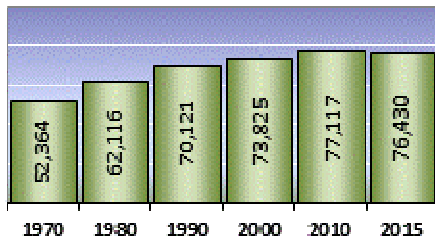


Cheshire County

Cheshire County, one of the five original counties, occupies the southwest corner of the state. It is separated from Vermont by a 41-mile length of the Connecticut River, and borders Massachusetts along a 27-mile straight line to the south. Established in 1769, the county was named for Cheshire County in England. Cheshire is New Hampshire's median county. It ranks sixth among the ten counties in total area, land area, water area, population, and population density. Cheshire County is the location of Mount Monadnock, one of the most-hiked peaks in the world.



Cheshire County contains 707.0 square miles of land area and 22.4 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 109.1 persons per square mile. Cheshire County includes one city, Keene, and 22 towns. The county seat is Keene.



Population Trends: Cheshire County's population for 2015 was slightly under the 2010 population. Over the last five decennial periods, Cheshire County has experienced population growth below the state average rate, with no significant growth spurts. Cheshire's population has ranked sixth among New Hampshire's counties for seven consecutive decades. The highest rate of increase was from 1960 to 1970, when the population grew by 20.8 percent. The county had its smallest population increase from 2000 to 2010, growing by 4.5 percent. While Cheshire County is similar in land area to Rockingham County, it is far less densely populated.

Population		(US Census Bureau)		
2015	2010	2000	1990	1980
76,430	77,117	73,825	70,121	62,116

Demographics		(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
By Gender:		Male	Female
Total		37,155	39,275
18 years and over		30,009	32,022
65 years and over		5,766	6,935
Median Age (years)		41.4	42.5
By Age Group:			
Under age 5		3,548	
Age 5 to 19		14,778	
Age 20 to 34		14,341	
Age 35 to 54		19,617	
Age 55 to 64		11,445	
Age 65 and over		12,701	
Median Age (years)		42.0	

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average		2005	2015
Civilian Labor Force		41,900	41,690
Employed		40,570	40,340
Unemployed		1,330	1,350
Unemployment Rate		3.2%	3.2%

2015 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Alstead	3.0%	Richmond	3.4%
Chesterfield	2.9%	Rindge	4.5%
Dublin	3.1%	Roxbury	4.9%
Fitzwilliam	3.6%	Stoddard	2.8%
Gilsum	3.2%	Sullivan	3.6%
Harrisville	2.6%	Surry	3.0%
Hinsdale	3.8%	Swanzey	2.9%
Jaffrey	3.2%	Troy	3.2%
Keene	3.2%	Walpole	2.6%
Marlborough	2.7%	Westmoreland	2.7%
Marlow	3.9%	Winchester	3.9%
Nelson	2.9%		

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic-Keene	Keene	Health care services	1,500
C & S Wholesale Grocers	Keene	Wholesale foods	1,200
Keene School District	Keene	Education	1,198
Keene State College	Keene	Education	933
Monadnock Regional School District	Swanzey	Education	746
Millpore Corporation	Jaffrey	Industrial filters	700
Smith Industrial Medical Systems	Keene	Hospital supplies	480
Imaje Corporation	Keene	Industrial marking equipment	400
Market Basket	Swanzey	Supermarket	355
Liberty Mutual/Peerless Insurance Company	Keene	Insurance services	354
National Grange Mutual Insurance	Keene	Insurance services	347
TFX Medical, Inc.	Jaffrey	Medical tubing	303
United Natural Foods	Chesterfield	Food warehouse	300
Franklin Pierce University (Rindge campus)	Rindge	Education	300
Market Basket	Rindge	Supermarket	275
Jaffrey-Ringe School District	Jaffrey	Education	264
TimKen Super Precision	Keene	Mini & precision bearings	262
Plum Pak	Winchester	Packaging, manufacturing	240
Wal-Mart	Hinsdale	Retail store	230
Wal-Mart	Rindge	Retail store	200
Maplewood Nursing Home	Westmoreland	Nursing Home	200
Town of Swanzey	Swanzey	Municipal services	171
Fenton Family Dealerships	Swanzey	Automobile dealership	134
Hannaford Brothers	Rindge	Supermarket	114
W.S. Badger Co., Inc.	Gilsum	Hand lotion, balm	100
Mountain Industries	Marlborough	Silk screen products	100
HCP Packaging USA Inc.	Hinsdale	Design, development, and manufacture of packaging containers	100
Shaw's Supermarket	Walpole	Supermarket	88
Frank W. Whitcomb	Walpole	Sand, gravel, hot mix	85
First Student	Swanzey	Bus transportation	82

