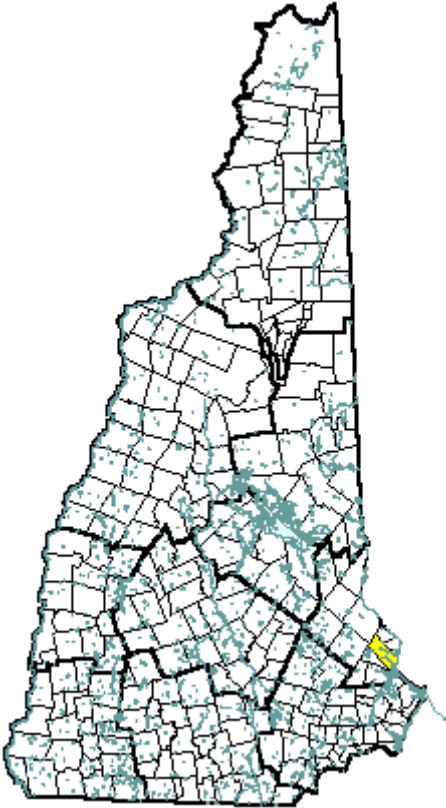


# Dover, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm,**  
**Wednesday, 8 am - 6 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Strafford**  
**Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion**  
**Seacoast**  
**Strafford Regional**  
**Southeast Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 1 (All Wards)**  
**District 3 (All Wards)**  
**District 21 (All Wards)**  
**Strafford County Districts 4 (Wards 1 & 2), 5 (Wards 3 & 4),**  
**and 6 (Wards 5 & 6)**

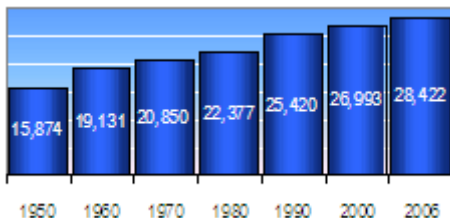
**Incorporated:** 1623

**Origin:** For the first fifty years of New Hampshire history, Dover was one of only three communities established in what is now New Hampshire. Settled in 1623 on the banks of the Piscataqua River, Dover was first called Hilton's Point, named after Edward Hilton, who procured for himself the "Dover and Squamscot Patent" in 1629. The town was also known by the Indian names of Newichwannock (place of wigwams) and Cocheco; and briefly called Bristol and North-ham before permanently becoming Dover. The settlement was an independent government until 1641, when residents agreed to be annexed to Massachusetts; the town returned to New Hampshire when provincial status was restored by King George II in 1741. Dover's location on the Piscataqua and Cocheco Rivers made it a thriving center of trading and manufacturing. Dover was incorporated as a city in 1855.

**Villages and Place Names:** Bellamy, Cocheco, Gates Corner, Sawyers, Wentworth Terrace

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,998 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Dover totaled 11,119 over 50 years, from 15,874 in 1950 to 26,993 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was



a 21 percent increase between 1950 and 1960, and the population has grown less than 15 percent each decade since. The 2006 Census estimate for Dover was 28,422 residents, which ranked seventh among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2006:** 1,063.3 persons per square mile of land area, the eighth highest among the cities and towns. Dover contains 26.7 square miles of land area and 2.3 square miles of inland water area.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| Type of Government                     | <b>Manager &amp; Council</b> |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006 | <b>\$86,235,249</b>          |
| Budget: School Appropriations          | <b>not available</b>         |
| Zoning Ordinance                       | <b>1948/06</b>               |
| Master Plan                            | <b>2000</b>                  |
| Capital Improvement Plan               | <b>Yes</b>                   |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By           | <b>Planning Board</b>        |

## Boards and Commissions

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| Elected:   | <b>City Council</b>                                      |
| Appointed: | <b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery</b> |

Public Library **Dover Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

|                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Police Department                | <b>Full-time</b>      |
| Fire Department                  | <b>Full-time</b>      |
| Town Fire Insurance Rating       | <b>3/9</b>            |
| Emergency Medical Service        | <b>Municipal</b>      |
| Nearest Hospital(s)              | Distance Staffed Beds |
| <b>Wentworth-Douglass, Dover</b> | <b>Local 178</b>      |

