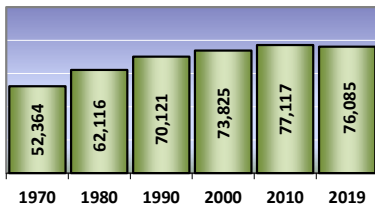


Cheshire County

Cheshire County, one of the five original counties, occupies the southwest corner of the state. It is separated from Vermont by a 41-mile length of the Connecticut River, and borders Massachusetts along a 27-mile straight line to the south. Established in 1769, the county was named for Cheshire County in England. Cheshire is New Hampshire's median county. It ranks sixth among the ten counties in total area, land area, water area, population, and population density. Cheshire County is the location of Mount Monadnock, one of the most-hiked peaks in the world.



Cheshire County contains 707.0 square miles of land area and 22.4 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 109.1 persons per square mile. Cheshire County includes one city, Keene, and 22 towns. The county seat is Keene.



Population Trends: Over the last five decennial periods, Cheshire County has experienced population growth below the state average rate, with no significant growth spurts. Cheshire's population has ranked sixth among New Hampshire's counties for seven consecutive decades. The highest rate of increase was from 1960 to 1970, when the population grew by 20.8 percent. The county had its smallest population increase from 2000 to 2010, growing by 4.5 percent. While Cheshire County is similar in land area to Rockingham County, it is far less densely populated.

Population (1-Year Population Estimates, US Census Bureau)				
2019	2010	2000	1990	1980
76,085	77,117	73,825	70,121	62,116

Demographics (2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)		
By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	37,138	38,904
18 years and over	30,186	32,167
65 years and over	6,738	7,981
Median Age (years)	42.2	44.3
By Age Group:		
	Under age 5	3,458
	Age 5 to 19	13,580
	Age 20 to 34	14,751
	Age 35 to 54	17,696
	Age 55 to 64	11,838
	Age 65 and over	14,719
	Median Age (years)	43.1

Labor Force (NHES-ELMI)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian Labor Force	42,040	40,930
Employed	39,630	39,860
Unemployed	2,410	1,070
Unemployment Rate	5.7%	2.6%

2019 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Alstead	2.5%	Richmond	3.0%
Chesterfield	2.7%	Rindge	3.4%
Dublin	2.1%	Roxbury	1.5%
Fitzwilliam	2.5%	Stoddard	2.3%
Harrisville	1.7%	Sullivan	2.8%
Hinsdale	3.8%	Surry	1.6%
Jaffrey	2.2%	Swanzey	2.4%
Keene	2.7%	Troy	2.3%
Marlborough	2.2%	Walpole	2.2%
Marlow	2.5%	Westmoreland	1.8%
Nelson	1.8%	Winchester	2.9%

Due to differing methodologies, 1-Year Population Estimates and 5-Year Average ACS Demographics data may not match.

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic-Keene	Keene	Health care services	1,561
C & S Wholesale Grocers	Keene	Wholesale foods	1,200
Keene School District	Keene	Education	1,100
Millpore Corporation	Jaffrey	Industrial filters	972
Keene State College	Keene	Education	789
Monadnock Regional School District	Swanzey	Education	746
Imaje Corporation	Keene	Industrial marking equipment	400
Market Basket	Swanzey	Supermarket	355
Smith Industrial Medical Systems	Keene	Hospital supplies	350
National Grange Mutual Insurance	Keene	Insurance services	311
TFX Medical, Inc.	Jaffrey	Medical tubing	307
United Natural Foods	Chesterfield	Food warehouse	300
Franklin Pierce University (Rindge campus)	Rindge	Education	300
Market Basket	Rindge	Supermarket	275
TimKen Super Precision	Keene	Mini & precision bearings	267
Jaffrey-Ringe School District	Jaffrey	Education	256
Plum Pak	Winchester	Packaging, manufacturing	240
Wal-Mart	Hinsdale	Retail store	230
Wal-Mart	Rindge	Retail store	200
Maplewood Nursing Home	Westmoreland	Nursing Home	200
Town of Swanzey	Swanzey	Municipal services	171
Fenton Family Dealerships	Swanzey	Automobile dealership	164
Bensonwood & Unity Homes	Walpole	Manufacturer of wood framed and energy efficient homes	120
Hannaford Brothers	Rindge	Supermarket	114
W.S. Badger Co., Inc.	Gilsum	Hand lotion, balm	100
Mountain Industries	Marlborough	Silk screen products	100
HCP Packaging USA Inc.	Hinsdale	Design, development, and manufacture of packaging containers	100
Walpole Savings Bank	Walpole	Banking services	93
Good Shepherd Nursing Home	Jaffrey	Elder care services	91
First Student	Swanzey	Bus transportation	82

