

Swanzey, NH



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Cheshire

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

District 2

District 5

District 10

Cheshire County Districts 10, 17

Incorporated: 1753

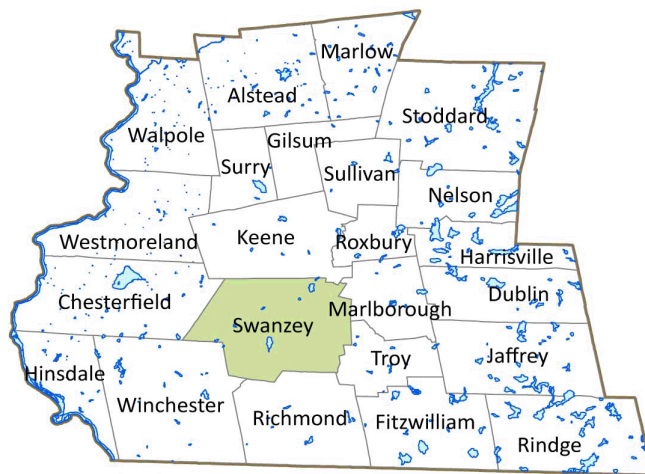
Origin: This town was one of the fort towns established by Governor Belcher of Massachusetts, and was first granted in 1734 as Lower Ashuelot to Captain Nathaniel Hammond and Ephraim Jones. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a grant under authority of the New Hampshire government, since they had settled and been making improvements for over 18 years. The town was chartered that year as Swanzey, the name being suggested by Governor Brenton of Rhode Island, who owned land at Brenton's Farm (Litchfield), and Swansea, Massachusetts. There are four covered bridges located in Swanzey: Carleton, Thompson, Slate, and Cresson.

Villages and Place Names: East Swanzey, West Swanzey, Westport, North Swanzey, Swanzey Center

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,157 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Swanzey totaled 3,041 over 50 years, from 4,254 in 1970 to 7,295 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 22 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Swanzey was 7,427 residents, which ranked 45th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 165.3 persons per square mile of land area. Swanzey contains 44.9 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$6,716,500	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$16,031,117	
Zoning Ordinance		1947/13	
Master Plan		2006	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Sewer; Library; Trustee of Trust Funds; Supervisor of Checklist		
Appointed:	Conservation; Swanzey Revenue; Economic Dev; Old Home Day; Recreation; Capital Improvement; Rail Trails Advisory Committee		
Public Library	Mt. Caesar Union; Stratton Free		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time & On-Call	
Emergency Medical Service		On-Call	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene		6 miles	94
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		North Swanzey Fire Precinct; West Swanzey Water Co.	
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$25.00	
2022 Equalization Ratio		66.3	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.34	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		81.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		15.3%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.1%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		3,386	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,263	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		204	
Five or More Units in Structure		639	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		280	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2022	7,427	77,350
2020	7,270	76,458
2010	7,230	77,117
2000	6,814	73,993
1990	5,864	70,223
1980	5,183	62,116

DEMOGRAPHICS	AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021		
Population by Gender			
Male	3,602	Female	3,691
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	246		
Age 5 to 19	1,049		
Age 20 to 34	957		
Age 35 to 54	1,576		
Age 55 to 64	1,699		
Age 65 and over	1,766		
Median Age	52.6 years		

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:	5,744
High school graduate or higher	95.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)
Per capita income	\$34,931	
Median family income	\$91,709	
Median household income	\$66,392	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	\$52,735	
Female	\$45,337	
Individuals below the poverty level	8.8%	

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2012	2022	
Civilian labor force	4,283	3,900	
Employed	4,081	3,812	
Unemployed	202	88	
Unemployment rate	4.7%	2.3%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELM)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	270	444	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 904	\$1,258	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,180	1,212	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 607	\$ 852	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,450	1,656	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 662	\$ 961	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	718	609	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 690	\$ 863	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	2,168	2,265	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 671	\$ 934	

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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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	563	254	451	

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

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

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

Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **94**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Monadnock Regional School District	Education		1962
Fenton Family Dealerships	Automobile dealership		1985
Market Basket	Supermarket		2010
Nanotech	Ultra-precision machining systems	55	1997
Town of Swanzey	Municipal services		1753
Powers Generator Service, LLC	Generator sales, service, installation	22	1995
First Student	Bus transportation		2000
Keene Gas/Titan Propane	Propane sales, service		1860
Port-O-Lite	Millwork	15	1952
Mold Pro	Thermoplastic injection molding	40	2003

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10, 12, 32
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 3
	Distance	20 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	60 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		70 miles
Portland, Maine		162 miles
Boston, Mass.		98 miles
New York City, NY		210 miles
Montreal, Quebec		247 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.6%
Other means	1.5%
Worked at home	4.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	19.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	21.8%
Commuting to another NH community	71.4%
Commuting out-of-state	6.8%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	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
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Granite Gorge**

Other: **Cheshire Fair; Covered Bridges; Old Home Day; Hiking trails; Summer Theatre; Band Concert Series; Mini golf**