**UTILITIES**

|                                      |                           |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Electric Supplier                    | <b>PSNH</b>               |
| Natural Gas Supplier                 | <b>Northern Utilities</b> |
| Water Supplier                       | <b>City of Dover</b>      |
| Sanitation                           | <b>Municipal</b>          |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Solid Waste Disposal                 |                           |
| Curbside Trash Pickup                | <b>Municipal</b>          |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program             | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Recycling Program                    | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Telephone Company                    | <b>Verizon</b>            |
| Cellular Telephone Access            | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Cable Television Access              | <b>Yes</b>                |
| Public Access Television Station     | <b>Yes</b>                |
| High Speed Internet Service:         | Business Residential      |
|                                      | <b>Yes Yes</b>            |

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

|   |                |
|---|----------------|
| 2006 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)                 | <b>\$18.72</b> |
| 2006 Equalization Ratio                                   | <b>94.5</b>    |
| 2006 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)            | <b>\$17.47</b> |
| 2006 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type |                |
| Residential Land and Buildings                            | <b>77.5%</b>   |
| Commercial Land and Buildings                             | <b>21.2%</b>   |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other                  | <b>1.3%</b>    |

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

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| 2006 Total Housing Units                 | <b>13,095</b> |
| 2006 Single-Family Units                 | <b>5,923</b>  |
| Residential Permits, Net Change of Units | <b>53</b>     |
| 2006 Multi-Family Units                  | <b>6,732</b>  |
| Residential Permits, Net Change of Units | <b>75</b>     |
| 2006 Manufactured Housing Units          | <b>440</b>    |

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

|                  |               |                |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Total Population | Community     | County         |
| 2006             | <b>28,422</b> | <b>119,990</b> |
| 2000             | <b>26,993</b> | <b>112,676</b> |
| 1990             | <b>25,420</b> | <b>104,348</b> |
| 1980             | <b>22,377</b> | <b>85,324</b>  |
| 1970             | <b>20,850</b> | <b>70,431</b>  |

**Census 2000 Demographics**

|                         |               |        |                   |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------|-------------------|
| Population by Gender    |               |        |                   |
| Male                    | <b>12,914</b> | Female | <b>13,970</b>     |
| Population by Age Group |               |        |                   |
| Under age 5             |               |        | <b>1,527</b>      |
| Age 5 to 19             |               |        | <b>4,653</b>      |
| Age 20 to 34            |               |        | <b>7,055</b>      |
| Age 35 to 54            |               |        | <b>7,880</b>      |
| Age 55 to 64            |               |        | <b>2,077</b>      |
| Age 65 and over         |               |        | <b>3,692</b>      |
| Median Age              |               |        | <b>35.5 years</b> |

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| High school graduate or higher | <b>88.1%</b> |
| Bachelor's degree or higher    | <b>32.4%</b> |

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Per capita income                              | <b>\$23,459</b> |
| Median 4-person family income                  | <b>\$57,050</b> |
| Median household income                        | <b>\$43,873</b> |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers |                 |
| Male   | <b>\$37,876</b> |
| Female   | <b>\$27,329</b> |
| Families below the poverty level               | <b>4.8%</b>     |

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

|                      |               |               |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Annual Average       | 1996          | 2006          |
| Civilian labor force | <b>14,597</b> | <b>17,271</b> |
| Employed             | <b>14,138</b> | <b>16,783</b> |
| Unemployed           | <b>459</b>    | <b>488</b>    |
| Unemployment rate    | <b>3.1%</b>   | <b>2.8%</b>   |

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

|   |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment       | 1996          | 2006          |
| Goods Producing Industries              |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>2,802</b>  | <b>2,447</b>  |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$640</b>  | <b>\$933</b>  |
| Service Providing Industries            |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>9,626</b>  | <b>11,926</b> |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$439</b>  | <b>\$765</b>  |
| Total Private Industry                  |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>12,428</b> | <b>14,373</b> |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$484</b>  | <b>\$794</b>  |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local)  |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>1,568</b>  | <b>1,874</b>  |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$492</b>  | <b>\$693</b>  |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>13,996</b> | <b>16,247</b> |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$485</b>  | <b>\$782</b>  |

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Dover operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 11**  
 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      | <b>3</b>       | <b>1</b>           | <b>1</b>     | <b>4</b>          |
| Grade Levels           | <b>P K 1-4</b> | <b>5-8</b>         | <b>9-12</b>  | <b>K 1-12</b>     |
| Total Enrollment       | <b>1,307</b>   | <b>1,081</b>       | <b>1,733</b> | <b>1,936</b>      |

