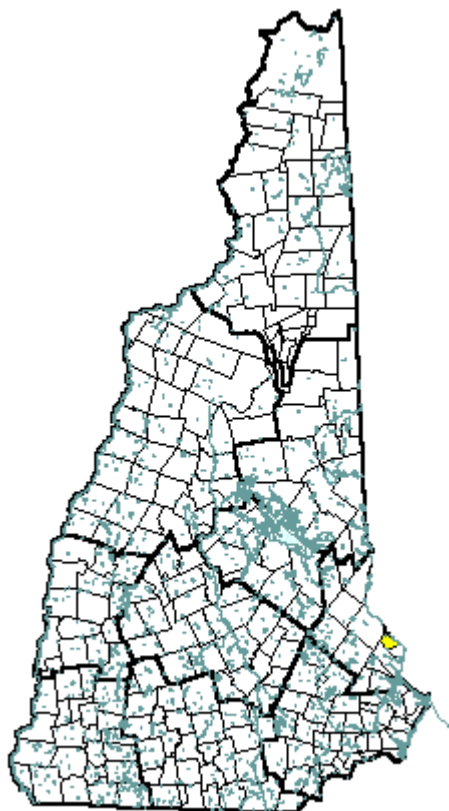


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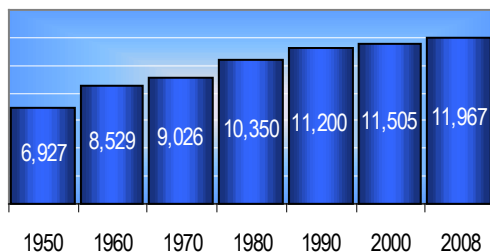
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Web Site	www.somersworth.com
Municipal Office Hours	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Wednesday, 8 am - 6 pm
County	Strafford
Labor Market Area	Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion
Tourism Region	Seacoast
Planning Commission	Strafford Regional
Regional Development	Southeast Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1 (All Wards)
Executive Council	District 2 (All Wards)
State Senate	District 6 (All Wards)
State Representative	Strafford County District 2 (All Wards)

Incorporated: 1754

Origin: This territory was first settled about 1650 when it was part of Dover. It was made a separate parish in 1729, called Summersworth. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a separate township. The town was incorporated as Somersworth in 1754. In 1849, the town was divided nearly in half when the southern portion was incorporated as Rollinsford. Somersworth was incorporated as a city in 1893. Situated on the Salmon River, Somersworth has been home to many gristmills, sawmills, and cotton and woolen making establishments.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 943 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Somersworth totaled 4,578 over 50 years, from 6,927 in 1950 to 11,505 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 23 percent increase between 1950 and 1960; the smallest, a three percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2008 Census estimate for Somersworth was 11,967 residents, which ranked 25th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2008 (NH Office of Energy & Planning):

1,219.9 persons per square mile of land area, the fifth highest among the cities and towns. Somersworth contains 9.8 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	City Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2010	\$17,501,748
Budget: School Appropriations, 2010	\$21,240,628
Zoning Ordinance	1953/09
Master Plan	2000
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	City Council
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; HDC

Public Library **Somersworth Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	4
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	4 miles 134
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	6 miles 70

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil Northern
Water Supplier	Municipal
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

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

2008 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.43
2008 Equalization Ratio	93.1
2008 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.76
2008 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	74.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.1%

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

2008 Total Housing Units	5,282
2008 Single-Family Units	2,438
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	16
2008 Multi-Family Units	2,338
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	4
2008 Manufactured Housing Units	506

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2008	11,967	121,914
2000	11,505	112,676
1990	11,200	104,348
1980	10,350	85,408
1970	9,026	70,431

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	5,521	Female	5,956
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			832
Age 5 to 19			2,449
Age 20 to 34			2,482
Age 35 to 54			3,446
Age 55 to 64			895
Age 65 and over			1,373
Median Age			34.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	84.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.8%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999*(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$19,592
Median 4-person family income	\$47,933
Median household income	\$42,739
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$36,585
Female	\$25,804
Families below the poverty level	6.3%

LABOR FORCE*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1998	2008
Civilian labor force	6,425	6,533
Employed	6,226	6,280
Unemployed	199	253
Unemployment rate	3.1%	3.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1998	2008
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,660	1,108
Average Weekly Wage	\$663	\$910
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,407	3,477
Average Weekly Wage	\$431	\$654
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	4,067	4,585
Average Weekly Wage	\$526	\$716
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	439	530
Average Weekly Wage	\$517	\$694
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	4,507	5,115
Average Weekly Wage	\$525	\$714

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Somersworth operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 56**
 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	2	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	651	537	589	361

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2009: Total Facilities: **10** Total Capacity: **480**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Retail store	400+/-	
General Electric Co.	Manufacturing, meter control division	300+/-	
Somersworth School Department	Education	291	
Trelleborg Palmer-Chenard	Manufacturing, rubber products	200+/-	
Market Basket	Supermarket	180	
Velcro	Hook & loop products	129+/-	
Busy Bee Janitorial Services	Janitorial services	120+/-	
The Works Athletic Club	Physical fitness, wellness center	120+/-	
General Linen	Laundry facility	116	
City of Somersworth	Municipal services	114+/-	

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	16A, 16B, 108, 236
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 9; I-95, Exit 5	
Distance	4 miles; 17 miles	
Railroad	Boston & Maine	
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		
Portland (ME) International Jetport	Distance	43 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		46 miles
Portland, Maine		49 miles
Boston, Mass.		72 miles
New York City, NY		283 miles
Montreal, Quebec		278 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (US Census Bureau)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.3%
Public transportation	0.8%
Walked	2.1%
Other means	1.2%
Worked at home	1.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	20%
Commuting to another NH community	69%
Commuting out-of-state	11%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	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
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Pumpkin Festival; Childrens Festival; Walking Trails; Baseball/Softball Fields; Basketball Courts; Childrens Playground