

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

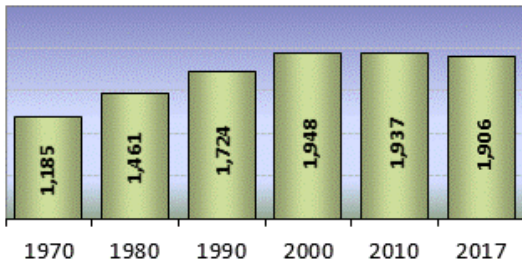
Origin: Alstead began in 1735 as the fourth in a line of nine forts intended to protect southwestern New Hampshire from Indian attacks. The town was named for Johann Heinrich Alsted, a German professor whose Encyclopaedia (1630) was popular at Harvard, where Governor Benning Wentworth had been a student. 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 1,063 over 57 years, from 843 in 1960 to

1,906 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 41 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, close to one-third of the total numeric change. The 2017 Census estimate for Alstead was 1,906 residents, which ranked 143rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 48.9 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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$1,991,801
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$2,750,228
Zoning Ordinance	1987/10
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Library**
 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	91
Valley Regional, Claremont	22 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Granite State; NE Power
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	Fairpoint
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)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.67
2017 Equalization Ratio	102.2
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.14
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.0%

HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	919
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	750
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	31
Five or More Units in Structure	42
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	96

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	1,906	75,960	
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) 2013-2017

Population by Gender			
Male	930	Female	917
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			82
Age 5 to 19			318
Age 20 to 34			285
Age 35 to 54			509
Age 55 to 64			292
Age 65 and over			361
Median Age			46.7 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			91.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher			31.5%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>	
Per capita income			\$27,823
Median family income			\$74,286
Median household income			\$57,097
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$48,750
Female			\$44,333
Individuals below the poverty level			18.0%

LABOR FORCE		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	1,227	1,073	
Employed	1,188	1,048	
Unemployed	39	25	
Unemployment rate	3.2%	2.3%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	72	72	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 575	\$ 662	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	65	62	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 408	\$ 786	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	137	133	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 496	\$ 719	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	22	79	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 520	\$ 729	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	159	212	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 500	\$ 723	

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	85	109	14	

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	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 2013-2017)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.3%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	3.5%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	13.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.8 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017

Working in community of residence	21.0
Commuting to another NH community	66.0
Commuting out-of-state	13.0

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