

Chesterfield, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen, Town Hall, Assessors: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Friday, 9 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk: Monday, Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm, 4 pm - 7 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 1 pm, last Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm; Tax Collector: Monday, Thursday, 4 pm - 7 pm

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Cheshire
Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

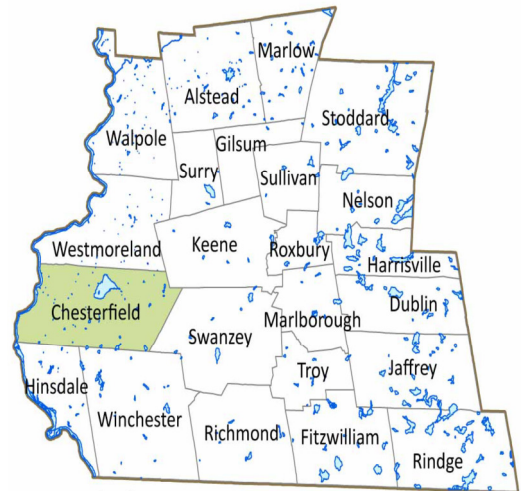
District 2
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Cheshire County District 1

Incorporated: 1752

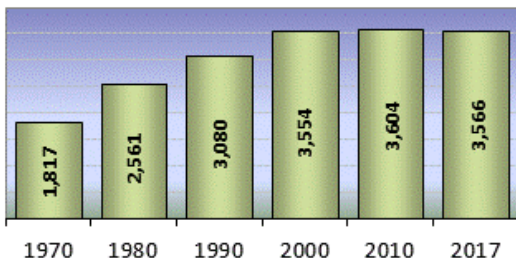
Origin: Established in 1735 while New Hampshire was still under governance of Massachusetts, this town was the site of Fort Number 1 in the line of protective trading forts bordering the Connecticut River. After New Hampshire became an independent province under Governor Benning Wentworth, the town was incorporated in 1752 as Chesterfield, after Philip Stanhope, fourth Earl of Chesterfield. The Earl served as Secretary of State and joined William Pitt in opposing what they considered England's unfair treatment of the American Colonies. Chesterfield was the birthplace of Harlan Fiske Stone, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from 1941 to 1946.

Villages and Place Names: Spofford, West Chesterfield

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,905 residents in 1790



Cheshire County



Population Trends: Population change for Chesterfield totaled 2,161 over 57 years, from 1,405 in 1960 to 3,566 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was 41 percent between 1970 and 1980. The 2017 Census estimate for Chesterfield was 3,566 residents, which ranked 102nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 78.2 persons per square mile of land area. Chesterfield contains 45.6 square miles of land area and 2.0 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$4,531,996
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/17
Master Plan	2016
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Budget; School; Library; Cemetery
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Parks & Recreation

Public Library **Chesterfield Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Brattleboro Memorial, Brattleboro VT	9 miles	61
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	14 miles	91

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	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.34
2017 Equalization Ratio	96.2
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.40

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	89.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	8.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)

Total Housing Units	1,774
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,574
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	146
Five or More Units in Structure	54
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

	Community	County
Total Population		
2017	3,566	75,960
2010	3,604	77,117
2000	3,554	73,993
1990	3,080	70,223
1980	2,561	62,116
1970	1,817	52,364

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016

Population by Gender		
Male	1,763	1,800
Female		

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	328
Age 5 to 19	482
Age 20 to 34	348
Age 35 to 54	927
Age 55 to 64	643
Age 65 and over	835
Median Age	47.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	95.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	39.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)

Per capita income	\$42,128
Median family income	\$82,344
Median household income	\$76,159

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male	\$59,583
Female	\$56,776

Individuals below the poverty level **3.6%**

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMi)

	2007	2017
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	2,200	1,885
Employed	2,132	1,840
Unemployed	68	45
Unemployment rate	3.1%	2.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMi)

	2006	2016
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	326	97
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 924	\$1,311
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	838	1,046
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 771	\$ 916
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,164	1,143
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 814	\$ 950
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	183	135
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 454	\$ 619
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,347	1,278
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 765	\$ 915

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Chesterfield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Keene			District: SAU 29
Career Technology Center(s):	Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE			Region: 13
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	281			

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **20**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Thomas Companies	Construction, drilling, & blasting	65	1971
Perkins Home Center	Home lumber supply	45	1988
Fed Ex Ground	Package delivery service	28	2008
Ames Performance	Classic Pontiac Parts Distributor	23	2008
Prospect Park Press, Inc.	Commercial printing	16	1972
Westfield Construction	Construction	15	1996
Chesterfield Tire	Tire sales and service	13	1998
United Natural Foods	Food warehouse		1988
Foard Panel	Wall panel construction		1988
Tire Warehouse	Tire sales & service		1990

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	9, 9A, 63
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 3
	Distance	6 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	67 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		78 miles
Portland, Maine		170 miles
Boston, Mass.		110 miles
New York City, NY		204 miles
Montreal, Quebec		248 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	1.7%
Worked at home	12.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	27.5
Commuting to another NH community	41.7
Commuting out-of-state	30.8

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	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)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Ascutney (VT)
	Other: Chesterfield Gorge; Pisgah State Park