

Alstead, NH



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County	Cheshire
Labor Market Area	Charlestown, NH LMA
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 2

Incorporated: 1763

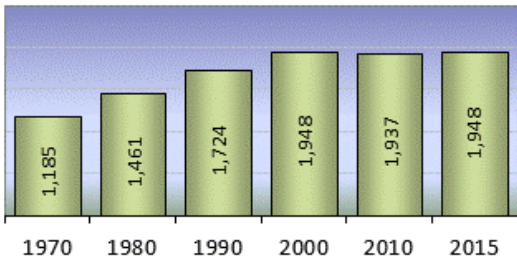
Origin: Alstead began in 1735 as the fourth in a line of nine forts intended to protect southwestern New Hampshire from Indian attacks. The town was named for Johann Heinrich Alsted, a German professor whose Encyclopaedia (1630) was popular at Harvard, where Governor Benning Wentworth had been a student. According to the Town of Alstead municipal website, Alstead was one of the towns that wavered in its allegiance after the Revolutionary War. In April 1781 the citizens decided to join Vermont, but returned to New Hampshire authority early the next year. Alstead was the location of New Hampshire's first paper mill, established in 1793 on the Cold River.

Villages and Place Names: Alstead Center, East Alstead, Mill Hollow

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,111 residents in 1790



Cheshire County



Population Trends: Population change for Alstead totaled 1,105 over 55 years, from 843 in 1960 to 1,948 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 41 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, close to one-third of the total numeric change. The 2015 Census estimate for Alstead was 1,948 residents, which ranked 140th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 50.0 persons per square mile of land area. Alstead contains 39.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	\$2,022,523
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Zoning Ordinance	1987/10
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

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

Public Library **Shedd-Porter Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Part-time & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	17 miles	116	
Valley Regional, Claremont	22 miles	25	

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Granite State; NE Power
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	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Limited Residential Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.53
2015 Equalization Ratio	92.9
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.62
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.8%

HOUSING (ACS 2011-2015)	
Total Housing Units	872
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	727
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	34
Five or More Units in Structure	26
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	85

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	1,948	76,430
2010	1,937	77,117
2000	1,948	73,993
1990	1,724	70,223
1980	1,461	62,116
1970	1,185	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	983	Female	965
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			73
Age 5 to 19			438
Age 20 to 34			242
Age 35 to 54			562
Age 55 to 64			303
Age 65 and over			330
Median Age			44.7 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			91.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher			40.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2011-2015)	
Per capita income	\$26,289
Median family income	\$64,464
Median household income	\$56,534
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$50,579
Female	\$41,667
Individuals below the poverty level	15.0%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	1,156	1,130	
Employed	1,123	1,092	
Unemployed	33	38	
Unemployment rate	2.9%	3.4%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	76	71	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 581	\$ 639	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	85	81	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 390	\$ 725	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	161	151	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 480	\$ 685	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	21	80	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 475	\$ 718	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	182	231	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 480	\$ 696	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)** District: **SAU 60**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Cheshire Career Center (Keene)** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1		
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8		
Total Enrollment	89	101		

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

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **45**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Blanceflower Lumber	Retail, wholesale lumber	15	1953
Benson's Woodworking Company	Timber frame houses	10	1972
Fuller Machine Company	Job machine shop	5	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **12A, 123, 123A**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91 (VT), Exit 6**
 Distance **10 miles**

Railroad **No**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Claremont Municipal Runway **3,098 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Lebanon Municipal Distance **42 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **1**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **67 miles**
 Portland, Maine **160 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **118 miles**
 New York City, NY **228 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **222 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **79.1%**
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **8.8%**
 Public transportation **0.0%**
 Walked **1.8%**
 Other means **1.1%**
 Worked at home **9.1%**
 Mean Travel Time to Work **28.9 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence **17.6**
 Commuting to another NH community **66.2**
 Commuting out-of-state **16.2**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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
 Tourist Attractions
 X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
 X Youth Sports: Baseball
 X Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 X Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 Campgrounds
 X Fishing/Hunting
 Boating/Marinas
 X Snowmobile Trails
 Bicycle Trails
 Cross Country Skiing
 Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
 Overnight or Day Camps
 Nearest Ski Area(s): **Okemo**
 Other: