

Winchester, NH



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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 2
District 10
Cheshire County Districts 13, 15

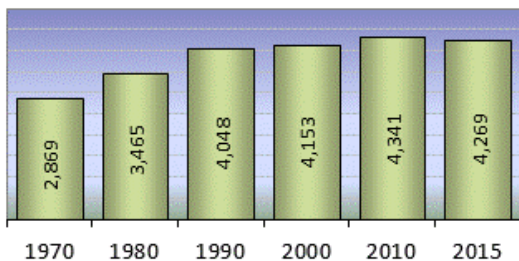
Incorporated: 1753

Origin: This territory was first granted in 1733 to Colonel Josiah Willard who petitioned the Massachusetts government for a tract on the east side of the Connecticut River. The township was identified as a plantation called Arlington, and was incorporated in 1739 without a name, but at the time, the town was referenced as Winchester. After the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border changed, Josiah Willard petitioned the New Hampshire government in 1750 and 1753 for incorporation. The name Winchester was probably in honor of Charles Paulet, Marquis of Winchester, third Duke of Bolton, and constable of the Tower of London.

Villages and Place Names: Ashuelot, Camp Forest Lake, Curtis Corner, Scotland

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,209 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Winchester totaled 1,858 over 55 years, from 2,411 in 1960 to 4,269 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 21 percent between 1970 and 1980, which followed a 19 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2015 Census estimate for Winchester was 4,269 residents, which ranked 90th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 77.7 persons per square mile of land area. Winchester contains 55.0 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$3,567,376
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$10,992,912
Zoning Ordinance	1971/13
Master Plan	2008
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning & Zoning Boards

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation

Public Library **Conant Public; Thayer Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	15 miles	116

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Winchester Water Department
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	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)	\$30.58
2015 Equalization Ratio	102.6
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$31.83
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	76.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	6.4%

HOUSING *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Total Housing Units	2,112
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,245
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	197
Five or More Units in Structure	148
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	522

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2015	4,269	76,430
2010	4,341	77,117
2000	4,153	73,993
1990	4,048	70,223
1980	3,465	62,116
1970	2,869	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	2,149	Female	2,120

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	255
Age 5 to 19	829
Age 20 to 34	637
Age 35 to 54	1,263
Age 55 to 64	617
Age 65 and over	668
Median Age	43.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	87.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.9%

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

Per capita income	\$23,404
Median family income	\$53,864
Median household income	\$44,760

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$37,213
Female	\$37,056

Individuals below the poverty level	13.9%
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LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	2,194	2,111
Employed	2,092	2,000
Unemployed	102	111
Unemployment rate	4.6%	5.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	390	281
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 539	\$ 744
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	328	416
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 421	\$ 506
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	719	697
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 485	\$ 602
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	47	45
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 568	\$ 744
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	766	742
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 490	\$ 611

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Winchester operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Keene			District: SAU 94
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	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	398			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**
 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: **3** Total Capacity: **83**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Harborside Applewood	Nursing home	72	1997
Kulick's Inc.	Grocery store, mall	55	1909
Winchester Roll Products, Inc.	Pressure vessels	25	1984
Town of Winchester	Municipal services	22	1753
Winchester Learning Center	Child day care	15	2001
Innovative Machine & Supply	Machine shop	14	1985
Porter's Diesel Service	Truck repair & service	9	1981
Family Dollar	Discount store		
Plum Pak	Packaging, manufacturing		2000
RiteAid	Drugstore		2000

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10, 78, 119
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91, Exit 28 (MA) or Exits 1 - 2 (VT)	
Distance	12 miles; 14 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	67 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		78 miles
Portland, Maine		169 miles
Boston, Mass.		98 miles
New York City, NY		199 miles
Montreal, Quebec		255 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	76.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.2%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.3%
Other means	2.1%
Worked at home	9.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
Working in community of residence	30.6
Commuting to another NH community	53.0
Commuting out-of-state	16.4

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
X	Bowling Facilities
X	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
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Snow & Okemo Mountains, VT**

Other: **Covered Bridges; Historical Society; Pisgah State Park; Forest Lake; Pickle Festival; Ashuelot River**