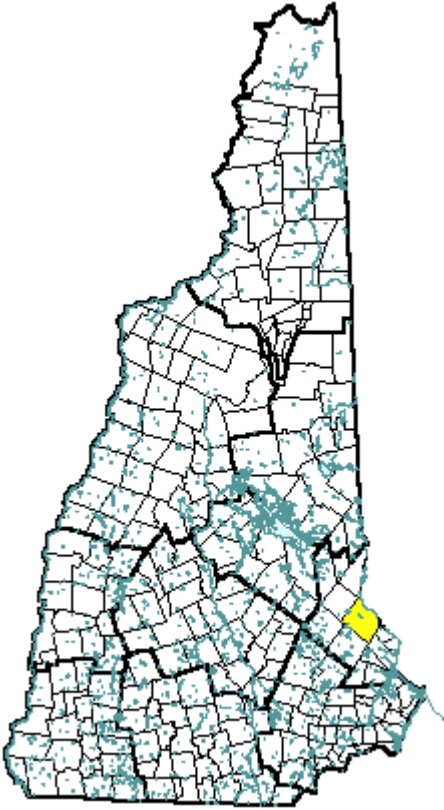


Rochester, NH



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County Strafford
Labor Market Area Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion
Tourism Region Lakes
Planning Commission Strafford Regional
Regional Development Strafford Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress District 1
Executive Council District 2
State Senate District 6
State Representative Strafford County District 1 (All Wards)

Incorporated: 1722

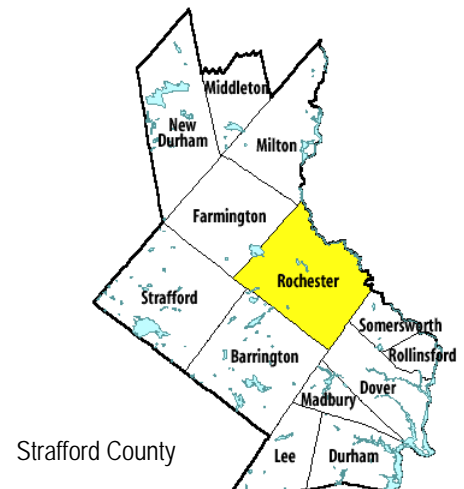
Origin: This town was one of four granted by Samuel Shute of Massachusetts during his brief term. It was named for a close friend of Governor Shute, Laurence Hyde, Earl of Rochester and brother-in-law to King James II. Rochester was incorporated as a city in 1891. It includes the village of Gonic, named for the Indian Squamanagona, meaning day and water.

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

Population Trends: Like many cities, Rochester's population grew slowly but had a large numeric increase. Rochester grew by a total of 14,685 residents over fifty years, the ninth largest increase, going from 13,776 in 1950 to 28,461 residents in 2000. Decennial growth rates were below average, ranging from a seven percent increase between 1990-2000 to a 24 percent increase between 1980-1990. The 2004 Census estimate for Rochester was 29,757 residents, which ranked fifth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 663.9 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.

Villages and Place Names: East Rochester, Gonic, North Rochester



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Council/Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$22,566,676
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005	\$41,035,672
Zoning Ordinance	1984/04
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):

Frisbie Memorial, Rochester

Distance: Local Staffed Beds: 70

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	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.25
2004 Equalization Ratio	87.8
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.48
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	80.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	18.4%
Other Property including Utilities	1.5%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	12,652
2003 Single-Family Units	6,070
Building Permits Issued	86
2003 Multi-Family Units	4,083
Building Permits Issued	193
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	2,499

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	29,757	118,217
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

(Census 2000)

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

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	13,947	16,417
Employed	13,226	15,808
Unemployed	721	609
Unemployment rate	5.2%	3.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,422	1,666
Average Weekly Wage	\$482	\$769
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	7,117	7,998
Average Weekly Wage	\$422	\$614
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	9,539	9,664
Average Weekly Wage	\$437	\$641
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	876	1,271
Average Weekly Wage	\$497	\$644
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	10,415	10,935
Average Weekly Wage	\$442	\$641

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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	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	K-12
Total Enrollment	2,050	1,133	1,626	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: **26** Total Capacity: **1,122**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Stratham**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **McIntosh; University of NH**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
City of Rochester	Municipal services	1,119	1891
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Health care	655	1919
KW Thompson Tool	Firearms/Investment Castings	500	1989
Hannaford Brothers	Retail supermarket	264	1963
Enterasys Networks	Networking Systems	229	1873
Market Basket	Retail supermarket	210	1996
Waste Management	Recycling & Solid Waste	200	1983
Wal-Mart	Department store	195	1970
Eastern Propane & Oil	Retail Propane & Oil	160	2001
Brand Partners	Merchandising fixtures	155	1989

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	202
	State Routes	11, 16, 108, 125, Spaulding Tpk.
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 12-14
Distance		20 miles
Railroad		NH Northcoast
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Airport		Rochester
Runway		4,001 feet
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
Distance		40 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		43 miles
Portland, Maine		72 miles
Boston, Mass.		76 miles
New York City, NY		283 miles
Montreal, Quebec		278 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

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%

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
	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