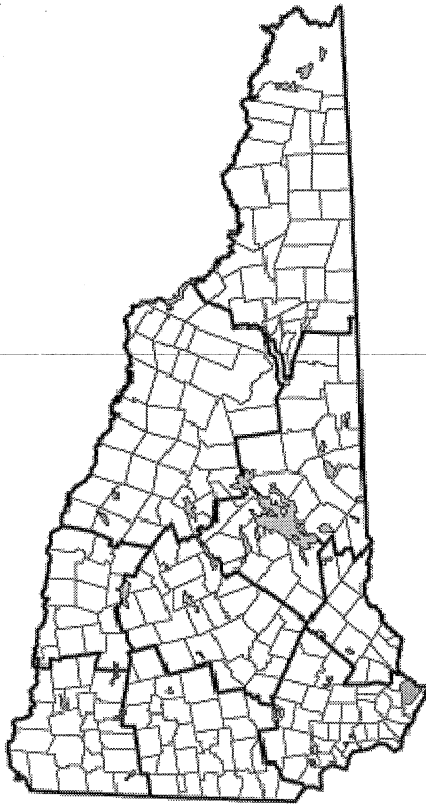


# Somersworth, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm,  
Wednesday, 8 am - 6 pm**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Strafford  
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA  
Seacoast  
Strafford Regional  
Southeast Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 1 (All Wards)  
District 2 (All Wards)  
District 4 (All Wards)  
Strafford County Districts 18, 21 (Wards 1, 3, 4, & 5) 17, 21  
(Ward 2)**

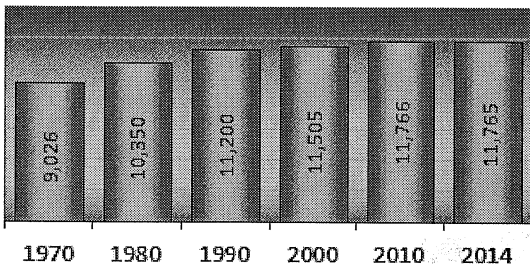
**Incorporated:** 1754

**Origin:** This territory was first settled about 1650 when it was part of Dover. It was made a separate parish in 1729, called Summersworth. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a separate township. The town was incorporated as Somersworth in 1754. In 1849, the town was divided nearly in half when the southern portion was incorporated as Rollinsford. Somersworth was incorporated as a city in 1893. Situated on the Salmon River, Somersworth has been home to many gristmills, sawmills, and cotton and woolen making establishments.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

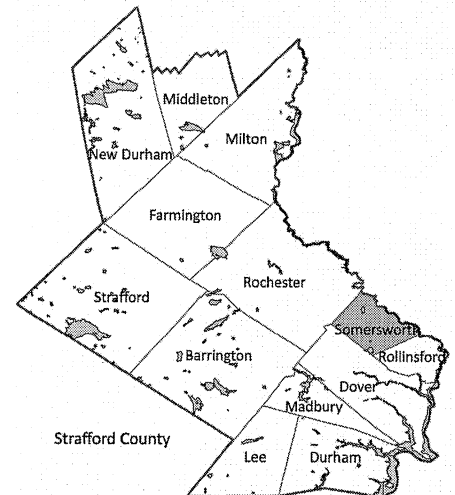
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 943 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Somersworth totaled 3,236 over 54 years, from 8,529 in 1960 to 11,765 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 15 percent increase



between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, a two percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2014 Census estimate for Somersworth was 11,765 residents, which ranked 25th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau):** 1,199.3 persons per square mile of land area, the fifth highest among the cities and towns. Somersworth contains 9.8 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	City Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015-2016	\$12,249,085
Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016	\$25,326,609
Zoning Ordinance	1953/13
Master Plan	2010
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	City Council
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; HDC

Public Library **Somersworth Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Municipal
Emergency Medical Service		Private
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	4 miles	125
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	6 miles	82

