

Chatham, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday and Thursday, 5-7

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Carroll
Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH part
White Mountains
North Country Council
Mount Washington Valley Economic Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 3
Carroll County District 2

Incorporated: 1767

Origin: Chatham was first granted by the New Hampshire proprietors in 1767, and named in honor of William Pitt, Earl of Chatham and Prime Minister of England. Pitt was one of few who supported the Rockingham government in saying that England had no right to tax the colonists. None of the 73 grantees dared settle in the wilderness, because it was inhabited by the Pequawket. In 1770 the land was granted to new settlers, including Abiel Chandler, founder of the Chandler Scientific School at Dartmouth College, and Samuel Langdon, one time president of Harvard College, who made the famous Blanchard Map of the North Country.

Villages and Place Names: North Chatham, South Chatham

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 58 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Chatham totaled 207 over 50 years, from 134 in 1970 to 341 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 41 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, followed by a 42 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Chatham was 351 residents, which ranked 223rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 6.2 persons per square mile of land area. Chatham contains 56.7 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$225,088	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$971,709	
Zoning Ordinance		No Board	
Master Plan		1997	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation		
Public Library	No Library		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		No	
Emergency Medical Service		Fryeburg ME - Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Memorial Hospital, North Conway		15 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		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Consolidated; Northland	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		No	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.37	
2022 Equalization Ratio		75.1	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$10.02	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		96.1%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		253	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		227	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure			
Five or More Units in Structure		4	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		22	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	351		52,199
2020	341		50,107
2010	337		47,818
2000	261		43,918
1990	269		35,526
1980	189		27,929
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	233	Female	184
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			13
Age 5 to 19			97
Age 20 to 34			39
Age 35 to 54			107
Age 55 to 64			69
Age 65 and over			92
Median Age			49.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		293	
High school graduate or higher			95.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			32.1%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$39,846
Median family income			\$91,406
Median household income			\$71,964
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$50,417
Female			\$36,750
Individuals below the poverty level			10.4%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	164		157
Employed	153		153
Unemployed	11		4
Unemployment rate	6.7%		2.5%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n		0
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$0
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n		0
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$0
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	7		0
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 523		\$0
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	0		0
Average Weekly Wage	\$0		\$0
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	7		0
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 523		\$0
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARESchools students attend: **Grades K-12 are tuitioned to the State of Maine (Fryeburg)**District: **SAU 9**Career Technology Center(s): **No Career Technical Center**

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

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Bates College (ME); Plymouth State; St. Joseph's College of Maine**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities:

Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	113B
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-95 (ME), Exit 48	
Distance	64 miles	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Eastern Slopes, Fryeburg ME	Runway	4,200 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Portland (ME) International	Distance	64 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		108 miles
Portland, Maine		59 miles
Boston, Mass.		142 miles
New York City, NY		350 miles
Montreal, Quebec		220 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.1%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	2.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	4.3%
Commuting to another NH community	82.2%
Commuting out-of-state	13.5%

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
	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
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Cranmore, Attitash, Shawnee Peek
	Other: White Mountain National Forest