

Alstead, NH



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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 2

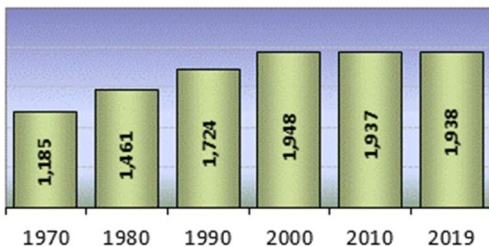
Incorporated: 1763

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 753 over 49 years, from 1,185 in 1970 to 1,938 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a



23percent increase between 1970 and 1980, close to one-third of the total numeric change. The 2019 Census estimate for Alstead was 753 residents, which ranked 143rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 49.7 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.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$2,110,178
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Zoning Ordinance	1987/10
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Treasurer; Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Selectboard; Moderator; Check List Supervisor
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation
Public Library	Shedd-Porter Memorial

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Part-time & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	17 miles	98
Valley Regional, Claremont	22 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Granite State; NE Power; Liberty Utilities
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.85
2019 Equalization Ratio	87.3
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.24
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.7%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	913
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	688
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	39
Five or More Units in Structure	35
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	151

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2019	1,938	76,085
2010	1,937	77,117
2000	1,948	73,993
1990	1,724	70,223
1980	1,461	62,116
1970	1,185	52,364

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019		
Population by Gender		
Male	819	Female 925
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		84
Age 5 to 19		254
Age 20 to 34		289
Age 35 to 54		458
Age 55 to 64		229
Age 65 and over		430
Median Age		48.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	92.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	28.8%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	\$29,642
Median family income	\$66,375
Median household income	\$59,076
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$44,211
Female	\$36,429
Individuals below the poverty level	14.9%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	1,233	1,084
Employed	1,175	1,057
Unemployed	58	27
Unemployment rate	4.7%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	63	72
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 573	\$ 663
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	55	77
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 523	\$ 800
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	118	149
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 550	\$ 733
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	18	96
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 634	\$ 625
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	137	245
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 561	\$ 691

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	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	84	117	46	

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Blanchflower Lumber	Retail, wholesale lumber	15	1953
Fuller Machine Company	Machine shop	15	1945
Benson's Woodworking Company	Timber frame houses	10	1972
AEBI New England	Tractor dealer		2001
Alstead General Store	Convenience store		2012
Kmiec's Garage	Auto repair		
Joe's Automotive Repair	Auto repair & sales		
Gendron-Fisher Automotive Service	Auto repair		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	12A, 123, 123A	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 6	
	Distance	10 miles	
Railroad		No	
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	42 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		67 miles	
Portland, Maine		160 miles	
Boston, Mass.		118 miles	
New York City, NY		228 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		222 miles	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		78.4%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		8.6%	
Public transportation		0.6%	
Walked		2.5%	
Other means		10.0%	
Worked at home		13.4%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		30.2 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence		17.0	
Commuting to another NH community		69.6	
Commuting out-of-state		13.4	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	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
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
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Okemo
	Other: Vilas Pool Park