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	6,761	6,652
Average Weekly Wage	\$871	\$1,100
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	20,451	20,272
Average Weekly Wage	\$704	\$870
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	27,212	26,923
Average Weekly Wage	\$746	\$927
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	4,995	4,814
Average Weekly Wage	\$725	\$835
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	32,207	31,737
Average Weekly Wage	\$742	\$913

Income	(2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$33,946
Median Family Income		\$83,912
Median Household Income		\$64,751
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$52,044
	Female	\$41,421
Individuals below poverty level		9.0%

Commuting to Work	(2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	39,297
Car, truck or van: drove alone	30,227
Car, truck or van: carpooled	3,214
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	103
Walked	1,238
Other means	777
Worked at home	3,738
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.2
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	76.3%
Commuting to some other NH county	9.4%
Commuting out-of-state/country	14.3%

Transportation		
Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	9; 9A; 10; 12; 12A; 32; 63; 78; 101; 119; 123; 123A; 137
Nearest Interstates	Everett Tpk., Exits 7- 8; I-91 Exit 28 (MA); I-91 Exits 1-3, 5, 6 (VT)	
Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines	
Lebanon Municipal	1	
Manchester-Boston Regional	4	

Educational Attainment (2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)

Population, Age 25 and Over	53,191
Less than 9th grade	1,149
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,383
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	16,694
Some college, no degree	9,960
Associate's degree	5,385
Bachelor's degree	10,839
Graduate or professional degree	6,781

Percent high school graduates or higher	93.4%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	33.1%

Educational and Child Care Facilities*School Districts in Cheshire County municipalities:*

- Chesterfield (Grades K-8)
- Harrisville (Grades K-6)
- Hinsdale (Grades K-12)
- Keene (Grades K-12)
- Marlborough (Grades K-8)
- Marlow (Grades K-6)
- Nelson (Grades K-6)
- Stoddard (Grades K-5)
- Surry (Grades K-8)
- Westmoreland (Grades K-8)
- Winchester (Grades K-8)
- Contoocook Valley Coop–
Dublin (Grades K-12)
- Fall Mountain Regional –
Alstead, Walpole
(Grades K-12)
- Jaffrey-Rindge Coop – Jaffrey,
Rindge (Grades K-12)
- Monadnock Regional Coop –
Fitzwilliam, Gilsom,
Richmond, Roxbury, Troy,
Swanzy (Grades K-12)

Career Technology Centers:

- The Cheshire Career Center (Keene)
- Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE (Langdon)
- Region 14 Applied Technology Center (Peterborough)
- Windham Regional Career Center (VT)

Nearest Community College:

- Manchester
- Nashua
- River Valley, Claremont

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

- Antioch New England (Keene); Franklin Pierce University (Rindge); Keene State; New England (Henniker); UNH School of Law (Concord)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2020*(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)*

Total Facilities: 38 Total Capacity: 1,675

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.)

	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	98
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	25
Valley Regional, Claremont	25
Brattleboro Memorial, Brattleboro VT	61
Heywood Hospital, Gardner MA	134

Housing (2015-2019 5-Year, ACS)

Total Housing Units	35,588
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	25,290
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	4,062
Five or More Units in structure	3,875
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,361

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YTD 2020 Median Sale Price, Residential \$249,900

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2020 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$1,118

Property Tax Rates, 2019 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Alstead	\$27.85	87.3	\$24.24
Chesterfield	\$22.32	85.7	\$19.02
Dublin	\$24.63	102.6	\$24.96
Fitzwilliam	\$26.49	95.6	\$24.82
Gilsum	\$28.01	102.0	\$28.45
Harrisville	\$17.40	94.3	\$16.38
Hinsdale	\$34.07	84.2	\$27.95
Jaffrey	\$34.80	79.8	\$26.64
Keene	\$37.60	95.0	\$34.17
Marlborough	\$31.47	84.5	\$26.44
Marlow	\$31.92	87.5	\$27.73
Nelson	\$17.25	96.1	\$16.47
Richmond	\$24.19	92.3	\$22.22
Ringe	\$27.76	79.7	\$21.56
Roxbury	\$25.28	102.8	\$22.80
Stoddard	\$15.10	96.4	\$14.48
Sullivan	\$22.25	96.6	\$21.30
Surry	\$28.92	93.1	\$26.28
Swanzy	\$25.76	98.3	\$24.85
Troy	\$26.95	88.4	\$23.61
Walpole	\$25.51	101.2	\$24.40
Westmoreland	\$26.85	88.6	\$23.77
Winchester	\$35.64	94.6	\$33.22

2019 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals

Residential Land and Buildings	77.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.3%

