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 3,491 over 57 years, from 931 in 1960 to 4,422 in 2017. 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 2017 Census estimate for Lee was 4,422 residents, which ranked 85th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 221.3 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**

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018-2019</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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**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)

- **Wentworth-Douglass, Dover**: 10 miles, 148 Staffed Beds
- **Exeter Hospital, Exeter**: 13 miles, 99 Staffed Beds

**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**: 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)

| 2017 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) | $29.94 |
| 2017 Equalization Ratio | 85.0 |
| 2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) | $24.97 |

**Housing**

(ACS 2012-2016)

- 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)**

(US Census Bureau)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
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<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>4,422</td>
<td>128,613</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>4,330</td>
<td>123,143</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>4,169</td>
<td>112,676</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>3,699</td>
<td>104,348</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>2,111</td>
<td>85,324</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>1,481</td>
<td>70,431</td>
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**DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY**

(ACS 2012-2016)

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

**INCIDENTAL ADJUSTED$**

(ACS 2012-2016)

- 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

- .2%

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average

- Civilian labor force: 2,605
- Employed: 2,531
- Unemployed: 74
- Employment rate: 2.8%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES – ELM)

Annual Average Covered Employment

- Goods Producing Industries: 88
  - Average Employment: 88
  - Average Weekly Wage: $656
- Service Providing Industries: 819
  - Average Employment: 819
  - Average Weekly Wage: $487

- Total Private Industry: 907
  - Average Employment: 907
  - Average Weekly Wage: $503

- Government (Federal, State, and Local): 134
  - Average Employment: 134
  - Average Weekly Wage: $648

Total, Private Industry plus Government

- Average Employment: 1,041
- Average Weekly Wage: $522

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**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)

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<th>Number of Schools</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
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<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<td>352</td>
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Grade Levels: K-1-4

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**

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<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
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<td>Market Basket Supermarket</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>1993</td>
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<tr>
<td>S &amp; J Transportation Trucking, leasing, sales</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>1992</td>
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<td>McDonald’s Fast food restaurant</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>1995</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wendy’s Fast food restaurant</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>2004</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sunny’s Restaurant Restaurant</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Dunkin’ Donuts Donut shop</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mobil Mart Convenience store, gas</td>
<td>15</td>
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<td>Sunoco Mart Convenience store, gas</td>
<td>15</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<td>4</td>
<td>125, 152, 155</td>
<td>10 miles; 15 miles</td>
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Nearest Interstate, Exit: Spaulding Tpk., Exit 6; I-95, Exit 5 

Railroad: No
Public Transportation: No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation:

- Pease International
  - Runway: 11,321 ft. asphalt/concrete
  - 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)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
<th>Carpooled, car/truck/van</th>
<th>Public transportation</th>
<th>Walked</th>
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<th>Worked at home</th>
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<td></td>
<td>86.2%</td>
<td>4.4%</td>
<td>1.5%</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
<td>0.0%</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
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**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
- 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
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Moose Mountain, Gunstock, Bretton Woods, Cranmore, Wildcat

Other: Lee USA Speedway; Library events; Little River Park

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