

Lee, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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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
District 4
District 21
Strafford County Districts 5, 25

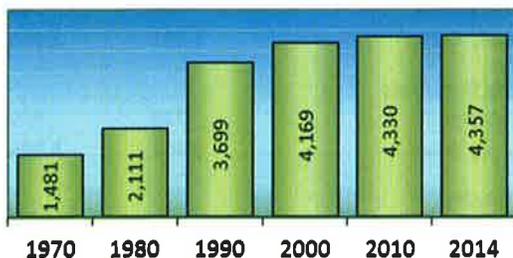
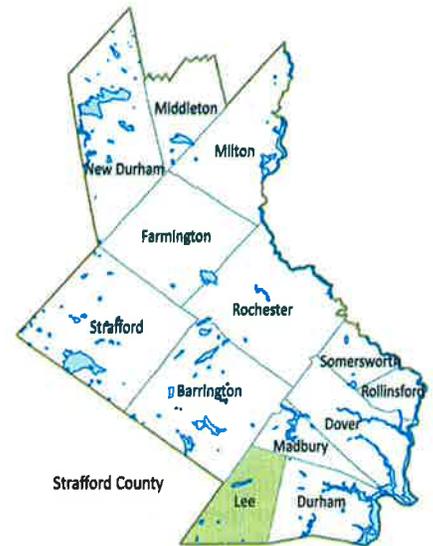
Incorporated: 1766

Origin: Established in 1766 following separation from Durham, Lee was one of the last among the 129 towns chartered by Governor Benning Wentworth. The town was named for General Charles Lee, friend and kin of the Governor, who had fought with George Washington and others during the French and Indian Wars. Lee also fought under Washington during the American Revolution, and in doing so, forfeited estates in England. Lee is the location of Wheelwright Pond, a noted scenic area, which was part of the claim issued to Reverend John Wheelwright, founder of Exeter.

Villages and Place Names: Glenmere, Lee Five Corners, South Lee, Wadleigh Falls

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,029 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Lee totaled 3,426 over 54 years, from 931 in 1960 to 4,357 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 75 percent increase between 1980 and 1990, followed by a 43 percent increase in the previous decade. The 2014 Census estimate for Lee was 4,357 residents, which ranked 84th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 218.1 persons per square mile of land area. Lee contains 20.0 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015-2016	\$3,815,470
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Zoning Ordinance	1966/15
Master Plan	2006
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Budget Advisory; Moderator; Checklist; Library
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Agricultural; Heritage; Recreation

Public Library **Lee Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Wentworth-Douglass, Dover	10 miles 114
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	13 miles 99

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	None
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Comcast; Fairpoint; AT&T
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)	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$29.25
2015 Equalization Ratio	91.8
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.26
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	85.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2010-2014)	
Total Housing Units	1,899
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,404
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	27
Five or More Units in Structure	206
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	262

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2014	4,357	124,387	
2010	4,330	123,143	
2000	4,169	112,676	
1990	3,699	104,348	
1980	2,111	85,324	
1970	1,481	70,431	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014			
Population by Gender			
Male	2,124	Female	2,233
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	97		
Age 5 to 19	980		
Age 20 to 34	650		
Age 35 to 54	1,428		
Age 55 to 64	549		
Age 65 and over	653		
Median Age	41.7 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	97.1%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	55.8%		

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2010-2014)	
Per capita income	\$41,168		
Median family income	\$101,946		
Median household income	\$96,083		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$68,355		
Female	\$59,833		
Individuals below the poverty level	2.6%		

LABOR FORCE		(NHES - ELMI)	
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	2,556	2,727	
Employed	2,479	2,637	
Unemployed	77	90	
Unemployment rate	3.0%	3.3%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES - ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	87	60	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 597	\$ 665	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	772	979	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 462	\$ 506	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	858	1,039	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 476	\$ 515	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	124	173	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 628	\$ 965	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	982	1,212	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 495	\$ 580	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Oyster River Cooperative (Durham, Lee, Madbury)**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center**

District: **SAU 5**
 Region: **12**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-4			
Total Enrollment	285			

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **253**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Market Basket	Supermarket	120	1993
S & J Transportation	Trucking, leasing, sales	40	1992
McDonald's	Fast food restaurant	35	1995
Wendy's	Fast food restaurant	35	2004
Sunny's Restaurant	Restaurant	20	
Dunkin' Donuts	Donut shop	20	
Mobil Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	
Sunoco Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	2002
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	Health care services		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		4
	State Routes	125, 152, 155	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 6; I-95, Exit 5		
Distance	10 miles; 15 miles		
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
	Pease International	Runway	11,321 ft. asphalt/conc
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
	Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	33 miles
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:			
	Manchester, NH		30 miles
	Portland, Maine		68 miles
	Boston, Mass.		67 miles
	New York City, NY		263 miles
	Montreal, Quebec		285 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)			
Workers 16 years and over			
	Drove alone, car/truck/van		81.1%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van		10.2%
	Public transportation		0.7%
	Walked		2.1%
	Other means		0.0%
	Worked at home		5.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work			29.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014			
	Working in community of residence		14.0
	Commuting to another NH community		75.5
	Commuting out-of-state		10.5

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Moose Mountain, Gunstock
	Other: Lee USA Speedway; Library events; Little River Park