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Town of Chesterfield	PO Box 175 Chesterfield NH	03443	P: 363-4624 F: 363-8047	townadmin@nhchesterfield.com www.nhchesterfield.com	Selectmen/Town Hall/Assessors: M-Th 8-4, F 9-12; Town Clerk: MTh 9-1 & 4-7, W 9-1, last Sat 9-1; Tax Collector: MTh 2-6
Town of Dublin	PO Box 277 Dublin NH	03444	P: 563-8544 F: 563-9221	townadministrator@townofdublin.org www.townofdublin.org	M-Th 9-4
Town of Fitzwilliam	PO Box 725 Fitzwilliam NH	03447	P: 585-7770 P: 585-7723 F: 585-7744	fitzwilliamnh@fitzwilliam-nh.gov http://fitzwilliam-nh.gov	Selectmen: MF 8:30-12:30, TTh 1-5, W 6-7; TClrk: M 9-12:30, TTh 1-5, W 4-8; TCcltr: M 9-12, TTh 1-4, W 6-8
Town of Gilsom	650 Route 10, PO Box 67 Gilsom NH	03448	P: 357-0320 F: 352-0845	robin03448@gmail.com Not Available	Selectmen: Mtg. M 6 pm; TClrk: T 4-7, W 8-12; TCcltr: Th 8-12
Town of Harrisville	705 Chesham Road Harrisville NH	03450	P: 827-3431 x1 P: 827-5546 F: 827-2917	Selectboard@harrisvillenh.org www.harrisvillenh.org	Admin. Asst.: M-Th 9-3, F 9-12; TClrk: T 3-7, Th 8-1, 1st Sat 8-11; TCcltr: T 1:30-3:30, F 9-12, or by appointment
Town of Hinsdale	11 Main Street, PO Box 13 Hinsdale NH	03451	P: 336-5710 F: 336-5711	hinsdale.nh@myfairpoint.net http://hinsdale.govoffice.com	Selectmen: M-Th 7:30-12, 12:30-4
Town of Jaffrey	10 Goodnow Street Jaffrey NH	03452	P: 532-7880 F: 532-7862	info@townofjaffrey.com www.townofjaffrey.com	M-F 8-4:30; TC/TC: MTW 8-3:30, Th 12-7, F 8-12
City of Keene	3 Washington Street Keene NH	03431-3191	P: 357-9804 F: 283-5650	hmattson@ci.keene.nh.us www.ci.keene.nh.us	M-F 8-4:30
Town of Marlborough	PO Box 487 Marlborough NH	03455-0487	P: 876-3751 F: 876-3313	selectmen@marlboroughnh.org www.marlboroughnh.org	Selectmen's mtg M 6:30pm; M 9-6:30, TTh 9-4:30, W 9-12, F 9-2
Town of Marlow	167 NH Route 123, Town Office Marlow NH	03456-0184	P: 446-2245 x1 F: 446-3806	marlowtownoffice@marlownh.gov www.marlownh.gov	Selectmen: M 7pm; Town Office: TThF 10-1, 2-3:30; TClrk: W 4:30-7, Th 10-12:30; TCcltr: T 5-7
Town of Nelson	7 Nelson Common Road Nelson NH	03457	P: 847-0047 F: 847-3197	execadmin@nelsonnh.us www.townofnelson.org	Selectmen: every other W 3; Admin. Asst./TC/TC: T 9-12 & 4-7, Th 9-12; Admin Assist: other times by appointment
Town of Richmond	105 Old Homestead Hwy Richmond NH	03470	P: 239-4232 Not Available	susan.harrington.richmond@gmail.com www.richmond.nh.gov	Selectmen: M 9-12, 3-8, W 9-1, Th 9-12; TClrk: M 9-12, 1-4, 6-8, W 9-12, 1-4; TCcltr: M 6-8, W 9-12
Town of Rindge	30 Payson Hill Road Rindge NH	03461	P: 899-5181 x101 F: 899-2101	sgravell@town.rindge.nh.us www.rindgenh.org	Selectmen: M-Th 9-1, 2-4, every other W meeting 6pm; TClrk: M-Th 9-1, 2-4, 2nd, 4th Th 9-1, 2-6:30, F 9-1; TCcltr: M-Th 9-1, 2-4, F 9-1
Town of Roxbury	3 Middletown Road Roxbury NH	03431	P: 352-4903 F: 352-4903	townofroxburynh@myfairpoint.net http://roxburynh.org	M 5-7
Town of Stoddard	1450 Route 123 North Stoddard NH	03464	P: 446-3326 x103 F: 446-2278	stoddardtownhall@myfairpoint.net www.stoddardnh.org	Selectman: Mtg. M 1-6, WTh 10:30-4; TClrk: TTh 11-6; TCcltr: Th 12:30-2:30
Town of Sullivan	PO Box 110 Sullivan NH	03445	P: 847-3316 F: 847-9154	townofsullivan@myfairpoint.net https://townofsullivannh.com	Selectboard: M 6:30 pm; Town Hall: T-Th 10-2; Town Clerk: TW 10-2, Th 10-2, 6-8
Town of Surry	1 Village Road, Town Hall Surry NH	03431	P: 352-3075 F: 357-4890	selectmen@surry.nh.gov Surry.nh.gov	Selectmen: M 7-9; TClrk: M 3-6, Th 5-7; TCcltr: 1st, 3rd Th 5:30-7
Town of Swanzey	Town Hall, PO Box 10009 Swanzey NH	03446-0009	P: 352-7411 F: 352-6250	mbranley@town.swanzey.nh.us www.swanzeynh.gov	M 9:30-6, T-Th 8:30-5, F 7:30-4
Town of Troy	PO Box 249 Troy NH	03465	P: 242-7722 F: 242-3430	selectmen@troy-nh.us www.troy-nh.us	Selectmen: M-W 9-5, Th 11-6; TC/TC: MW 8-4:30, T 7-4:30, Th 12:30-7
Town of Walpole	PO Box 729 Walpole NH	03608	P: 756-3672 F: 756-9209	sdowning@walpolenh.us www.walpolenh.us	Selectboard/Admin Mgr: MTTh 8-4, WF 8-1; TC/TC: MTh 7-4, T 7am-7pm, W 7am-8am, closed F
Town of Westmoreland	PO Box 55 Westmoreland NH	03467	P: 399-4471 F: 399-4386	townofwestmoreland@myfairpoint.net www.westmorelandnh.com	Selectmen: MW 8-5, TTh 8-7; TClrk: TTh 8-12, 3-7; TCcltr: T 8-10
Town of Winchester	1 Richmond Road Winchester NH	03470	P: 239-4951 F: 239-4170	kminer@winchester.nh.gov www.winchester-nh.gov	Town Hall/Selectmen: M-Th 7:30-4:30, F 7:30-1:30; Town Clerk: M 7-4:30, T-Th 7-5, F 7-1:30

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