

Strafford Economic Development District



Regional Background

The **Strafford** region is located in the southeastern part of New Hampshire forming the eastern border of the state. The Salmon Falls River flows south into the Piscataqua River separating Strafford and Carroll Counties from Maine. The region is located equidistant of Metro Boston and Portland Maine (60 miles). The Lakes region and the White Mountains are directly north; and the seacoast is directly southeast. Massachusetts influences the southern portion of the region, providing employment for thousands of residents of Strafford County.

At-a-Glance

Total Area:
544 square miles

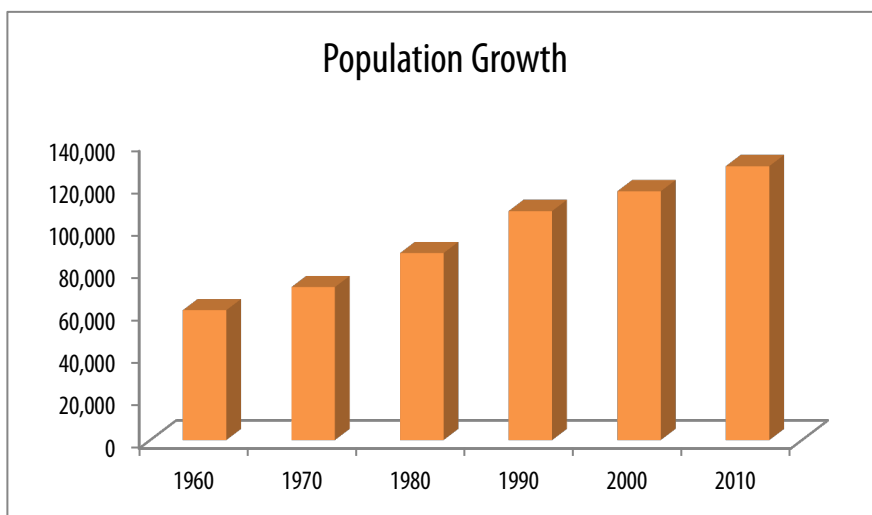
Total Population:
128,933

Smallest Population:
712

Largest Population:
29,987

Labor Force:
69,925

Population Trends



10% Growth 2000-2010: Fastest Growing Region in New Hampshire

Regional Economy

	Median Household Income	Per Capita Money Income	Below Poverty
United States	\$52,762	\$27,914	14.3%
New Hampshire	\$64,664	\$32,357	8.0%
Carroll County	\$50,555	\$29,194	10.3%
Rockingham County	\$77,470	\$37,422	4.90%
Strafford County	\$59,082	\$29,405	10.8%

Success Stories

Albany/Safran (Granite State Business Park)

275,000-square-foot plant in Rochester, NH that will manufacture advanced composite parts for LEAP-X engines, which is expected to bring 400 skilled jobs to region in coming years.

Turbocam

Turbocam, located and headquartered in Barrington, NH, is one of the world's leading manufacturers of turbo-machinery.

Liberty Mutual

Headquartered in Dover, Liberty is third largest property and casualty insurer in the U.S. according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Measured Progress

Based in Dover, Measured Progress is considered to be an industry leader in the development of customized, K-12 student assessments for school districts and states.

Major Employers

Business	Municipality	Product/Service	Employees
University of New Hampshire	Durham	Education	4,231
Liberty Mutual	Regional	Insurance services	3,500
Frisbie Memorial Hospital	Rochester	Health care services	1,547
Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Regional	Health care services	1,200
Hannaford Brothers	Regional	Supermarket	655
Market Basket	Regional	Supermarket	595
Goss International	Durham	Printing	475
Eastern Propane & Oil Retail	Rochester	Propane & Oil	464
Waste Management	Rochester	Recycling and Solid Waste	200
Turbocam USA	Barrington	Turbo-machinery	120

Access

Airports

- ▲ Portsmouth International Airport at Pease (PSM)
- ▲ Manchester-Boston Regional Airport (MHT)
- ▲ Boston Logan International Airport (BOS)
- ▲ Rochester Skyhaven Airport (DAW)

Highway

- ▲ I-95 N/S
- ▲ US-4 E/W
- ▲ US-202 E/W
- ▲ NH-16 N/S
- ▲ NH-125 N/S

Transit

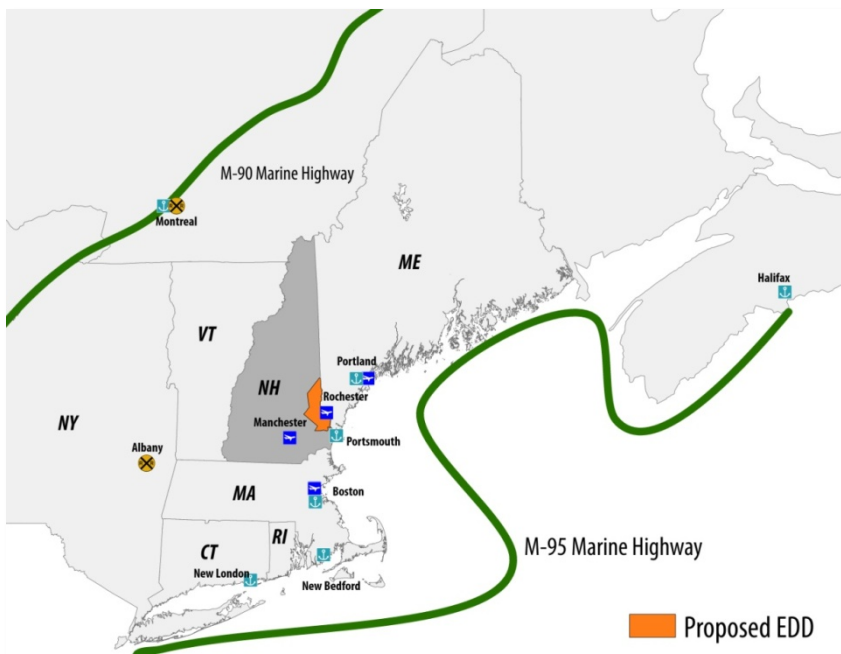
- ▲ C&J Trailways (Intercity to Boston)
- ▲ COAST Public Transit
- ▲ Wildcat Transit (University of New Hampshire)

Rail

- ▲ Pan-Am Railways(Freight)
- ▲ Amtrak Downeaster (Passenger)
- ▲ NH Northcoast (Freight)

Ports

- ▲ Port of Portsmouth
- ▲ Portland, ME
- ▲ Boston, MA



Great Bay Community College

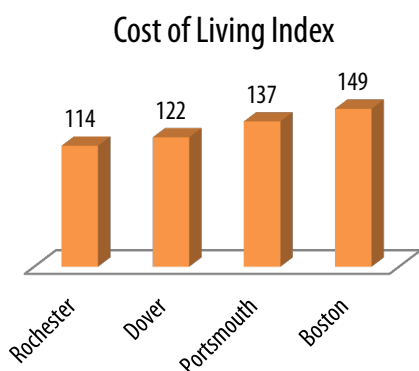


Opened in 2013 in Rochester, NH, the Advanced Technology & Academic Center (ATAC) is the newest campus of Great Bay Community College, with a focus on highly technical composites manufacturing training to serve job seekers, career builders and business owners. Its curriculum has been developed to meet the demands of local manufacturers, including Albany Engineered Composites and Safran Aerospace Composites, who will be co-locating a new manufacturing plant in Rochester at the Granite State Business Park.



Cost of Living

In comparison to nearby cities of Portsmouth and Boston with high living cost indices, the EDD communities of Rochester and Dover represent attractive options for young families and professionals seeking to locate close to vibrant downtown communities, maintain proximity to the seacoast's cultural and recreation amenities, while keeping financial burden low.



University of New Hampshire Campus

Source: Tom Bartlett

University of New Hampshire

The University of New Hampshire was one of the early land grant institutions established to serve the sons and daughters of farming families. Today, the University of New Hampshire located in Durham, NH is not only a land grant institution but also a designated sea and space grant university, serving over 14,000 students. It is among the top-tier research institutions nationally and comprised of dozens of academic departments, interdisciplinary institutes, and research centers. The University offers associate, bachelor, master, and doctoral degrees as well as professional development and training through seminars and certification programs designed to provide new or advanced career and professional skills. [Source: <http://www.unh.edu/unhedutop/brief-history>]

Thompson School of Applied Science (TSAS) is an academic unit of the College of Life Sciences and Agriculture and offers associate degree programs at the University of New Hampshire. The Thompson School offers seven degree programs, fourteen specializations, and three diploma programs.

Granite State College, established in 1972, is a public college providing access to higher education online in addition to its nine community-based academic centers. One of the four institutions of the University System of New Hampshire, it offers associate, and bachelor degrees as well as post-baccalaureate teacher certification programs for adult learners of all ages.

The workforce development system in New Hampshire is managed by the Workforce Opportunity Council (WOC), which oversees the thirteen New Hampshire Works One Stop Centers throughout the state; one of which is in the EDD City of Somersworth.