

# Alstead, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Monday through Wednesday, 8 am - 4 pm,</b> <b>Thursday, 8 am - 5:45 pm, closed Friday</b>
County	<b>Cheshire</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Charlestown, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Monadnock</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Southwest Region</b>
Regional Development	<b>Monadnock Economic Development Corp.</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 2</b>
State Senate	<b>District 10</b>
State Representative	<b>Cheshire County District 2</b>

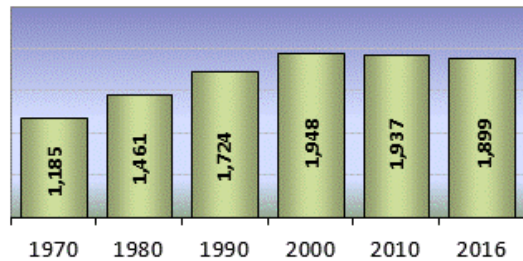
**Incorporated:** 1763

**Origin:** Alstead began in 1735 as the fourth in a line of nine forts intended to protect southwestern New Hampshire from Indian attacks. The town was named for Johann Heinrich Alsted, a German professor whose Encyclopaedia (1630) was popular at Harvard, where Governor Benning Wentworth had been a student. According to the Town of Alstead municipal website, Alstead was one of the towns that wavered in its allegiance after the Revolutionary War. In April 1781 the citizens decided to join Vermont, but returned to New Hampshire authority early the next year. Alstead was the location of New Hampshire's first paper mill, established in 1793 on the Cold River.

**Villages and Place Names:** Alstead Center, East Alstead, Mill Hollow

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,111 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Alstead totaled 1,056 over 56 years, from 843 in 1960 to 1,899 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was a



41 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, close to one-third of the total numeric change. The 2016 Census estimate for Alstead was 1,899 residents, which ranked 143rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau):** 48.7 persons per square mile of land area. Alstead contains 39.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	<b>\$2,022,523</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$2,846,756</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1987/10</b>
Master Plan	<b>2007</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

<b>Boards and Commissions</b>	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation</b>
Public Library	<b>Shedd-Porter Memorial</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>	
Fire Department		<b>Part-time &amp; volunteer</b>	
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Volunteer</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>17 miles</b>	<b>108</b>	
<b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b>	<b>22 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; Granite State; NE Power</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</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</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>Limited</b>
	Residential	<b>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.91</b>		
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>98.8</b>		
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.47</b>		
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>94.7%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>2.4%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.8%</b>		

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>928</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>746</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>38</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>41</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>103</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County		
2016	<b>1,899</b>	<b>75,774</b>		
2010	<b>1,937</b>	<b>77,117</b>		
2000	<b>1,948</b>	<b>73,993</b>		
1990	<b>1,724</b>	<b>70,223</b>		
1980	<b>1,461</b>	<b>62,116</b>		
1970	<b>1,185</b>	<b>52,364</b>		

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY</b>				<i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>	
<b>Population by Gender</b>					
Male	<b>988</b>	Female	<b>997</b>		
<b>Population by Age Group</b>					
Under age 5				<b>79</b>	
Age 5 to 19				<b>392</b>	
Age 20 to 34				<b>264</b>	
Age 35 to 54				<b>593</b>	
Age 55 to 64				<b>298</b>	
Age 65 and over				<b>359</b>	
Median Age				<b>45.7 years</b>	
<b>Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over</b>					
High school graduate or higher					<b>90.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher					<b>35.9%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$26,146</b>
Median family income			<b>\$68,438</b>
Median household income			<b>\$55,000</b>
<b>Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over</b>			
Male			<b>\$50,169</b>
Female			<b>\$41,000</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>16.0%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average		2006		2016	
Civilian labor force		<b>1,217</b>		<b>1,125</b>	
Employed		<b>1,180</b>		<b>1,099</b>	
Unemployed		<b>37</b>		<b>26</b>	
Unemployment rate		<b>3.0%</b>		<b>2.3%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2006		2016	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment		<b>73</b>		<b>74</b>	
Average Weekly Wage		<b>\$ 584</b>		<b>\$ 697</b>	
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment		<b>71</b>		<b>71</b>	
Average Weekly Wage		<b>\$ 410</b>		<b>\$ 825</b>	
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment		<b>143</b>		<b>145</b>	
Average Weekly Wage		<b>\$ 498</b>		<b>\$ 760</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment		<b>18</b>		<b>81</b>	
Average Weekly Wage		<b>\$ 510</b>		<b>\$ 725</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment		<b>161</b>		<b>226</b>	
Average Weekly Wage		<b>\$ 499</b>		<b>\$ 747</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>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>		
Total Enrollment	<b>95</b>	<b>106</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: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Blanceflower Lumber	Retail, wholesale lumber	15	1953
Benson's Woodworking Company	Timber frame houses	10	1972
Fuller Machine Company	Job machine shop	5	

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>12A, 123, 123A</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 6</b>
	Distance	<b>10 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Claremont Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>3,098 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>42 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>67 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>160 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>118 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>228 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>222 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>78.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.4%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>3.0%</b>
Other means	<b>1.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>10.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>28.4 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016**

Working in community of residence	<b>18.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>64.9</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>16.7</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

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