

# Charlestown, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Selectmen, Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, 8 am - 6 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, last Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon</b>
County	<b>Sullivan</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Charlestown, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Upper Valley Lake Sunapee</b>
Regional Development	<b>Capital Regional Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 2</b>
State Senate	<b>District 5</b>
State Representative	<b>Sullivan County Districts 8, 11</b>

**Incorporated:** 1753

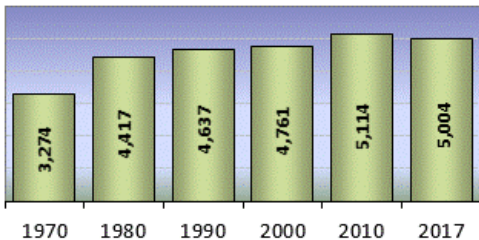
**Origin:** Charlestown was originally the site of Number Four, the fourth in a line of forts on the Connecticut River border established as trading posts by Massachusetts Governor Belcher in 1735. In 1753, Governor Benning Wentworth named the town in honor of his friend, Admiral Sir Charles Knowles of the British Navy, who was then governor of Jamaica. A reproduction of Old Fort Number Four is now a historical site and museum. A historical marker commemorating the fort was erected in 1958—the second marker in the NH Historical Marker Program.

**Villages and Place Names:** Hemlock Center, North Charlestown, Snumshire, South Charlestown, South Hemlock, Springfield Junction, Trapshire

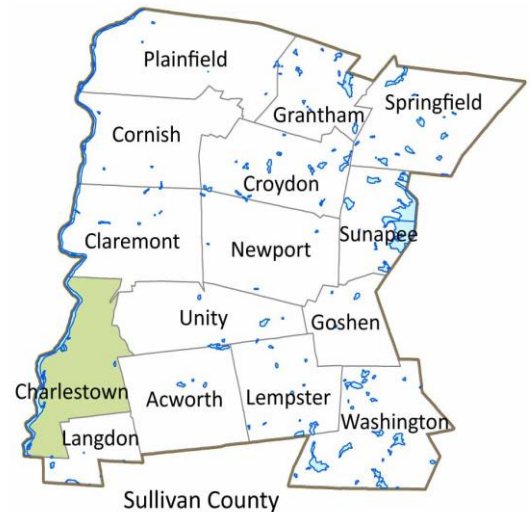
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,093 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Charlestown totaled 2,428 over 57 years, from 2,576 in 1960 to 5,004 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 35 percent increase between 1970 and 1980;

after that, decennial percent change was seven percent or less. The 2017 Census estimate for Charlestown was 5,004 residents, which ranked 71st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau):** 139.7 persons per square mile of land area. Charlestown contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	<b>\$5,359,773</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	<b>\$6,874,837</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1951/17</b>
Master Plan	<b>2007</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectboard; Planning; Finance; Library; Cemetery**  
 Appointed: **Zoning; Conservation; Heritage; Recreation**

Public Library **Silsby Free Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department		<b>On-Call</b>
Emergency Medical Service		<b>On-Call</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b>	<b>13 miles</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Windsor VT</b>	<b>19 miles</b>	<b>35</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Charlestown Municipal Water Department</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory: glass, cardboard only &amp; voluntary for other recyclables</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service: Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$36.50</b>
2017 Equalization Ratio	<b>99.4</b>
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$37.06</b>
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>76.7%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>14.8%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>8.9%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	<b>2,338</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,409</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>244</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>86</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>599</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	<b>5,004</b>	<b>43,077</b>	
2010	<b>5,114</b>	<b>43,742</b>	
2000	<b>4,761</b>	<b>40,560</b>	
1990	<b>4,637</b>	<b>38,652</b>	
1980	<b>4,417</b>	<b>36,063</b>	
1970	<b>3,274</b>	<b>30,949</b>	

<b>Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017</b>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>2,464</b>	Female	<b>2,544</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>363</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>696</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>906</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>1,065</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>974</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>1,004</b>
Median Age			<b>47.2 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>92.5%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>11.4%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2013-2017)	
Per capita income			<b>\$25,147</b>
Median family income			<b>\$55,980</b>
Median household income			<b>\$50,297</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$42,075</b>
Female			<b>\$35,830</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>12.0%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	<b>2,585</b>	<b>2,859</b>	
Employed	<b>2,493</b>	<b>2,798</b>	
Unemployed	<b>92</b>	<b>61</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>843</b>	<b>1,239</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 768</b>	<b>\$1,086</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>674</b>	<b>662</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 661</b>	<b>\$ 762</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>1,517</b>	<b>1,901</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 721</b>	<b>\$ 973</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>472</b>	<b>222</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 630</b>	<b>\$ 610</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>1,989</b>	<b>2,122</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 699</b>	<b>\$ 935</b>	

**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	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>		
Total Enrollment	<b>335</b>	<b>133</b>		

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **102**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Whelen Engineering	Emergency lights	1,100	1952
Fall Mountain Regional School District	Education	109	1964
Design Standards, Inc	Medical instruments	93	1979
Student Conservation Association	Non-Profit youth conservation agency	84	1964
Bomar, Inc.	Marine hardware	80	1974
Town of Charlestown	Municipal services	75	1753
Airgas, Inc	Welding equip., industrial & medical gases	60	1982
G K N Aerospace	Aircraft engine parts	55	1979
Mascoma Savings Bank	Banking services	45	1864

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	<b>11, 12, 12A</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 7</b>	
	Distance	<b>2 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>Community Alliance</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Claremont Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>3,098 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>32 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>76 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>168 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>126 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>235 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>213 miles</b>	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>78.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>14.3%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.3%</b>
Walked	<b>3.8%</b>
Other means	<b>0.9%</b>
Worked at home	<b>1.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>26.6 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>20.9</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>65.8</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>13.3</b>

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Mount Sunapee, Okemo (VT)**  
 Other: **Fort at No. 4 Museum; Morningside Flight Park**