

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

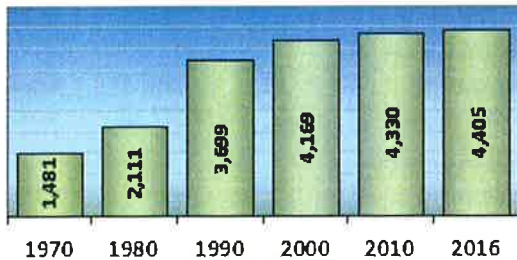
Incorporated: 1766

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 3,474 over 56 years, from 931 in 1960 to 4,405 in 2016. 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 2016 Census estimate for Lee was 4,405 residents, which ranked 86th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 220.5 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, 2017-2018		\$4,603,464	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017		\$9,124,165	
Zoning Ordinance		1966/17	
Master Plan		2016	
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	142	
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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$29.25	
2016 Equalization Ratio		94.3	
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$26.99	
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		84.5%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		13.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.6%	
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>			
Total Housing Units		1,720	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,280	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		112	
Five or More Units in Structure		104	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		224	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2016	4,405	127,428	
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		<i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>	
Population by Gender			
Male	2,132	Female	2,256
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			150
Age 5 to 19			954
Age 20 to 34			590
Age 35 to 54			1,431
Age 55 to 64			693
Age 65 and over			570
Median Age			41.7 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			95.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			58.5%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Per capita income			\$44,121
Median family income			\$112,576
Median household income			\$105,769
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over			
Male			\$68,704
Female			\$62,568
Individuals below the poverty level			0.2%
LABOR FORCE		<i>(NHES – ELM1)</i>	
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	2,592	2,777	
Employed	2,512	2,718	
Unemployed	80	59	
Unemployment rate	3.1%	2.1%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		<i>(NHES – ELM1)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	88	70	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 656	\$ 742	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	819	1,035	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 487	\$ 545	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	907	1,106	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 503	\$ 558	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	134	128	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 648	\$ 760	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,041	1,233	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 522	\$ 579	

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	320			

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **220**

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	
Wentworth Douglas Hospital	Health care services		
Sunoco Mart	Convenience store, gas	15	2002

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 2012-2016)
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.4%
Public transportation	1.5%
Walked	2.7%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	5.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.0 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016

Working in community of residence	11.6
Commuting to another NH community	75.3
Commuting out-of-state	13.1

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