

Derry, NH

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County	Rockingham
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Southern NH
Regional Development	Rockingham Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 4
State Senate	District 19
State Representative	District 77

Incorporated: 1827

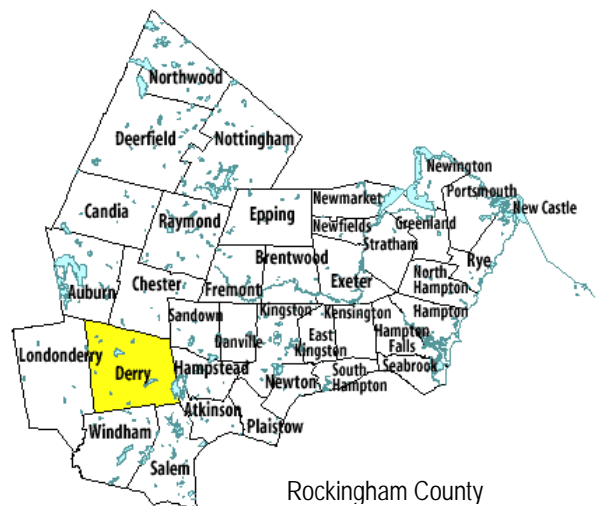
Origin: Although first settled in 1719, Derry was not incorporated until 1827. It was for a long time part of Londonderry, which included Windham and portions of Manchester, Salem, and Hudson. The town was named for the Isle of Derry, Ireland, the Gaelic word "Doire" meaning oak woods. Derry is the location of Robert Frost's farm, and the birthplace of astronaut Alan Shepard. It is also the location of two of America's oldest private schools, Pinkerton Academy, founded in 1814 and still in operation, and the Adams Female Seminary.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,176 residents in 1830

Population Trends: Derry had the second-highest numeric population increase between 1950-2000, maintaining above-average growth rates each decade and growing nearly six times larger. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 15 percent increase between 1990-2000 to a 68 percent increase between 1960-1970. Derry grew by 28,195 residents, going from 5,826 in 1950 to 34,021 residents in 2000. The 2003 Census estimate for Derry was 34,471 residents, which ranked fourth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 971.9 persons per square mile of land area, the ninth highest among the cities and towns. Derry contains 35.4 square miles of land area and 0.9 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: Chases Grove, Collettes Grove, Derry Village, East Derry, Howards Grove



Rockingham County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Town Admin./Council
2004 Annual Budget	\$37,197,573
Zoning Ordinance	1946/04
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Town Council
Appointed:	Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Zoning Board

Public Library Derry Public; Taylor Library

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	4/9
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time

Nearest Hospital(s):

Parkland Medical Center, Derry
Distance: Local Staffed Beds: 82

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Elec.; Granite State
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Derry Water Department
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	Private
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Yes
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$28.75
2003 Equalization Ratio	66.5
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$21.12
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	74.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.5%
Other Property including Utilities	1.0%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	12,885
2002 Single-Family Units	7,852
Building Permits Issued	40
2002 Multi-Family Units	4,460
Building Permits Issued	5
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	573

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	34,471	290,102
2000	34,021	277,359
1990	29,603	245,845
1980	18,875	190,345
1970	11,712	138,951

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	16,893	Female	17,128

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	2,436
Age 5 to 19	8,653
Age 20 to 34	6,809
Age 35 to 54	11,816
Age 55 to 64	2,204
Age 65 and over	2,103
Median Age	33.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	90.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.3%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$22,315
Median 4-person family income	\$61,625
Median household income	\$54,634

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$41,271
Female	\$30,108

Families below the poverty level

3.3%

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	18,487	20,535
Employed	16,927	19,153
Unemployed	1,560	1,382
Unemployment rate	8.4%	6.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1993 2003

Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,373	1,132	
Average Weekly Wage	\$519	\$748	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	4,519	5,632	
Average Weekly Wage	\$386	\$572	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	5,892	6,764	
Average Weekly Wage	\$417	\$601	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	689	1,044	
Average Weekly Wage	\$560	\$694	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	6,581	7,809	
Average Weekly Wage	\$432	\$614	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Derry operates grades 1-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pinkerton Academy (Derry)** District: **SAU 10**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy; Salem High School** Region: **17**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	5	2	1	3
Grade Levels	1-5	6-8	9-12	K-12
Total Enrollment	2,643	1,766	3,297	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: **29** Total Capacity: **1246**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Manchester; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Chester College of New England; Hesser; Southern NH University; UNH-Manchester; St. Anselm**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Derry Cooperative School System	Education	850	
HCA Health Services of NH	Health care administration	850	
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	225	1980
Fireye	Combustion controls	200	1960's
Victory	Supermarket	149	2000
Wal-mart	Department store	125	1992
Electronics Corporation	Industrial controls	100	1980
Standard Sash & Door Co.	Door, window units	100	1971
McCord Winn & Textron, Inc.	Automotive components	100	1982
Eastern Rainbow, Inc.	Color separations	80	1977

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	28, 102, 111
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 4
	Distance	1 mile
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Manchester
	Runway	9,250 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	13 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	12 miles
	Portland, Maine	94 miles
	Boston, Mass.	42 miles
	New York City, NY	242 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	269 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
	Drove alone, car/truck/van% 84.9%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van 9.7%
	Public transportation 0.8%
	Walked 1.4%
	Other means 0.6%
	Worked at home 2.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
	Working in community of residence 20%
	Commuting to another NH community 47%
	Commuting out-of-state 33%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	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

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

Other: **Lakes with public beach; Robert Frost Homestead; Skateboard Park; Opera house**