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
District 2
District 10
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.
### Municipal Services

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020</td>
<td>$5,027,048</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2020</td>
<td>$8,632,153</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1956/17</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2016</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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#### 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)
- Brattleboro Memorial, Brattleboro VT: 9 miles, 61 staffed beds
- Cheshire Medical Center, Keene: 14 miles, 98 staffed beds

### Utilities

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<th>Supplier</th>
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<td>Electric</td>
<td>Eversource Energy</td>
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<tr>
<td>Natural Gas</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Water</td>
<td>Private wells</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sanitation</td>
<td>Private septic</td>
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<tr>
<td>Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Solid Waste Disposal</td>
<td>Curbside Trash Pickup: None, Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No, Recycling Program: Mandatory</td>
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<td>Telephone Company</td>
<td>Fairpoint</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cellular Telephone Access</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cable Television Access</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Access Television Station</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>High Speed Internet Service: Business, Residential</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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### Property Taxes

- **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

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Quantity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Housing Units</td>
<td>1,924</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
<td>1,711</td>
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<tr>
<td>Units in Multiple-Family Structures: Two to Four Units in Structure</td>
<td>158</td>
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<tr>
<td>Five or More Units in Structure</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units</td>
<td>55</td>
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### 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:**
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 96.4%
  - High school graduate 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 – ELM)

- **Annual Average:**
  - 2009: 2,092
  - 2019: 2,174
- **Civilian labor force:**
  - 2009: 2,092
  - 2019: 2,174
- **Employed:**
  - 2009: 1,080
  - 2019: 1,174
- **Unemployed:**
  - 2009: 117
  - 2019: 52
- **Unemployment rate:**
  - 2009: 5.3%
  - 2019: 2.7%

#### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

- **Annual Average Covered Employment:**
  - 2009: 2,092
  - 2019: 2,174

- **Goods Producing Industries:**
  - Average Employment: $161
  - Average Weekly Wage: $894
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,518

- **Service Providing Industries:**
  - Average Employment: 839
  - Average Weekly Wage: $788
  - Average Weekly Wage: $969

- **Total Private Industry:**
  - Average Employment: 1,001
  - Average Weekly Wage: $805
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,013

- **Government (Federal, State, and Local):**
  - Average Employment: 155
  - Average Weekly Wage: $516
  - Average Weekly Wage: $675

- **Total, Private Industry plus Government:**
  - Average Employment: 1,156
  - Average Weekly Wage: $766
  - Average Weekly Wage: $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
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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

LARGEST BUSINESSES

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

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<tr>
<th>ACCESS</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Nearest Interstate, Exit</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<tr>
<td>Road Access</td>
<td>US Routes</td>
<td>State Routes</td>
<td>I-91 (VT), Exit 3</td>
<td>6 miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Railroad</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
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Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

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<th>AIRPORT</th>
<th>Runway</th>
<th>Lighted?</th>
<th>Navigation Aids?</th>
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<td>Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey</td>
<td>6,201 ft. asphalt</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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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%
- Carpooleo, 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
- 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)
- 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): Mount Ascutney (VT)

Other: Chesterfield Gorge; Pisgah State Park

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