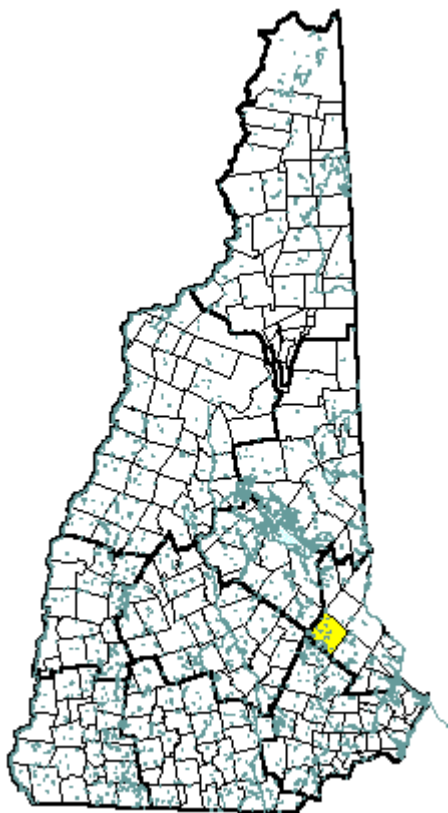


Strafford, NH



Community Contact

Town of Strafford
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 E-mail
 Web Site

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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday through Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon;
Town Clerk: Monday, 9 am - 1 pm and 4 pm - 7 pm, Tuesday,
Wednesday, 9 am - 2:30 pm, and Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon

County

Strafford

Labor Market Area

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

Tourism Region

Lakes

Planning Commission

Strafford Regional

Regional Development

Southeast Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 2
District 4
Strafford County District 3

Incorporated: 1820

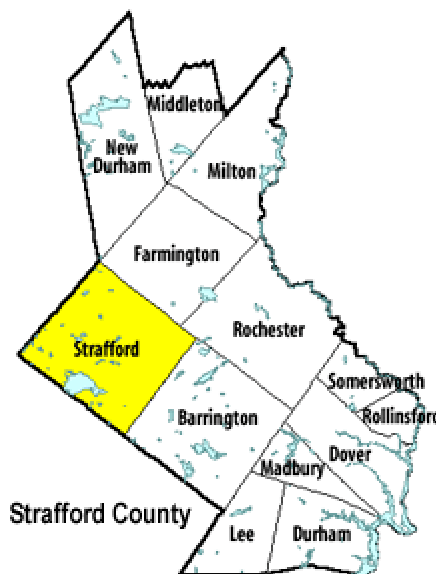
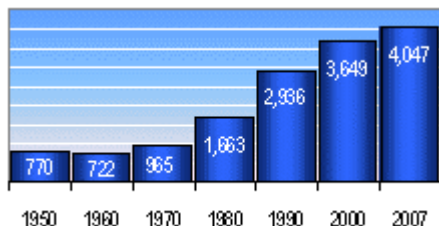
Origin: This territory was for a long time part of Barrington, and settled prior to the Revolution. It was incorporated as a separate town in 1820, taking its name from the county in which it is located. Earl of Strafford was a title of the Wentworth family in England. Strafford, Vermont is also named for the family. The name was also adopted by a state militia company in Dover, the Strafford Guards, who later became part of the New Hampshire National Guard. The company served as escort for the Marquis de Lafayette on his visit to America, and saw service in the Civil War.

Villages and Place Names: Berrys Corner, Bow Lake Village, Center Strafford, Hills Corner, Leighton Corners, Strafford Corner, Welshs Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,144 residents in 1820

Population Trends: Population change for Strafford totaled 2,879 over 50 years, from 770 in 1950 to 3,649 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase

between 1980 and 1990, which followed a 72 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2007 Census estimate for Strafford was 4,047 residents, which ranked 94th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 81.5 persons per square mile of land area. Strafford contains 49.0 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	\$2,070,470
Budget: School Appropriations, 2007-2008	\$9,836,260
Zoning Ordinance	1970/07
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation

Public Library **Hill****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	10 miles 112

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
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; Union
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Limited Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.12
2007 Equalization Ratio	100
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.10
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	98.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	0.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.9%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	1,798
2007 Single-Family Units	1,608
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	8
2007 Multi-Family Units	88
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	2
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	102

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	4,047	121,581
2000	3,649	112,676
1990	2,936	104,348
1980	1,663	85,324
1970	965	70,431

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	1,814	Female 1,812

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	212
Age 5 to 19	953
Age 20 to 34	486
Age 35 to 54	1,424
Age 55 to 64	272
Age 65 and over	279
Median Age	37.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	92.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	28.5%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$23,500
Median 4-person family income	\$62,238
Median household income	\$59,044
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$40,423
Female	\$30,524
Families below the poverty level	1.0%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	1,746	2,359
Employed	1,698	2,299
Unemployed	48	60
Unemployment rate	2.7%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	144
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$781
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	80
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$788
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	n	224
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$783
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	125	158
Average Weekly Wage	\$394	\$481
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	n	382
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$658

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Strafford operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Coe-Brown Academy (Northwood)** District: **SAU 44**

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			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	471			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **15**

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **McIntosh; University of NH**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
David R. Whitcher, Builder	Building contractor	25	1971
Amusement Media, Inc.	Media and marketing	15	1997
Strafford Machine & Welding	Job machine shop	5	1974
Blue Loon General Store	Convenience store, deli	5	2001
Isinglass Country Store	Convenience store	3	1985
Great Crates	Storage containers	3	2004
Strafford Insulating Technologies	Insulation	1	1985

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

Road Access US Routes
State Routes **126, 202A**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **Spaulding Tpk., Exit 16; I-95, Exit 5**
Distance **9 miles; 29 miles**

Railroad **No**

Public Transportation **No**

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 **37 miles**
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **8**

Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH **37 miles**
Portland, Maine **62 miles**
Boston, Mass. **77 miles**
New York City, NY **294 miles**
Montreal, Quebec **275 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	2.8%

Mean Travel Time to Work **36.6 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents:

Working in community of residence	9%
Commuting to another NH community	84%
Commuting out-of-state	7%

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
Museums
Cinemas
X Performing Arts Facilities
Tourist Attractions
X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
Youth Sports: Football
X Youth Sports: Basketball
Youth Sports: Hockey
X Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
X Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: