Chatham, NH

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County
Carroll
Labor Market Area
Conway, NH-ME LMA, NH part
Tourism Region
White Mountains
Planning Commission
North Country Council
Regional Development
Mount Washington Valley Economic Council

Election Districts
District 1
US Congress
District 1
Executive Council
District 1
State Senate
District 3
State Representative
Carroll County District 2, 7

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 230 over 49 years, from 134 in 1970 to 364 in 2019. Decennial percent change was 41 percent from 1970 to 1980, 42 percent from 1980 to 1990, and 29 percent from 2000 to 2010; population decreased over all other decades. The 2019 Census estimate for Chatham was 364 residents, which ranked 221st among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 6.4 persons per square mile of land area, the ninth lowest among the cities and towns. Chatham contains 56.7 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

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Boards and Commissions

- Elected: Selectmen
- Appointed: Planning; Conservation

**Public Library**

- No Library

### Emergency Services

- **Police Department**: Part-time
- **Fire Department**: No
- **Emergency Medical Service**: Fryeburg ME - Volunteer

**Nearest Hospital(s)**

- **Memorial Hospital, North Conway**: Distance 15 miles, Staffed Beds 25

### Utilities

- **Electric Supplier**: Eversource Energy
- **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**: None
- **Telephone Company**: Fairpoint; Northland
- **Cellular Telephone Access**: Limited
- **Cable Television Access**: No
- **Public Access Television Station**: No
- **High Speed Internet Service**: Business - Yes, Residential - Yes

### Property Taxes

**NH Dept. of Revenue Administration**

- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $14.20
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 98.8
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $13.80

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

- Residential Land and Buildings: 96.6%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 0.6%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.8%

### Housing

**ACS 2015-2019**

- **Total Housing Units**: 254
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 226
- **Units in Multiple-Family Structures**:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 0
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 11
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 17

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

**US Census Bureau**

- **Total Population**
  - Community: 2019 - 364, 2010 - 337
  - County: 2019 - 48,910, 2010 - 47,818
- **Zoning Ordinance**: No Board
- **Master Plan**: 1997
- **Capital Improvement Plan**: No
- **Industrial Plans Reviewed By**: Planning Board

### Demographics

**American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019**

**Population by Gender**

- **Male**: 193
- **Female**: 179

**Population by Age Group**

- **Under age 5**: 11
- **Age 5 to 19**: 67
- **Age 20 to 34**: 36
- **Age 35 to 54**: 104
- **Age 55 to 64**: 64
- **Age 65 and over**: 90

**Median Age**: 50.6 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

- Bachelor's degree or higher: 88.3%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 26.9%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $**

**ACS 2015-2019**

- Per capita income: $43,085
- Median family income: $83,750
- Median household income: $66,932

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

- Male: $48,750
- Female: $36,667

**Individuals below the poverty level**: 8.5%

### Labor Force

**NHES – ELM**

- **Annual Average**
  - 2009: 131
  - 2019: 161
- **Civilian labor force**: 121
- **Employed**: 10
- **Unemployed**: 4
- **Unemployment rate**: 7.6%
- **2.5%**

### Employment & Wages

**NHES – ELM**

- **Average Covered Employment**
  - 2009: 0
  - 2019: 0
- **Goods Producing Industries**
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: $0
- **Service Providing Industries**
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n
- **Total Private Industry**
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n
- **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
  - Average Employment: 12
  - Average Weekly Wage: $24
- **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.
EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are tuitioned to the State of Maine (Fryeburg)
Career Technology Center(s): No Career Technical Center

District: SAU 9
Region: n/a

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) Number of Schools Grade Levels Total Enrollment

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

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES

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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes State Routes 113B
Nearest Interstate, Exit I-95 (ME), Exit 48 Distance 64 miles
Railroad No Public Transportation No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation Eastern Slopes, Fryeburg ME Runway 4,200 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes Navigation Aids? Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service Portland (ME) International Distance 64 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 6

Driving distance to select cities:
- Manchester, NH 108 miles
- Portland, Maine 59 miles
- Boston, Mass. 142 miles
- New York City, NY 350 miles
- Montreal, Quebec 220 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over
- Drove alone, car/truck/van 87.5%
- Carpooled, car/truck/van 5.4%
- Public transportation 0.0%
- Walked 0.0%
- Other means 7.1%
- Worked at home 14.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work 34.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019
- Working in community of residence 7.6%
- Commuting to another NH community 77.7%
- Commuting out-of-state 14.7%

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
Performing Arts Facilities
Tourist Attractions
Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Cranmore, Attitash, Shawnee Peak
Other: White Mountain National Forest