

Walpole, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectboard, Administrative Manager: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 1 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Thursday, 7 am - 4 pm, Tuesday, 7 am - 7 pm, Wednesday, 7 am - 8 am, closed Friday

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Cheshire
Charlestown, NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
 US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 10
Cheshire County District 1

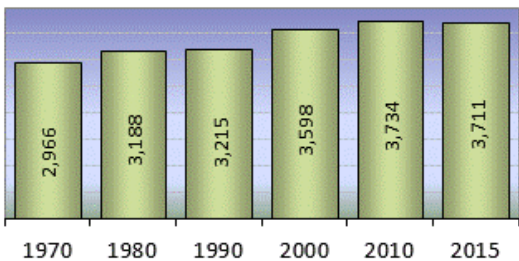
Incorporated: 1752

Origin: This territory was first granted by the Massachusetts government in 1736 as No. 3, the third in a line of settlements along the east side of the Connecticut River which was sometimes called Great Falls. In 1752, Governor Benning Wentworth granted the territory to Benjamin Bellows and others as Walpole in honor of Sir Robert Walpole, first Prime Minister of England. Colonel Benjamin Bellows, for whom Bellows Falls, Vermont, was named, built a large fort at Walpole for defense against Indian attack, and had surveyed most of the Connecticut River towns. The grant was renewed in 1781 due to the Indian wars making completion of grant terms impractical.

Villages and Place Names: Drewsville, North Walpole

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,245 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Walpole totaled 886 over 55 years, from



2,825 in 1960 to 3,711 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 12 percent between 1990 and 2000; percent change over the three previous decades were all below ten percent. The 2015 Census estimate for Walpole was 3,711 residents, which ranked 100th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 104.0 persons per square mile of land area. Walpole contains 35.7 square miles of land area and 1.0 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	\$3,213,340
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$6,186,509
Zoning Ordinance	1950/15
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery
Appointed:	Conservation; WRAP; Hooper Institute; Recreation

Public Library **North Walpole Public; Walpole Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full & part-time	
Fire Department	Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	18 miles	116
Valley Regional, Claremont	19 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Liberty Utilities	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	N. Walpole/Walpole Water	
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No	
Solid Waste Disposal	None	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes	
Recycling Program	Mandatory	
Telephone Company	Comcast; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes	
Cable Television Access	Yes	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes

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

2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.11
2015 Equalization Ratio	106.9
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.88
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	79.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	15.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.2%

HOUSING *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Total Housing Units	1,688
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,277
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	326
Five or More Units in Structure	85
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	0

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2015	3,711	76,430
2010	3,734	77,117
2000	3,598	73,993
1990	3,215	70,223
1980	3,188	62,116
1970	2,966	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	2,010	Female	1,701

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	155
Age 5 to 19	676
Age 20 to 34	652
Age 35 to 54	1,078
Age 55 to 64	511
Age 65 and over	639
Median Age	43.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	97.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	33.2%

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

Per capita income	\$35,071
Median family income	\$77,802
Median household income	\$66,613

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

Male	\$49,141
Female	\$33,566

Individuals below the poverty level **5.8%**

LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMII)*

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	1,948	2,304
Employed	1,888	2,234
Unemployed	60	70
Unemployment rate	3.1%	3.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMII)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	501	549
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 715	\$1,001
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	725	703
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 655	\$ 860
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,226	1,252
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 680	\$ 922
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	64	185
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 383	\$ 483
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,290	1,438
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 665	\$ 865

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)** District: **SAU 60**

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

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1		
Grade Levels	K 1-4	5-8		
Total Enrollment	175	145		

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; UNH School of Law; Antioch New England**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **96**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	88	
Frank W. Whitcomb	Sand, gravel, hot mix	85	1932
Len-Tex Corp.	Wallcovering	80	1993
Cold River Materials	Sand, gravel	30	1997
Walpole Savings Bank	Banking services	25	1875
Hicks Machine, Inc.	Machine shop	20	1950
L.A. Burdick	Chocolate shop & café	20	1992
Hubbard Farms, Inc.	Poultry breeder	10	1931

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12, 123
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exits 5 - 6
	Distance	5 miles; 4 miles
Railroad		Green Mtn. RR
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Claremont Municipal	Runway	3,098 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	40 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		80 miles
Portland, Maine		172 miles
Boston, Mass.		145 miles
New York City, NY		222 miles
Montreal, Quebec		227 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.0%
Public transportation	.0%
Walked	1.4%
Other means	1.2%
Worked at home	5.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence	31.5
Commuting to another NH community	1.2
Commuting out-of-state	27.3

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	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)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	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): Mount Ascutney & Okemo (VT)
	Other: