

# Chatham, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday, 5 pm - 7 pm</b>
County	<b>Carroll</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH part</b>
Tourism Region	<b>White Mountains</b>
Planning Commission	<b>North Country Council</b>
Regional Development	<b>Mount Washington Valley Economic Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 1</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 3</b>
State Representative	<b>Carroll County District 2, 7</b>

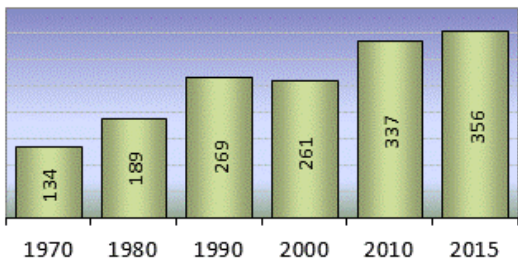
**Incorporated:** 1767

**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 Pequawket Indians. 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 206 over 55 years, from 150 in 1960 to 356



in 2015. Decennial percent change was 41 percent from 1970 to 1980, 42 percent from 1980 to 1990, and 29 percent from 2000 to 2010; population decreased over all other decades. The 2015 Census estimate for Chatham was 356 residents, which ranked 222nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 6.3 persons per square mile of land area, the seventh lowest among the cities and towns. Chatham contains 56.7 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	<b>\$182,600</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$965,430</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>No Board</b>
Master Plan	<b>1997</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation</b>

Public Library **No Library**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Part-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>No</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Fryeburg ME - Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Memorial Hospital, North Conway</b>	<b>15 miles 25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>None</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint; Northland</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>No</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Yes Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.65</b>
2015 Equalization Ratio	<b>94.2</b>
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.24</b>
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>97.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>0.7%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.3%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2011-2015)	
Total Housing Units	<b>257</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>216</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>6</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>17</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>18</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	<b>356</b>	<b>47,513</b>
2010	<b>337</b>	<b>47,818</b>
2000	<b>261</b>	<b>43,918</b>
1990	<b>269</b>	<b>35,526</b>
1980	<b>189</b>	<b>27,929</b>
1970	<b>134</b>	<b>18,548</b>

#### Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>180</b>	Female	<b>176</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>25</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>43</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>75</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>82</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>61</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>70</b>
Median Age	<b>47.7 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>94.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>30.1%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2011-2015)	
Per capita income	<b>\$28,582</b>
Median family income	<b>\$68,750</b>
Median household income	<b>\$52,969</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	<b>\$41,607</b>
Female	<b>\$31,563</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	<b>13.9%</b>
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<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMI)			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	<b>127</b>	<b>162</b>	
Employed	<b>123</b>	<b>153</b>	
Unemployed	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMI)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>25</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 441</b>	<b>n</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 20</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>37</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 306</b>	<b>n</b>	

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are tuitioned to the State of Maine (Fryeburg)** District: **SAU 9**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)** Region: **9**

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: **Granite State College-Conway**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Log House Design	Sewing of outdoor wear apparel	11	

## 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      **6**

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 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>92.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>2.1%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>1.6%</b>
Other means	<b>0.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>3.6%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>30.7 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015**

Working in community of residence	<b>9.8</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>64.3</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>25.9</b>

**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**