

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

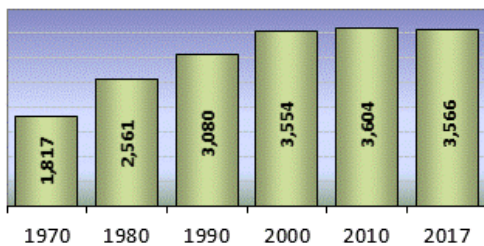
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,905 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Chesterfield totaled 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.



Cheshire County



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	None		
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 2013-2017)			
Total Housing Units	1,836		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,596		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	160		
Five or More Units in Structure	49		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	31		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
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) 2013-2017			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,758	Female	1,808
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	377		
Age 5 to 19	488		
Age 20 to 34	411		
Age 35 to 54	859		
Age 55 to 64	642		
Age 65 and over	789		
Median Age	46.8 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	96.3%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	40.4%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>	
Per capita income	\$44,348		
Median family income	\$88,935		
Median household income	\$76,217		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$58,860		
Female	\$61,607		
Individuals below the poverty level	3.3%		
LABOR FORCE		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	2,200	1,885	
Employed	2,132	1,840	
Unemployed	68	45	
Unemployment rate	3.1%	2.4%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	187	95	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,010	\$1,286	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	839	1,037	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 760	\$ 970	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,026	1,132	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 806	\$ 997	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	181	125	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 460	\$ 697	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,207	1,257	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 754	\$ 967	

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?	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 2013-2017)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	73.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.9%
Other means	3.3%
Worked at home	15.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.6 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017

Working in community of residence	30.9
Commuting to another NH community	33.1
Commuting out-of-state	36.0

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