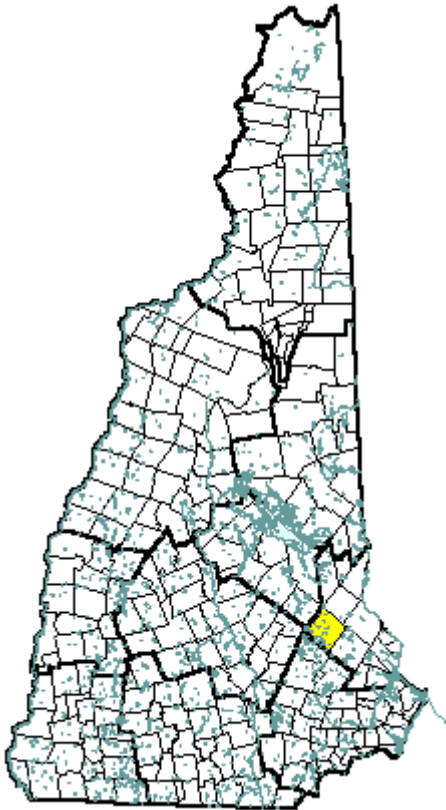


Strafford, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday through Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon;
Town Clerk: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8:30 am - 2 pm,
and Tuesday, 1 pm - 7 pm

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
District 2
District 4
Strafford County District 3

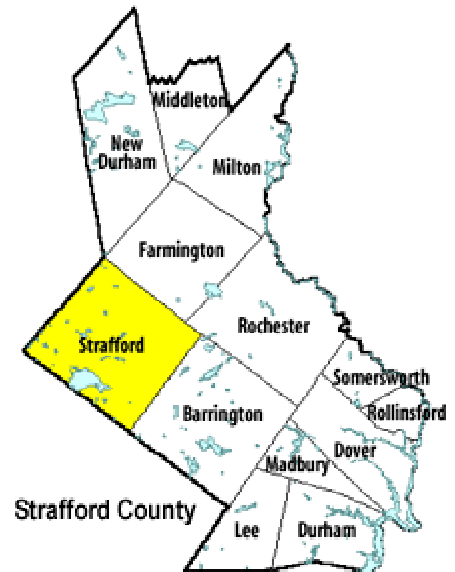
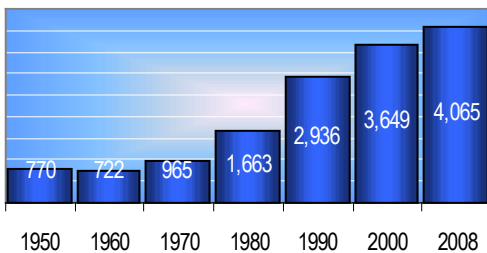
Incorporated: 1820

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 2008 Census estimate for Strafford was 4,065 residents, which ranked 94th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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

83.0 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, 2009	\$2,228,354
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008-2009	\$9,451,159
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 70

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)*

2008 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.88
2008 Equalization Ratio	100.0
2008 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.87
2008 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	97.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	1.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.0%

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

2008 Total Housing Units	1,802
2008 Single-Family Units	1,612
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	4
2008 Multi-Family Units	88
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2008 Manufactured Housing Units	102

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2008	4,065	121,914
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	1998	2008
Civilian labor force	1,810	2,400
Employed	1,772	2,323
Unemployed	38	77
Unemployment rate	2.1%	3.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1998	2008
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	71	135
Average Weekly Wage	\$508	\$839
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	38	105
Average Weekly Wage	\$315	\$618
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	109	240
Average Weekly Wage	\$441	\$742
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	127	152
Average Weekly Wage	\$401	\$528
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	236	392
Average Weekly Wage	\$420	\$659

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	456			
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2009:	Total Facilities: 2	Total Capacity: 55		
Nearest Community/Technical College:	NHTI-Concord			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	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	6	
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:	