

# Chichester, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, 8:30 am - 4 pm, Tuesday, 8:30 am - 2 pm,  
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County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Merrimack**  
**Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA**  
**Merrimack Valley**  
**Central NH Regional**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 4**  
**District 17**  
**Merrimack County District 20**

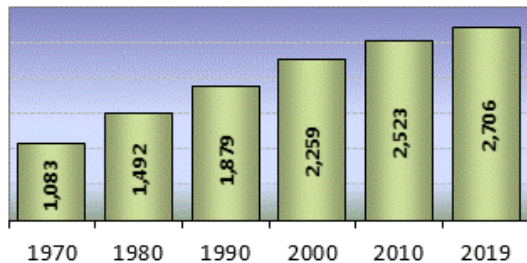
**Incorporated: 1727**

**Origin:** Chichester is one of seven towns granted in 1727 when New Hampshire was still a part of Massachusetts. As were several other towns, it was named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle, Earl of Chichester, and England's Secretary of State (1724-1754). Holles was in charge of colonial policy, and was very involved in relations between the American Colonies and England. The charter for Chichester was a pattern for other town charters, requiring the planting and cultivation of land, and building dwelling houses, roads, a schoolhouse, and a church, all within three to five years.

**Villages and Place Names:** Horse Corner, Kelleys Corner, North Chichester

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 491 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Chichester totaled 1,623 over 49 years, from 1,083 in 1970 to 2,706 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 38 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 26 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2019



Census estimate for Chichester was 2,706 residents, which tied with New Durham, ranking 114th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 127.7 persons per square mile of land area. Chichester contains 21.2 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	<b>\$2,839,736</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	<b>\$6,332,963</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1962/20</b>
Master Plan	<b>2004</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Cemetery; Library**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Zoning**

Public Library **Chichester Town**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department		<b>Per diem &amp; On call</b>
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Concord Hospital, Concord</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>245</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; Concord Electric</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	<b>Private</b>	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Voluntary</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint; TDS Telecom</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> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.40</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>93.4</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.70</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>82.7%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>14.5%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.8%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>981</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>868</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>55</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>58</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>2,706</b>	<b>151,391</b>	
2010	<b>2,523</b>	<b>146,445</b>	
2000	<b>2,259</b>	<b>136,716</b>	
1990	<b>1,879</b>	<b>120,618</b>	
1980	<b>1,492</b>	<b>98,302</b>	
1970	<b>1,083</b>	<b>80,925</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,335</b>	Female	<b>1,327</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>201</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>433</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>452</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>774</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>397</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>405</b>		
Median Age	<b>44.2 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>94.1%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>28.5%</b>		

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	<b>\$38,364</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$102,083</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$95,398</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$62,813</b>		
Female	<b>\$52,406</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>5.5%</b>		

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>1,539</b>	<b>1,577</b>
Employed	<b>1,465</b>	<b>1,541</b>
Unemployed	<b>74</b>	<b>36</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>83</b>	<b>202</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 607</b>	<b>\$1,005</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>339</b>	<b>505</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 689</b>	<b>\$ 958</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>422</b>	<b>707</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 672</b>	<b>\$ 972</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>86</b>	<b>100</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 728</b>	<b>\$ 639</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>508</b>	<b>808</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 682</b>	<b>\$ 930</b>

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Chichester operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pembroke** District: **SAU 53**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center** Region: **11**

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>211</b>			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **33**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Weathervane Seafood	Restaurant	100	1983
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	Assessing	27	1985
Clarks Grain Store	Feed dealer	17	1960
Harris Furniture	Retail furniture store	12	1985
Bob Cat	Retail tractor sales	8	2007
Hess Station	Convenience store, gas	6	1988
Chuckster's	Mini golf		2007
Tractor Supply Co	Rural retail store		2010

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	<b>4, 202</b>
	State Routes	<b>9, 28, 107</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-393, Exit 3; I-93, Exit 15</b>	
Distance	<b>4 miles; 8 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Concord Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>6,005 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>26 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>27 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>89 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>77 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>274 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>256 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>81.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>2.7%</b>
Other means	<b>9.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.0%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>28.3 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

Working in community of residence	<b>15.1</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>80.9</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4.0</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak</b>
	Other: <b>Chuckster's</b>