

Rochester, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Strafford
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Lakes
Strafford Regional
Southeast Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1 (All Wards)
District 1
District 6 (All Wards)
Strafford County Districts 2 (Ward 5), 5 (Ward 1), 6 (Ward 2), 7 (Ward 3), 8 (Ward 4), 9 (Ward 6), 19 (Wards 1-4, 6)

Incorporated: 1722

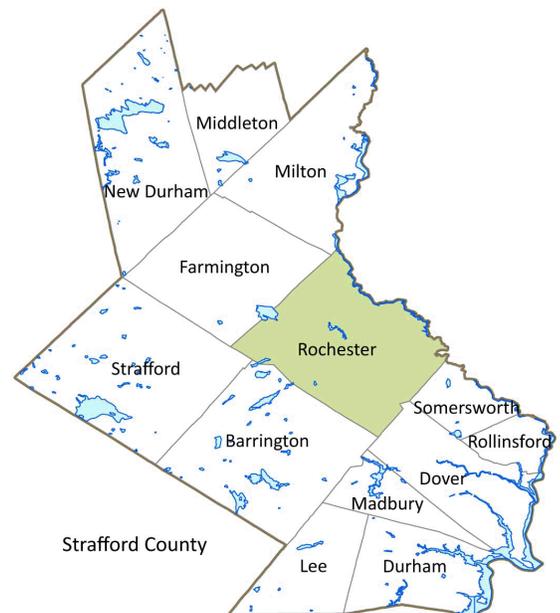
Origin: This town was one of four granted by Samuel Shute during his brief term as Governor of Massachusetts, which at the time included the New Hampshire province. The 1722 grant included what is now Farmington and Milton, and was named for a close friend of Governor Shute, Laurence Hyde, Earl of Rochester, 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 totaled 14,580 over 50 years, from 17,938 in 1970 to 32,518 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The city's population increased by nine percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Rochester was 33,169 residents, which ranked sixth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 739.9 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.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Council/Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023	\$46,466,946
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$71,954,485
Zoning Ordinance	1984/14
Master Plan	2018
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; Arts & Culture

Public Library	East Rochester Public; Rochester Public
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EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	Local	27

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
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	Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.28
2022 Equalization Ratio	61.7
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.12
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	70.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	25.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.4%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	14,192
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	7,512
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,265
Five or More Units in Structure	2,113
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,302

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2022	33,169	132,275
2020	32,492	130,889
2010	29,752	123,143
2000	28,563	112,676
1990	26,722	104,348
1980	21,560	85,408

DEMOGRAPHICS			<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>
Population by Gender			
Male	16,347	Female	15,970
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,389
Age 5 to 19			6,262
Age 20 to 34			5,684
Age 35 to 54			8,342
Age 55 to 64			5,019
Age 65 and over			5,621
Median Age			42.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:	22,865
High school graduate or higher	92.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>
Per capita income		\$36,475
Median family income		\$82,719
Median household income		\$70,582
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$53,306
Female		\$49,408
Individuals below the poverty level		9.3%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	16,840		17,851
Employed	15,863		17,434
Unemployed	977		417
Unemployment rate	5.8%		2.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,559		2,349
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,164		\$1,433
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	7,760		8,227
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 670		\$ 938
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	9,318		10,576
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 753		\$1,048
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,413		1,276
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 737		\$ 995
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	10,732		11,852
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 751		\$1,042

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Rochester operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 54**
 Career Technology Center(s): **R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Ctr (Rochester)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	8	1	2	4
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,667	847	1,359	127

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

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **18** Total Capacity: **1,085**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
City of Rochester	Municipal services	387	1891
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Health care services	1,048	1919
Albany/SAFRAN Engineered Composites	Aerospace engineered products	750	1985
Hannaford Brothers - 2 locations	Supermarket	264	1963
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Retail store, supermarket	300	1970
Market Basket - 2 locations	Supermarket	450	1996
Next Phase Medical (fka Phase 2 Medical)	Medical device manufacturing	220	1995
Laars Technologies	Boilers & water heaters	165	1984
City of Rochester - Schools	Education	821	1751
Sig Sauer	Firearms manufacturer	250	1985

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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		COAST	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Skyhaven, Rochester	Runway	4,200 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	46 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		43 miles	
Portland, Maine		53 miles	
Boston, Mass.		75 miles	
New York City, NY		285 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
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Rochester Opera House; Skyhaven Airport; Rochester Farmer's Market; History Museum; Public Art Downtown; Concerts on the Common; Comic Book Day; Wings & Wheels; Historic Homes & Inns; Rochester Museum of Art (RMFA); Roger Allen Park; Walking Trails; Roch