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
Water Supplier	Municipal
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

**PROPERTY TAXES**

(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2014 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$31.14
2014 Equalization Ratio	99.1
2014 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$30.65

## 2014 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	70.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	27.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.9%

**HOUSING**

(ACS 2010-2014)

Total Housing Units	4,886
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,353
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	1,161
Five or More Units in Structure	883
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	489

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2014	11,765	124,387
2010	11,766	123,143
2000	11,505	112,676
1990	11,200	104,348
1980	10,350	85,408
1970	9,026	70,431

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014**

## Population by Gender

Male	5,753	Female	6,012
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## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	832
Age 5 to 19	1,972
Age 20 to 34	3,049
Age 35 to 54	3,112
Age 55 to 64	1,450
Age 65 and over	1,350
Median Age	35.2 years

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	91.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.0%

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$**

(ACS 2010-2014)

Per capita income	\$24,149
Median family income	\$64,382
Median household income	\$53,094

## Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$46,616
Female	\$37,483

## Individuals below the poverty level

15.1%

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2004	2014
Civilian labor force	6,290	6,584
Employed	6,070	6,307
Unemployed	220	277
Unemployment rate	3.5%	4.2%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,157	1,194
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 835	\$1,072
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	3,276	3,928
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 582	\$ 735
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	4,433	5,122
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 648	\$ 813
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	501	521
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 632	\$ 767
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	4,935	5,642
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 646	\$ 809

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Somersworth operates grades K-12**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Somersworth Career Technical Center**

District: **SAU 56**  
 Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>817</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>328</b>

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2015 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **9** Total Capacity: **462**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Contitech	Manufacture of high performance silicone rubber hose	1,000	
General Electric Co.	Manufacturing, meter control division	400	
Wal-Mart	Retail store	380	
Somersworth School Department	Education	291	
Market Basket	Supermarket	270	
The Works Athletic Club	Physical fitness, wellness center	240	
General Linen	Laundry facility	200	
Velcro	Hook & loop products	180	
City of Somersworth	Municipal services	115	
J Pac	Medical contract packaging	100	
Employer Information Supplied by Municipality			

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

Road Access US Routes  
 State Routes **16A, 16B, 108, 236**  
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **Spaulding Tpk., Exit 9; I-95, Exit 5**  
 Distance **4 miles; 17 miles**

Railroad **Boston & Maine**  
 Public Transportation **COAST**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
**Skyhaven, Rochester** Runway **4,200 ft. asphalt**  
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
**Portland (ME) International** Distance **46 miles**  
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **13**

Driving distance to select cities:  
 Manchester, NH **47 miles**  
 Portland, Maine **49 miles**  
 Boston, Mass. **70 miles**  
 New York City, NY **284 miles**  
 Montreal, Quebec **278 miles**

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2010-2014*)

Workers 16 years and over  
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **82.4%**  
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **10.5%**  
 Public transportation **2.1%**  
 Walked **1.8%**  
 Other means **0.9%**  
 Worked at home **2.3%**  
 Mean Travel Time to Work **25.6 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014**

Working in community of residence **17.2**  
 Commuting to another NH community **72.5**  
 Commuting out-of-state **10.3**

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

**X** Municipal Parks  
 YMCA/YWCA  
 Boys Club/Girls Club  
**X** Golf Courses  
 Swimming: Indoor Facility  
 Swimming: Outdoor Facility  
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility  
**X** Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility  
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility  
 Bowling Facilities  
**X** Museums  
 Cinemas  
 Performing Arts Facilities  
 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  
 Campgrounds  
 Fishing/Hunting  
 Boating/Marinas  
 Snowmobile Trails  
**X** Bicycle Trails  
**X** Cross Country Skiing  
 Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
 Overnight or Day Camps

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

Other: **Pumpkin Festival; Childrens Festival; Walking Trails; Baseball/Softball Fields; Basketball Courts; Childrens Playground**