

Charlestown, NH



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County	Sullivan
Labor Market Area	Charlestown, NH LMA
Tourism Region	Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Planning Commission	Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Development	Capital Regional Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 5
State Representative	Sullivan County Districts 8, 11

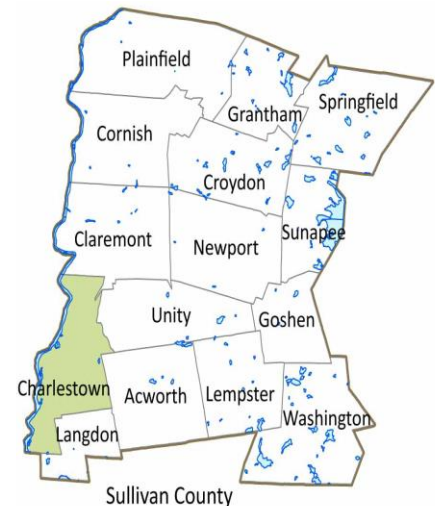
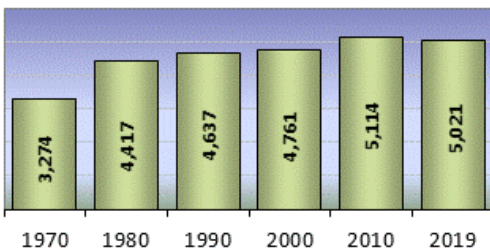
Incorporated: 1753

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 1,747 over 49 years, from 3,274 in 1970 to 5,021 in 2019. 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 2019 Census estimate for Charlestown was 5,021 residents, which ranked 71st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 140.2 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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$8,913,656
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Zoning Ordinance	1951/17
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

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

Public Library **Silsby Free Public**

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

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

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$39.11
2019 Equalization Ratio	85.2
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$32.98
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	76.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	8.5%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	2,354
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,246
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	261
Five or More Units in Structure	109
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	738

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	5,021	43,146	
2010	5,114	43,742	
2000	4,761	40,560	
1990	4,637	38,652	
1980	4,417	36,063	
1970	3,274	30,949	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019		
Population by Gender		
Male	2,515	Female 2,504
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	310	
Age 5 to 19	710	
Age 20 to 34	807	
Age 35 to 54	1,099	
Age 55 to 64	1,016	
Age 65 and over	1,077	
Median Age	47.9 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher	91.4%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	16.5%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2015-2019)
Per capita income		\$26,697
Median family income		\$56,853
Median household income		\$47,302
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$45,319
Female		\$39,986
Individuals below the poverty level		15.0%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	2,654	2,852
Employed	2,465	2,786
Unemployed	189	66
Unemployment rate	7.1%	2.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	886	1,272
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 797	\$1,089
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	580	579
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 674	\$ 854
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,466	1,851
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 748	\$1,016
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	488	229
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 669	\$ 617
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,954	2,080
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 728	\$ 972

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	2	1		
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8		
Total Enrollment	322	150		

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: **5** Total Capacity: **124**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Whelen Engineering	Emergency lights	981	1952
Design Standards, Inc	Medical instruments	110	1979
Fall Mountain Regional School District	Education	109	1964
Student Conservation Association	Non-Profit youth conservation agency	84	1964
Town of Charlestown	Municipal services	75	1753
G K N Aerospace	Aircraft engine parts	70	1979
Airgas, Inc	Welding equip., industrial & medical gases	60	1982
Bomar, Inc.	Marine hardware	40	1974

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	11, 12, 12A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 7
	Distance	2 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		Community Alliance
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	32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		76 miles
Portland, Maine		168 miles
Boston, Mass.		126 miles
New York City, NY		235 miles
Montreal, Quebec		213 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2015-2019*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	16.8%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.4%
Other means	0.1%
Worked at home	23.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

Working in community of residence	24.4
Commuting to another NH community	51.7
Commuting out-of-state	23.9

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee, Okemo (VT)
	Other: Fort at No. 4 Museum; Morningside Flight Park