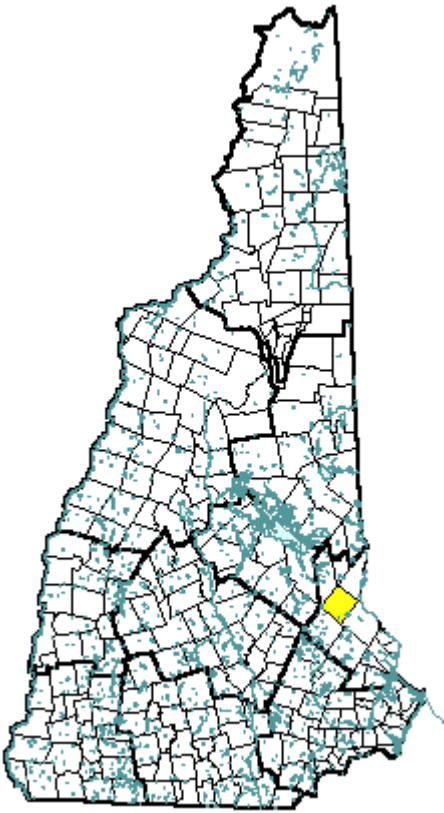


Farmington, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday through Wednesday, 8:30 am - 5 pm, Thursday, 8:30 am - 7 pm, and Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

County

Strafford

Labor Market Area

Rochester-Dover NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion

Tourism Region

Lakes

Planning Commission

Strafford Regional

Regional Development

Wentworth Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 1

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 3

State Representative

Strafford County District 3

Incorporated: 1798

Origin: Once the West Parish of Rochester, known as Farmington Dock, the town's location on the Cocheco River was an ideal spot for sawmills. The name Farmington appears to refer to the area's fertile farmland. Farmington was also home to a prime shoe-making industry, and was one of the first places to use automated shoe-making machines instead of handwork.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,029 residents in 1800

Population Trends: Farmington's population has grown slowly, ranking below the statewide average over three of the last five decades. Decennial growth rates ranged from a five percent decrease between 1950-1960 to a 29 percent increase between 1970-1980. Farmington's population increased by 2,320 residents over fifty years, going from 3,454 in 1950 to 5,774 in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Farmington was 6,296 residents, which ranked 50th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 172.4 persons per square mile of land area. Farmington contains 36.5 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names:



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2004	\$5,160,286
Budget: School Appropriations	not available
Zoning Ordinance	2001/03
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library Trustees; Cemetery Trustees; Budget

Public Library **Goodwin**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Frisbie Memorial, Rochester

Distance: **10 miles** Staffed Beds: **70**

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop.
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Farmington Water Dept.
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Verizon; Union
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	unknown
Residential	unknown

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.97
2004 Equalization Ratio	102.2
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.15
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.0%
Other Property including Utilities	1.5%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	2,645
2003 Single-Family Units	1,592
Building Permits Issued	76
2003 Multi-Family Units	545
Building Permits Issued	10
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	508

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	6,296	118,217
2000	5,804	112,676
1990	5,706	104,348
1980	4,630	85,324
1970	3,588	70,431

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	2,866	Female 2,908

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	373
Age 5 to 19	1,393
Age 20 to 34	1,008
Age 35 to 54	1,912
Age 55 to 64	495
Age 65 and over	593
Median Age	36.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	73.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	9.9%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$16,574
Median 4-person family income	\$44,788
Median household income	\$40,971

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$32,320
Female	\$24,527

Families below the poverty level

6.3%

LABOR FORCE

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	2,913	3,215
Employed	2,757	3,092
Unemployed	156	123
Unemployment rate	5.4%	3.8%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	319
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$844
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	425
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$520
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,387	744
Average Weekly Wage	\$553	\$659
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	215	297
Average Weekly Wage	\$433	\$579
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,602	1,040
Average Weekly Wage	\$537	\$636

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Farmington operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 61**
 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	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-3	4-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	424	561	478	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: 4 Total Capacity: 109

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

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Collins & Aikman	Dashboards	1,335	1957
Cameron's Sod Farm	Lawn & garden	40	1935
Pike Industries	Asphalt, gravel, stone	40	1975
UTEL Inc. & Subsidiaries	Telecommunications	44	1903
Samco Inc.	Rubber rolls	32	1979
Bank of NH	Banking	20	1927
Voith-Suizer Paper Technology	Paper		1998
Three Phase Line Electric	Specialized electrical contractor		1999
Spencer Johnston	Machinery manufacturing		

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	11, 75, 153
Nearest Interstate, Exit		Spaulding Tpk., Exit 15
	Distance	7 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Airport		Rochester
	Runway	4,001 feet
	Lighted?	Yes
	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	49 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	50 miles
	Portland, Maine	80 miles
	Boston, Mass.	83 miles
	New York City, NY	291 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	264 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
	Drove alone, car/truck/van 79.5%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van 15.2%
	Public transportation 0.3%
	Walked 1.6%
	Other means 1.4%
	Worked at home 2.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.6 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:	
	Working in community of residence 19%
	Commuting to another NH community 71%
	Commuting out-of-state 10%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	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
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: