

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

Cheshire

Labor Market Area

Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA

Tourism Region

Monadnock

Planning Commission

Southwest Region

Regional Development

Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 10

State Representative

Cheshire County District 1

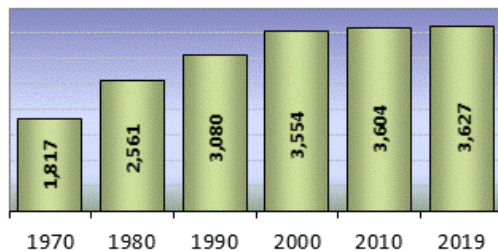
Incorporated: 1752

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

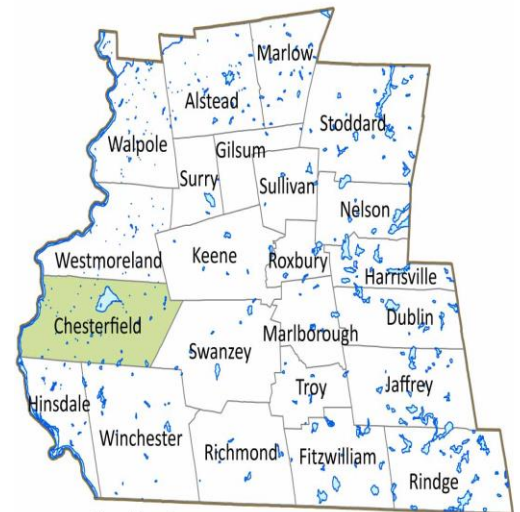
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,905 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Chesterfield totaled 1,810 over 49 years, from 1,817 in 1970 to 3,627 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was 41 percent between 1970 and 1980. The 2019



Census estimate for Chesterfield was 3,627 residents, which ranked 102nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 79.6 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.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$5,027,048
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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	98

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)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.32
2019 Equalization Ratio	85.7
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.02
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	90.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	8.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	1,924
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,711
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	158
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	55

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	3,627	76,085	
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) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,785	Female	1,800
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			158
Age 5 to 19			715
Age 20 to 34			441
Age 35 to 54			841
Age 55 to 64			657
Age 65 and over			773
Median Age			46.1 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			96.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher			35.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income			\$47,170
Median family income			\$95,466
Median household income			\$92,444
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$62,206
Female			\$46,495
Individuals below the poverty level			1.5%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	2,209	1,923
Employed	2,092	1,871
Unemployed	117	52
Unemployment rate	5.3%	2.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	161	94
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 894	\$1,518
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	839	1,080
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 788	\$ 969
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,001	1,174
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 805	\$1,013
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	155	142
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 516	\$ 675
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,156	1,316
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 766	\$ 977

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**

2020 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 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	4.9%
Other means	12.5%
Worked at home	37.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

Working in community of residence	27.7
Commuting to another NH community	35.1
Commuting out-of-state	37.2

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