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2007: Total Facilities: **25** Total Capacity: **985**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Stratham; Concord**

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

| LARGEST BUSINESSES          | PRODUCT/SERVICE             | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Liberty Mutual              | Insurance                   | 1,177     |             |
| City of Dover               | Municipal services          | 1,139     | 1855        |
| Wentworth-Douglass Hospital | Health care                 | 1,048     |             |
| Heidelberg Harris, Inc.     | Web offset presses          | 900       |             |
| Foster's Daily Democrat     | Newspaper                   | 220       | 1873        |
| Cambridge Tool North        | Die casting                 | 190       |             |
| EAD Motors                  | Electric motors             | 172       |             |
| DT Magnetics                | High frequency transformers | 105       |             |
| Moore Business Equipment    | Business equipment & parts  | 80        | 1885        |

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

|  |  |                                     |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Road Access                                  | US Routes                                      | <b>4</b>                            |
|  | State Routes                                   | <b>4, 9, 16, 16A, 16B, 108, 155</b> |
| Nearest Interstate, Exit                     | <b>Spaulding Tpk., Exits 6-9; I-95, Exit 5</b> |                                     |
| Distance                                     | <b>Local access; 10 miles</b>                  |                                     |
| Railroad                                     | <b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>                      |                                     |
| Public Transportation                        | <b>Yes</b>                                     |                                     |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation |  |                                     |
| <b>Skyhaven, Rochester</b>                   | Runway   | <b>4,001 ft. asphalt</b>            |
| Lighted? <b>Yes</b>                          | Navigation Aids?                               | <b>Yes</b>                          |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service       |  |                                     |
| <b>Pease International</b>                   | Distance                                       | <b>11 miles</b>                     |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport |  | <b>2</b>                            |
| Driving distance to select cities:           |  |                                     |
| Manchester, NH                               |  | <b>40 miles</b>                     |
| Portland, Maine                              |  | <b>50 miles</b>                     |
| Boston, Mass.                                |  | <b>66 miles</b>                     |
| New York City, NY                            |  | <b>277 miles</b>                    |
| Montreal, Quebec                             |  | <b>285 miles</b>                    |

### COMMUTING TO WORK (US Census Bureau)

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Workers 16 years and over         |                     |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van        | <b>82.8%</b>        |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van          | <b>10.2%</b>        |
| Public transportation             | <b>1.0%</b>         |
| Walked                            | <b>2.5%</b>         |
| Other means                       | <b>0.8%</b>         |
| Worked at home                    | <b>2.8%</b>         |
| Mean Travel Time to Work          | <b>21.4 minutes</b> |
| Percent of Working Residents:     |                     |
| Working in community of residence | <b>33%</b>          |
| Commuting to another NH community | <b>57%</b>          |
| Commuting out-of-state            | <b>10%</b>          |

### RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| <b>X</b> | Municipal Parks  |
|          | YMCA/YWCA  |
| <b>X</b> | Boys Club/Girls Club                                     |
| <b>X</b> | Golf Courses   |
| <b>X</b> | Swimming: Indoor Facility                                |
| <b>X</b> | Swimming: Outdoor Facility                               |
|          | Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility                           |
| <b>X</b> | Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility                          |
| <b>X</b> | Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility                        |
| <b>X</b> | Bowling Facilities                                       |
| <b>X</b> | Museums  |
| <b>X</b> | Cinemas  |
| <b>X</b> | Performing Arts Facilities                               |
| <b>X</b> | Tourist Attractions                                      |
| <b>X</b> | Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)                  |
| <b>X</b> | Youth Sports: Baseball                                   |
| <b>X</b> | Youth Sports: Soccer                                     |
| <b>X</b> | Youth Sports: Football                                   |
| <b>X</b> | Youth Sports: Basketball                                 |
| <b>X</b> | Youth Sports: Hockey                                     |
|          | Campgrounds  |
| <b>X</b> | Fishing/Hunting  |
| <b>X</b> | Boating/Marinas  |
| <b>X</b> | Snowmobile Trails  |
| <b>X</b> | Bicycle Trails   |
| <b>X</b> | Cross Country Skiing                                     |
|          | Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area                      |
|          | Overnight or Day Camps                                   |
|          | Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>                     |
|          | Other: <b>Woodman Institute; Bellamy River Sanctuary</b> |