

# 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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**District 10**  
**Cheshire County District 1**

**Incorporated: 1752**

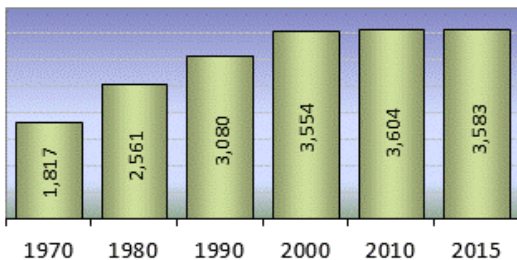
**Origin:** Established in 1735 while New Hampshire was still under governance of Massachusetts, this town was the site of Fort Number 1 in the line of protective trading forts bordering the Connecticut River. After New Hampshire became an independent province under Governor Benning Wentworth, the town 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



Cheshire County



**Population Trends:** Population change for Chesterfield totaled 2,178 over 55 years, from 1,405 in 1960 to 3,583 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was 41 percent between 1970 and 1980. The 2015 Census estimate for Chesterfield was 3,583 residents, which ranked 103rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 78.6 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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	<b>\$3,898,761</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$8,464,861</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1956/17</b>
Master Plan	<b>2016</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Budget; School; Library; Cemetery**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Parks & Recreation**

Public Library **Chesterfield Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department			<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department			<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service			<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Brattleboro Memorial, Brattleboro VT</b>	<b>9 miles</b>	<b>61</b>	
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>14 miles</b>	<b>108</b>	

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

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.26</b>
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>96.6</b>
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.40</b>
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>89.9%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>8.9%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.2%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,669</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,394</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>191</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>67</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>17</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	<b>3,583</b>	<b>76,430</b>
2010	<b>3,604</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>3,554</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>3,080</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>2,561</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>1,817</b>	<b>52,364</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,746</b>	Female	<b>1,837</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>293</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>577</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>383</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>984</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>655</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>677</b>
Median Age	<b>46.2 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>95.0%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>40.8%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$40,669</b>
Median family income	<b>\$85,746</b>
Median household income	<b>\$73,715</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	<b>\$60,729</b>
Female	<b>\$45,605</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	<b>4.3%</b>
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<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	<b>2,243</b>	<b>1,926</b>	
Employed	<b>2,177</b>	<b>1,874</b>	
Unemployed	<b>66</b>	<b>52</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>326</b>	<b>97</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 924</b>	<b>\$1,311</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>838</b>	<b>1,046</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 771</b>	<b>\$ 916</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>1,164</b>	<b>1,143</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 814</b>	<b>\$ 950</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>183</b>	<b>135</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 454</b>	<b>\$ 619</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>1,347</b>	<b>1,278</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 765</b>	<b>\$ 915</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Chesterfield operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Keene</b>			District: <b>SAU 29</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE</b>			Region: <b>13</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>294</b>			

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**

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

**COMMUTING TO WORK***(ACS 2011-2015)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>81.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.1%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Other means	<b>1.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>9.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>25.3 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015**

Working in community of residence	<b>25.8</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>40.6</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>33.6</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

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