

# Chatham, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday, Thursday 5 pm - 7 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Carroll**  
**Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH part**  
**White Mountains**  
**North Country Council**  
**Mount Washington Valley Economic Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

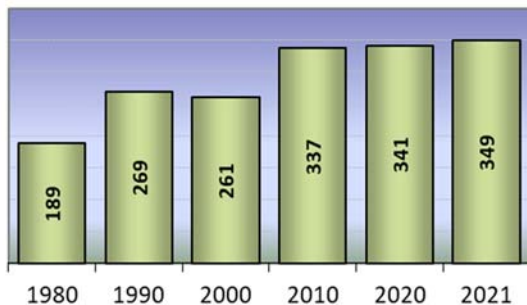
**District 1**  
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**District 3**  
**Carroll County District 2**

**Incorporated:** 1767

**Origin:** Chatham was first granted by the New Hampshire proprietors in 1767, and named in honor of William Pitt, Earl of Chatham and Prime Minister of England. Pitt was one of few who supported the Rockingham government in saying that England had no right to tax the colonists. None of the 73 grantees dared settle in the wilderness, because it was inhabited by Pequawket Indians. In 1770, the land was granted to new settlers, including Abiel Chandler, founder of the Chandler Scientific School at Dartmouth College, and Samuel Langdon, one time president of Harvard College, who made the famous Blanchard Map of the North Country.

**Villages and Place Names:** North Chatham, South Chatham

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 58 residents in 1790



## Population Trends:

Population change for Chatham totaled 160 over 41 years, from 189 in 1980 to 349 in 2021. Decennial percent change was 42 percent from 1980 to 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Chatham was 349 residents, which ranked 222nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau):** 6.2 persons per square mile of land area, the sixth lowest among the cities and towns. Chatham contains 56.7 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	<b>\$182,600</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$971,709</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>No Board</b>
Master Plan	<b>1997</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation</b>

Public Library **No Library**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department		<b>Part-time</b>	
Fire Department		<b>No</b>	
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Fryeburg ME - Volunteer</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Memorial Hospital, North Conway</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	

<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier		<b>Eversource Energy</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			
Curbside Trash Pickup		<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		<b>No</b>	
Recycling Program		<b>None</b>	
Telephone Company		<b>Consolidated; Northland</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access		<b>Limited</b>	
Cable Television Access		<b>No</b>	
Public Access Television Station		<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>	
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>	

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		<b>\$11.33</b>	
2021 Equalization Ratio		<b>77.8</b>	
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		<b>\$ 8.66</b>	
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		<b>95.7%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings		<b>.8%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		<b>3.5%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Total Housing Units		<b>246</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		<b>214</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure			
Five or More Units in Structure		<b>10</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		<b>22</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	<b>349</b>	<b>51,500</b>	
2020	<b>341</b>	<b>50,212</b>	
2010	<b>337</b>	<b>47,818</b>	
2000	<b>261</b>	<b>43,918</b>	
1990	<b>269</b>	<b>35,526</b>	
1980	<b>189</b>	<b>27,929</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	<b>201</b>	Female		<b>176</b>	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				<b>15</b>	
Age 5 to 19				<b>86</b>	
Age 20 to 34				<b>29</b>	
Age 35 to 54				<b>110</b>	
Age 55 to 64				<b>60</b>	
Age 65 and over				<b>77</b>	
Median Age				<b>48.4 years</b>	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher				<b>90.4%</b>	
Bachelor's degree or higher				<b>30.1%</b>	

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$44,467</b>
Median family income			<b>\$86,607</b>
Median household income			<b>\$69,107</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$47,500</b>
Female			<b>\$50,556</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>10.5%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2011	2021			
Civilian labor force	<b>164</b>	<b>155</b>			
Employed	<b>153</b>	<b>148</b>			
Unemployed	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>			
Unemployment rate	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>			

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>0</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$0</b>			
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>0</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$0</b>			
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>0</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$0</b>			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>			
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>0</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$0</b>			

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are tuitioned to the State of Maine (Fryeburg)** District: **SAU 9**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Mount Washington Valley, Conway**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Conway**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
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*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality***TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes		<b>113B</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-95 (ME), Exit 48</b>	
	Distance		<b>64 miles</b>
Railroad			<b>No</b>
Public Transportation			<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Eastern Slopes, Fryeburg ME</b>	Runway	<b>4,200 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Portland (ME) International</b>	Distance		<b>64 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			<b>6</b>
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			<b>108 miles</b>
Portland, Maine			<b>59 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.			<b>142 miles</b>
New York City, NY			<b>350 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec			<b>220 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>93.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.2%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.5%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>2.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>33.8 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>86.4%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>2.6%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>11.0%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

	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
	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
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Cranmore, Attitash, Shawnee Peek</b>
	Other: <b>White Mountain National Forest</b>