origin: This town was one of four granted by Samuel Shute during his brief term as Governor of Massachusetts, which at the time included the New Hampshire province. The 1722 grant included what is now Farmington and Milton, and was named for a close friend of Governor Shute, Laurence Hyde, Earl of Rochester, who was a brother-in-law to King James II. The first settlers arrived in 1728, but due to trouble with Indians, the settlement didn't experience any growth until about 1760. Rochester was incorporated as a city in 1891. It includes the village of Gonic, named for the Indian Squamanagona, meaning day and water.

Villages and Place Names: East Rochester, Gonic

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,857 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Rochester, the ninth largest numeric increase among the cities and towns, totaled 14,787 over 50 years, from 13,776 in 1950 to 28,563 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2007 Census estimate for Rochester was 30,527 residents, which ranked fifth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 688.0 persons per square mile of land area. Rochester contains 44.8 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2008. Community Response Received 08/15/08

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Council/Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	\$27,880,450
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Zoning Ordinance	1984/05
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	City Council; Police; School
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Economic Development; Industrial Development; Arena; Historic; Utility

Public Library **East Rochester Public; Rochester Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	4/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	Local 112

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities
Water Supplier	Municipal
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
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)*

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.81
2007 Equalization Ratio	96.5
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.93
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	79.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	18.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.8%

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

2007 Total Housing Units	13,394
2007 Single-Family Units	6,457
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	71
2007 Multi-Family Units	4,353
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	9
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	2,584

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2007	30,527	121,581
2000	28,563	112,676
1990	26,722	104,348
1980	21,560	85,408
1970	17,938	70,431

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	13,838	Female	14,623
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,929
Age 5 to 19			5,912
Age 20 to 34			5,567
Age 35 to 54			8,769
Age 55 to 64			2,450
Age 65 and over			3,834
Median Age			36.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	82.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	15.2%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999*(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$18,859
Median 4-person family income	\$47,324
Median household income	\$40,596
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$34,290
Female	\$23,319
Families below the poverty level	6.3%

LABOR FORCE*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	14,407	16,642
Employed	13,825	16,038
Unemployed	582	604
Unemployment rate	4.0%	3.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	3,006	1,853
Average Weekly Wage	\$629	\$847
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	8,660	8,476
Average Weekly Wage	\$505	\$628
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	11,666	10,330
Average Weekly Wage	\$537	\$667
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	958	1,373
Average Weekly Wage	\$535	\$695
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	12,623	11,702
Average Weekly Wage	\$536	\$671

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Rochester operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 54**
 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	8	1	1	4
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	K 1-12
Total Enrollment	2,015	1,038	1,680	222

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **32** Total Capacity: **1,359**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
City of Rochester	Municipal services	1,119	1891
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Health care services	655	1919
KW Thompson Tool	Firearms/Investment Castings	500	1989
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	464	1963
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Retail store, supermarket	295	1970
Market Basket	Supermarket	210	1996
Waste Management	Recycling & solid waste	200	1983
Home Depot	Home improvement center	176	2001
Laars Technologies	Boilers & water heaters	170	1984
Eastern Propane & Oil	Retail propane & oil	162	1989

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

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	11, 16, 108, 125, 202A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exits 12-16; I-95, Exit 5	
Distance	Local access; 21 miles	
Railroad	NH Northcoast	
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	42 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	8	
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	43 miles
	Portland, Maine	54 miles
	Boston, Mass.	75 miles
	New York City, NY	286 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	271 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	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
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Rochester Fair; Live Performances; Moonlight Madness; Opera House; Skyhaven Airport; Farmer's Markets; Art Galleries; History Museum; Lilac Festival

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.0%
Public transportation	0.6%
Walked	1.2%
Other means	1.4%
Worked at home	2.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	36%
Commuting to another NH community	57%
Commuting out-of-state	7%