

Chichester, NH



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County	Merrimack
Labor Market Area	Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Central NH Regional
Regional Development	Capital Regional Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 4
State Senate	District 17
State Representative	Merrimack County District 20

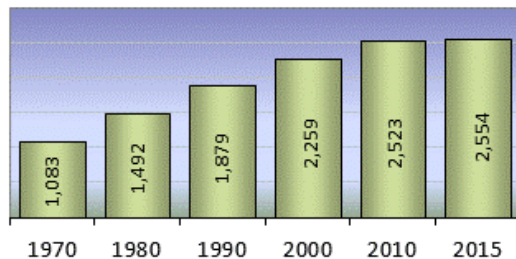
Incorporated: 1727

Origin: Chichester is one of seven towns granted in 1727 when New Hampshire was still a part of Massachusetts. As were several other towns, it was named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle, Earl of Chichester, and England's Secretary of State (1724-1754). Holles was in charge of colonial policy, and was very involved in relations between the American Colonies and England. The charter for Chichester was a pattern for other town charters, requiring the planting and cultivation of land, and building dwelling houses, roads, a schoolhouse, and a church, all within three to five years.

Villages and Place Names: Horse Corner, Kelleys Corner, North Chichester

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 491 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Chichester totaled 1,733 over 55 years, from 821 in 1960 to 2,554 in 2015.



The largest decennial percent change was a 38 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 26 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2015 Census estimate for Chichester was 2,554 residents, which ranked 119th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 120.5 persons per square mile of land area. Chichester contains 21.2 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$2,839,736
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$6,097,109
Zoning Ordinance	1962/15
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

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

Public Library **Chichester Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	10 miles 237

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

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.37
2015 Equalization Ratio	94.1
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.68
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	81.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.0%

HOUSING (ACS 2011-2015)	
Total Housing Units	1,075
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	901
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	101
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	73

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	2,554	147,262
2010	2,523	146,445
2000	2,259	136,716
1990	1,879	120,618
1980	1,492	98,302
1970	1,083	80,925

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	1,348	Female	1,206

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	146
Age 5 to 19	392
Age 20 to 34	428
Age 35 to 54	698
Age 55 to 64	531
Age 65 and over	359
Median Age	45.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	92.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	34.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2011-2015)	
Per capita income	\$35,646
Median family income	\$83,304
Median household income	\$76,056

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$53,750
Female	\$47,500

Individuals below the poverty level	7.9%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	1,424	1,507	
Employed	1,386	1,453	
Unemployed	38	54	
Unemployment rate	2.7%	3.6%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	41	114	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 575	\$ 868	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	459	456	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 672	\$ 823	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	499	570	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 664	\$ 832	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	81	84	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 577	\$ 677	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	580	654	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 652	\$ 812	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Chichester operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pembroke			District: SAU 53
Career Technology Center(s):	Concord Regional Technical Center			Region: 11
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	220			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **70**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Weathervane Seafood	Restaurant	100	1983
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	Assessing	27	1985
Clarks Grain Store	Feed dealer	17	1960
Harris Furniture	Retail furniture store	12	1985
Domenic's	Restaurant	8	2004
Hess Station	Convenience store, gas	6	1988
Chuckster's	Mini golf		2007
Tractor Supply Co	Retail farm supplies		2010

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	4, 202
	State Routes	9, 28, 107
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-393, Exit 3; I-93, Exit 15	
Distance	4 miles; 8 miles	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Concord Municipal	Runway	6,005 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	26 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		27 miles
Portland, Maine		89 miles
Boston, Mass.		77 miles
New York City, NY		274 miles
Montreal, Quebec		256 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	5.0%
Other means	1.5%
Worked at home	6.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence	17.4
Commuting to another NH community	79.7
Commuting out-of-state	2.9

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
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	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
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak
	Other: Chuckster's