

# Richmond, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday, 9 am - 12 noon, 5 pm - 7 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 1 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon; TClerk: Monday, 9 am - 12 noon, 1 pm - 4 pm, 6 pm - 8 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon, 1 pm - 5 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon; TCollector: Monday, 6 pm - 8 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Cheshire**  
**Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts  
 US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 9**  
**Cheshire County Districts 12, 15**

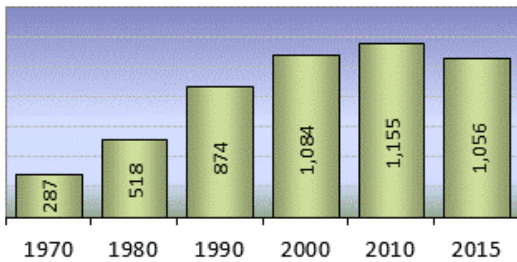
**Incorporated: 1752**

**Origin:** This territory was first granted in 1735 to a company of soldiers returning from the war in Canada led by Captain Joseph Sylvester, and named Sylvester-Canada in his honor. When New Hampshire became a separate province, Governor Benning Wentworth reincorporated those towns with Canada in the name. Sylvester-Canada was granted to new settlers and incorporated in 1752 as Richmond, in honor of the governor's English friend, Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond, a staunch advocate of colonial independence. The settlers were unable to meet the terms of charter due to the Indian War, and the charter was renewed in 1760.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,380 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Richmond totaled 761 over 55 years, from 295 in 1960 to 1,056 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an 80 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a



69 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2015 Census estimate for Richmond was 1,056 residents, which ranked 181st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 28.1 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Bethlehem. Richmond contains 37.5 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	<b>\$1,720,889</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	<b>\$2,361,207</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1972/11</b>
Master Plan	<b>2010</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

#### Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Moderator; Checklist; Town Clerk</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Library; Zoning; Parks &amp; Rec; Heritage; Municipal Bldg.; Road Agent</b>

Public Library **Richmond Public**

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Part-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>14 miles 116</b>

#### **UTILITIES**

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>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Limited Limited</b>

#### **PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$28.35</b>
2015 Equalization Ratio	<b>96.2</b>
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$27.39</b>
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>0.3%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.4%</b>

#### **HOUSING** (ACS 2011-2015)

Total Housing Units	<b>482</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>455</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>2</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>177</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>25</b>

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS** (US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2015	<b>1,056</b>	<b>76,430</b>
2010	<b>1,155</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>1,084</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>874</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>518</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>287</b>	<b>52,364</b>

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

Population by Gender	Male	Female
	<b>537</b>	<b>519</b>

#### Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>20</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>213</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>173</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>256</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>256</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>138</b>
Median Age	<b>49.8 years</b>

#### Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>92.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>32.9%</b>

#### **INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** (ACS 2011-2015)

Per capita income	<b>\$25,985</b>
Median family income	<b>\$69,063</b>
Median household income	<b>\$61,477</b>

#### Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male	<b>\$50,385</b>
Female	<b>\$46,513</b>

Individuals below the poverty level **9.2%**

#### **LABOR FORCE** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	<b>625</b>	<b>625</b>
Employed	<b>606</b>	<b>596</b>
Unemployed	<b>19</b>	<b>29</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

#### **EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 433</b>	<b>\$ 669</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>47</b>	<b>38</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 418</b>	<b>\$ 471</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>59</b>	<b>44</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 421</b>	<b>\$ 498</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 176</b>	<b>\$ 199</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>74</b>	<b>63</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 373</b>	<b>\$ 407</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey, Troy)** District: **SAU 93**

Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Windham RCC (VT)** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				<b>1</b>
Grade Levels				<b>K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment				<b>25</b>

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Richmond	Municipal services	21	1752

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access US Routes  
 State Routes **32, 119**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91, Exit 28 (MA) or Exit 2 (VT)**  
 Distance **19 miles; 21 miles**

Railroad **No**

Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
**Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey** Runway **6,201 ft. asphalt**  
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
**Manchester-Boston Regional** Distance **62 miles**  
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:  
 Manchester, NH **63 miles**  
 Portland, Maine **164 miles**  
 Boston, Mass. **93 miles**  
 New York City, NY **209 miles**  
 Montreal, Quebec **254 miles**

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

**X** Municipal Parks  
**X** 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)  
 Youth Sports: Baseball  
 Youth Sports: Soccer  
 Youth Sports: Football  
 Youth Sports: Basketball  
 Youth Sports: Hockey  
**X** Campgrounds  
**X** Fishing/Hunting  
 Boating/Marinas  
**X** Snowmobile Trails  
 Bicycle Trails  
 Cross Country Skiing  
**X** Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
**X** Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Maple Valley**

Other: **Antiques; Crafts; Farmers Market**

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>91.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>1.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.7%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.2%</b>

Mean Travel Time to Work **32.6 minutes**

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

Working in community of residence	<b>12.3</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>68.8</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>18.9</b>