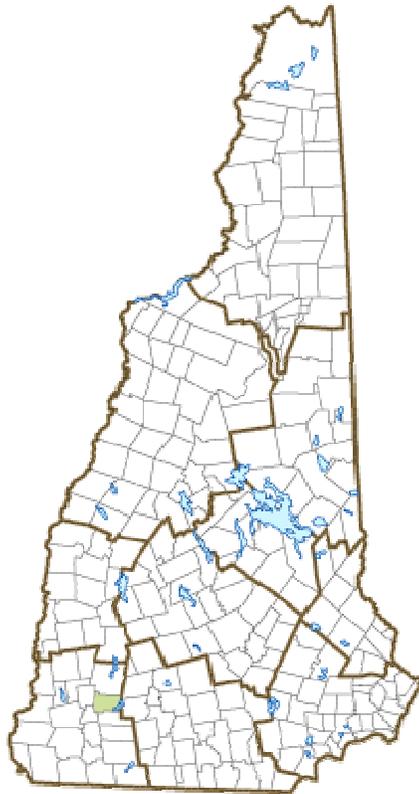


Nelson, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Every other Wednesday, 3 pm; Administrative Assistant, Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday, 9 am - 12 noon, 4 pm - 7 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon

County

Cheshire

Labor Market Area

Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA

Tourism Region

Monadnock

Planning Commission

Southwest Region

Regional Development

Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 10

State Representative

Cheshire County District 3

Incorporated: 1774

Origin: One of the original border towns, this territory was first granted in 1752 as Monadnock No. 6. In 1774, it was renamed Packersfield after Thomas Packer, high sheriff of Portsmouth, who was one of the Masonian Proprietors. In 1777, some residents petitioned to rename the town Sullivan. The petition failed, but in 1786, a portion of the town was combined with part of Gilsum and Keene to form the town of Sullivan. Packersfield kept that name until 1814, when it was renamed in honor of Lord Horatio Nelson, who died on board the British ship Victory in the war against Napoleon.

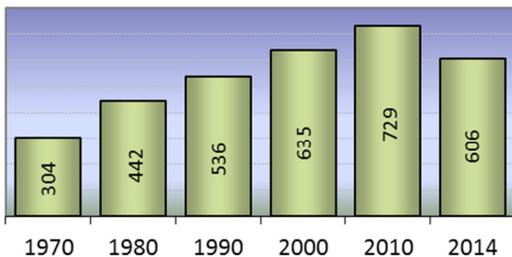
Villages and Place Names: Munsonville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 721 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Nelson totaled 384 over 54 years, from 222 in 1960 to 606 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 45 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for just over one-fourth of the total numeric change. The 2014 Census estimate for Nelson was 606 residents, which ranked 214th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County



Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 27.7 persons per square mile of land area. Nelson contains 21.9 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$1,316,942
Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016	\$2,050,924
Zoning Ordinance	1970/16
Master Plan	2009
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Agricultural**

Public Library **Olivia Rodham Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		Part-time & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	11 miles	116	
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	20 miles	25	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
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		Yes	
Recycling Program		None	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.47		
2015 Equalization Ratio	94.0		
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.24		
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	97.1%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	0.8%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.2%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2010-2014)</i>	
Total Housing Units	416		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	376		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	26		
Five or More Units in Structure	0		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	14		

DEMOGRAPHICS			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2014	606	76,596	
2010	729	77,117	
2000	635	73,993	
1990	536	70,223	
1980	442	62,116	
1970	304	52,364	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender			
Male	295	Female	311
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			16
Age 5 to 19			108
Age 20 to 34			71
Age 35 to 54			185
Age 55 to 64			123
Age 65 and over			103
Median Age			50.2 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			98.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher			53.0%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2010-2014)</i>	
Per capita income			\$38,768
Median family income			\$89,107
Median household income			\$68,750
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$50,250
Female			\$45,568
Individuals below the poverty level			5.1%

LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average		2005		2015	
Civilian labor force		372		447	
Employed		362		431	
Unemployed		10		16	
Unemployment rate		2.7%		3.6%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2004		2014	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment		n		n	
Average Weekly Wage		n		n	
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment		n		n	
Average Weekly Wage		n		n	
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment		7		n	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 238		n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment		31		19	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 267		\$ 488	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment		39		n	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 261		n	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Nelson operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Keene** District: **SAU 29**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Windham RCC (VT)** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	80			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Not Available			

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	9, 123
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 3
	Distance	28 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	48 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		58 miles
Portland, Maine		150 miles
Boston, Mass.		87 miles
New York City, NY		233 miles
Montreal, Quebec		252 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	1.1%
Worked at home	7.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014

Working in community of residence	14.4
Commuting to another NH community	74.3
Commuting out-of-state	11.3

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
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak, Temple Mountain, Granite Gorge
	Other: Monadnock Sunapee Trail; Local Artisans Art Gallery; Sucker Brook Cove Wildlife Sanctuary