

Chichester, NH



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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

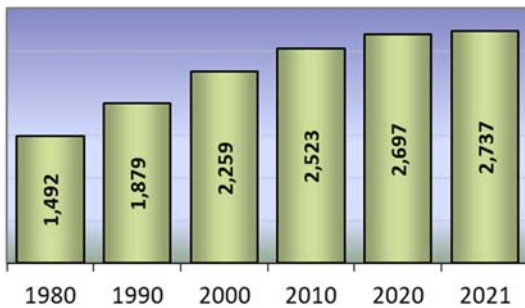
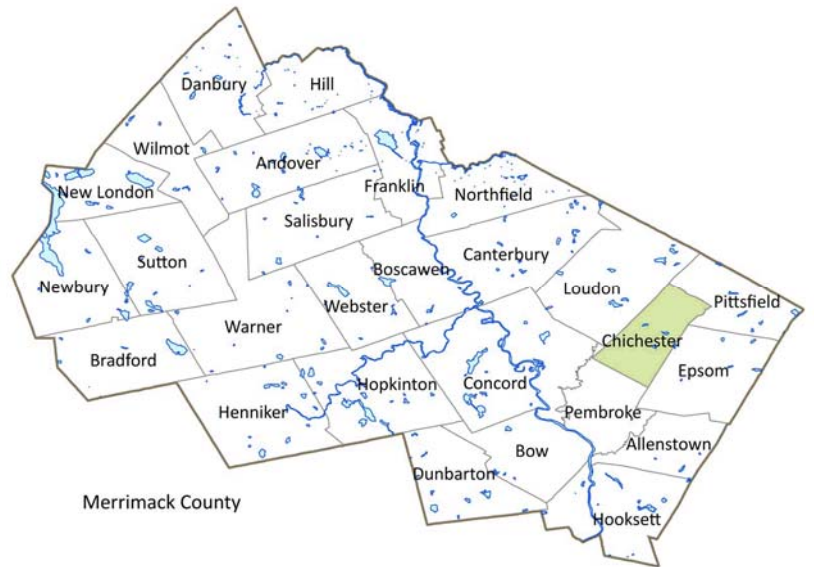
District 2
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District 17
Merrimack County District 13

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 1,245 over 41 years, from 1,492 in 1980 to 2,737 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 26 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Chichester was 2,737 residents, which ranked 114th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 129.2 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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$3,189,755
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Zoning Ordinance	1962/22
Master Plan	2021
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

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

Public Library **Chichester Town**

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

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier			Eversource Energy; Unitil
Natural Gas Supplier			None
Water Supplier			Private wells
Sanitation			Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant			No
Solid Waste Disposal			Private
Curbside Trash Pickup			No
Pay-As-You-Throw Program			Voluntary
Recycling Program			Voluntary
Telephone Company			Consolidated; TDS Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access			Yes
Cable Television Access			Yes
Public Access Television Station			No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business		Yes
	Residential		Yes

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$23.10	
2021 Equalization Ratio		75.6	
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$17.34	
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		82.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		14.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.5%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Total Housing Units		1,060	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		964	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		49	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		47	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population		Community	County
2021		2,737	155,238
2020		2,698	153,922
2010		2,523	146,445
2000		2,259	136,716
1990		1,879	120,618
1980		1,492	98,302

DEMOGRAPHICS				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male		1,358	Female		1,326
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5					133
Age 5 to 19					478
Age 20 to 34					351
Age 35 to 54					881
Age 55 to 64					417
Age 65 and over					424
Median Age					45.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher					95.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher					33.0%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Per capita income			\$38,709
Median family income			\$103,977
Median household income			\$99,583
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$67,000
Female			\$52,857
Individuals below the poverty level			2.5%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2011		2021	
Civilian labor force		1,493		1,530
Employed		1,430		1,479
Unemployed		63		51
Unemployment rate		4.2%		3.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011		2021		
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment		72		205	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 669		\$1,201	
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment		364		536	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 630		\$1,128	
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment		436		741	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 636		\$1,148	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment		93		97	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 684		\$ 730	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment		529		838	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 645		\$1,099	

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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	208			

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **9**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Weathervane Seafood	Restaurant	100	1983
Clarks Grain Store	Feed dealer	17	1960
Harris Furniture	Retail furniture store	12	1985
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	Assessing	27	1985
Hess Station	Convenience store, gas	6	1988
Bob Cat	Retail tractor sales	8	2007
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		4, 202
	State Routes		9, 28, 107
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-393, Exit 3; I-93, Exit 15	
	Distance		4 miles; 8 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Concord Municipal	Runway	6,005 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance		26 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			27 miles
Portland, Maine			89 miles
Boston, Mass.			77 miles
New York City, NY			274 miles
Montreal, Quebec			256 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			73.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			6.0%
Public transportation			2.6%
Walked			0.5%
Other means			0.7%
Worked at home			17.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work			30.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence			70.4%
Commuting to another NH community			24.3%
Commuting out-of-state			5.3%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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