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	8,110	6,073
Average Weekly Wage	\$829	\$1,011
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	20,776	21,024
Average Weekly Wage	\$604	\$783
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	28,886	27,097
Average Weekly Wage	\$667	\$834
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	5,109	4,970
Average Weekly Wage	\$594	\$811
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	33,995	32,067
Average Weekly Wage	\$656	\$831

Income	(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$30,181
Median Family Income		\$71,354
Median Household Income		\$57,782
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$50,085
	Female	\$39,717
Individuals below poverty level		11.8%

Commuting to Work	(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)
<i>Workers, 16 years and over</i>	38,849
Car, truck or van: drove alone	30,559
Car, truck or van: carpooled	3,163
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	151
Walked	1,235
Other means	583
Worked at home	3,158
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.5
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	77.3%
Commuting to some other NH county	8.6%
Commuting out-of-state/country	14.1%

Transportation		
Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	9; 9A; 10; 12; 12A; 32; 63; 78; 101; 119; 123; 123A; 137
Nearest Interstates	Everett Tpk., Exits 7- 8; I-91 Exit 28 (MA); I-91 Exits 1-3, 5, 6 (VT)	
Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines	
Lebanon Municipal		1
Manchester-Boston Regional		4

Educational Attainment (2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)

Population, Age 25 and Over	52,285
Less than 9th grade	1,199
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,838
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	17,689
Some college, no degree	9,934
Associate's degree	4,124
Bachelor's degree	10,128
Graduate or professional degree	6,373
Percent high school graduates or higher	92.3%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	31.6%

Educational and Child Care Facilities*School Districts in Cheshire County municipalities:*

- Chesterfield (Grades K-8)
- Harrisville (Grades K-6)
- Hinsdale (Grades K-12)
- Keene (Grades K-12)
- Marlborough (Grades K-8)
- Marlow (Grades K-6)
- Nelson (Grades K-6)
- Stoddard (Grades K-5)
- Surry (Grades K-8)
- Westmoreland (Grades K-8)
- Winchester (Grades K-8)
- Contoocook Valley Coop–
Dublin (Grades K-12)
- Fall Mountain Regional –
Alstead, Walpole
(Grades K-12)
- Jaffrey-Rindge Coop – Jaffrey,
Rindge (Grades K-12)
- Monadnock Regional Coop –
Fitzwilliam, Gilsum,
Richmond, Roxbury, Sullivan,
Swanzey, Troy (Grades K-12)

Career Technology Centers:

- The Cheshire Career Center (Keene)
- Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE (Langdon)
- Region 14 Applied Technology Center (Peterborough)

Nearest Community College:

- Manchester
- Nashua
- River Valley, Claremont

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

- Antioch New England (Keene); Franklin Pierce University (Rindge); Keene State; New England (Henniker)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2016*(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)*

Total Facilities: 46 Total Capacity: 1,923

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.) Staffed Beds

Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	116
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	25
Valley Regional, Claremont	25
Brattleboro Memorial, Brattleboro VT	61
Heywood Hospital, Gardner MA	134

Housing (2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)

Total Housing Units	34,905
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	24,063
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	4,309
Five or More Units in structure	3,985
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,548

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*

YTD 2016 Median Sale Price, Residential \$165,000

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2016 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,045

Property Tax Rates, 2015 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Alstead	\$26.53	92.9	\$24.62
Chesterfield	\$21.90	98.5	\$21.41
Dublin	\$26.50	90.9	\$24.09
Fitzwilliam	\$26.71	103.8	\$27.29
Gilsum	\$26.68	104.4	\$28.02
Harrisville	\$17.66	97.0	\$17.14
Hinsdale	\$25.89	114.5	\$33.55
Jaffrey	\$33.22	96.6	\$31.93
Keene	\$34.41	103.0	\$34.77
Marlborough	\$28.31	114.6	\$32.09
Marlow	\$25.59	100.6	\$25.61
Nelson	\$20.47	94.0	\$19.24
Richmond	\$28.35	96.2	\$27.39
Ringe	\$27.89	99.1	\$26.95
Roxbury	\$24.47	103.0	\$22.19
Stoddard	\$16.23	103.5	\$16.82
Sullivan	\$26.72	101.9	\$27.26
Surry	\$24.82	100.3	\$23.88
Swanzey	\$26.58	100.1	\$26.56
Troy	\$32.11	102.0	\$31.70
Walpole	\$23.11	106.9	\$23.88
Westmoreland	\$21.81	106.3	\$23.13
Winchester	\$30.58	102.6	\$31.83

2015 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals

Residential Land and Buildings	78.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.9%

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Contacts	Address	ZIP	Phone/Fax*	E-Mail/Web	Office Hours
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Town of Chesterfield	PO Box 175 Chesterfield NH	03443	P: 363-4624 F: 363-8047	admin@nhchesterfield.com www.nhchesterfield.com	Selectmen, Town Hall, Assessors: M-Th 8-4, F 9-12; Town Clerk: MTh 9-1 & 4-7, W 9-1, last Sat 9-1; Tax Collector: MTh 4-7
Dublin Board of Selectmen	PO Box 277 Dublin NH	03444	P: 563-8544 F: 563-9221	townadministrator@townofdublin.org www.townofdublin.org	M-Th 9-4
Town of Fitzwilliam	PO Box 725 Fitzwilliam NH	03447	P: 585-7770 P: 585-7723 F: 585-7744	fitzwilliamnh@fitzwilliam-nh.gov http://fitzwilliam-nh.gov	Selectmen: MF 8:30-12:30, TTh 1-5, W 6-8; Town Clerk: M 8:30-12:30, T 1-5, Th 9-5; Tax Collector: M 8:30-11:45, TTh 1-4, W 6-8
Town of Gilsum	650 Route 10, PO Box 67 Gilsum NH	03448	P: 357-0320 F: 352-0845	robin03448@gmail.com Not Available	Selectmen Mtg. M 6:30-8:30; Town Clerk: T 4-7, W 8-12; Tax Collector: Th 8-12
Town of Harrisville	705 Chesham Road Harrisville NH	03450	P: 827-3431 P: 827-5546 F: 827-2917	selectmen@harrisvillenh.org www.harrisvillenh.org	Admin. Asst.: M-Th 9-3, F 9-12; TwN Clerk: T 2-7, W 3-6:30, Th 8-11:30; Tax Collector: W 10-12, 4:30-6:30
Town of Hinsdale	11 Main St., PO Box 13 Hinsdale NH	03451	P: 336-5710 F: 336-5711	hinsdale.nh@myfairpoint.net http://hinsdale.govoffice.com	Selectmen: M-Th 7:30-12 & 12:30-4
Jaffrey Board of Selectmen	10 Goodnow Street Jaffrey NH	03452	P: 532-7880 F: 532-7862	info@townofjaffrey.com http://townofjaffrey.com	M-F 8:30-4:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTW 8-3:30, Th 12-7, F 8-12
City of Keene	3 Washington Street Keene NH	03431-3191	P: 357-9804 F: 283-5650	hmattson@ci.keene.nh.us www.ci.keene.nh.us	M-F 8-4:30
Marlborough Board of Selectmen	PO Box 487 Marlborough NH	03455-0487	P: 876-3751 F: 876-3313	selectmen@marlboroughnh.org www.marlboroughnh.org	Selectmen's Mtg. M 6:30; M 9-6:30, TTh 9-4:30, W 9-12, F 9-2
Town of Marlow	167 NH Route 123, Town Office Marlow NH	03456-0184	P: 446-2245 F: 446-3806	marlowtownoffice@marlownh.gov www.marlownh.gov	Selectmen: M 7pm; Town Office: MTThF 10-1 & 2-3:30; Town Clerk: W 4:30-7, Th 10-12:30; Tax Collector: T 5-7
Nelson Board of Selectmen	7 Nelson Common Road Nelson NH	03457	P: 847-0047 F: 847-3197	execadmin@nelsonnh.us www.townofnelson.org	Selectmen: every other W 3; Admin. Asst., Town Clerk, Tax Collector: T 9-12 & 4-7, Th 9-12
Richmond Board of Selectmen	105 Old Homestead Hwy Richmond NH	03470	P: 239-4232 F: 239-9994	hwood@richmond.nh.gov www.richmond.nh.gov	Selectmen: M 9-12, 5-7, W 9-1, Th 9-12; Town Clerk: M 9-12, 1-4 & 6-8, W 9-12 & 1-5, Th 9-12; Tax Collector: M 6-8, W 9-12
Rindge Board of Selectmen	30 Payson Hill Road Rindge NH	03461	P: 899-5181 F: 899-2101	selectmen@town.rindge.nh.us www.rindgenh.org	Selectmen: M-Th 9-1 & 2-4, F 9-1, every other W (mtg 6pm); TwN Clerk: M-Th 9-1, 2-4, 2 nd & 4 th Th 9-1, 2-6:30, F 9-1; Tax Collector: M-Th 9-1, 2-4, F 9-1
Town of Roxbury	3 Middletown Road Roxbury NH	03431	P: 352-4903 F: 352-4903	townofroxburynh@myfairpoint.net http://roxburynh.org	M 7-9
Stoddard Board of Selectmen	1450 Route 123 North Stoddard NH	03464	P: 446-3326 F: 446-7770	stoddardtownhall@myfairpoint.net www.stoddardnh.org	Selectman: Mtg. M 1-7, WF10:30-4; Town Clerk: TTh 9-2 & 4-6; Tax Collector: Th 12:30-2:30
Town of Sullivan	PO Box 110 Sullivan NH	03445	P: 847-3316 F: 847-9154	townofsullivan@myfairpoint.net www.ci.sullivan.nh.us	Selectmen: M 6:30 pm, T-Th 10-2; Town Clerk: TW 10-2, Th 10-2 & 6-8
Town of Surry	1 Village Road, Town Hall Surry NH	03431	P: 352-3075 F: 357-4890	selectmen@surry.nh.gov http://surry.nh.gov	Selectmen: M 7-9; Town Clerk: M 5-8, Th 5-7; Tax Collector: 1 st & 3 rd Th 5:30-7
Town of Swanzey	Town Hall, PO Box 10009 Swanzey NH	03446-0009	P: 352-7411 F: 352-6250	mbranley@town.swanzey.nh.us www.town.swanzey.nh.us	M-F 8:30-5
Troy Board of Selectmen	PO Box 249 Troy NH	03465	P: 242-7722 F: 242-3430	selectmen@troy-nh.us www.troy-nh.us/	Selectmen: M-Th 8:30-5:30, Th until 7:30; TClerk/TCollector: M-W 9-4:30, Th 1-7
Town of Walpole	PO Box 729 Walpole NH	03608	P: 756-3672 F: 756-9209	sdowning@walpolenh.us www.walpolenh.us	Selectboard, Admin. Mgr.: MTTh 8-4, WF 8-1; TC/TC: MTh 7-4, T 7am-7pm, W 7am-8am, closed Friday
Westmoreland Board of Selectmen	PO Box 55 Westmoreland NH	03467	P: 399-4471 F: 399-4386	townofwestmoreland@myfairpoint.net www.westmorelandnh.com	Selectmen: M 12-8, T-F 8-4; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 7:30-2 & 6-8:30, W 6-8:30, Th 7:30-11
Town of Winchester	1 Richmond Road Winchester NH	03470	P: 239-4951 F: 239-4170	kminer@winchester.nh.gov www.winchester-nh.gov	M-Th 7-5:30, closed Friday

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