Chichester, NH

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County
Merrimack

Labor Market Area
Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA

Tourism Region
Merrimack Valley

Planning Commission
Central NH Regional

Regional Development
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts
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.
### Municipal Services

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<tr>
<th>Service</th>
<th>Details</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type of Government</td>
<td>Selectmen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016</td>
<td>$2,839,736</td>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018</td>
<td>$6,332,963</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1962/20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2004</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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**Boards and Commissions**

Elected: Selectmen; Cemetery; Library
Appointed: Planning; Conservation; Zoning

**Public Library**

Chichester Town

### Emergency Services

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<td>Police Department</td>
<td>Full-time</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fire Department</td>
<td>Per diem &amp; On call</td>
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<tr>
<td>Emergency Medical Service</td>
<td>Volunteer</td>
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**Nearest Hospital(s)**

Concord Hospital, Concord 10 miles 245

### Utilities

- **Electric Supplier**: Eversource Energy; Concord Electric
- **Natural Gas Supplier**: None
- **Water Supplier**: Private wells
- **Sanitation**: Private septic
- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**: No
- **Solid Waste Disposal**: Curbside Trash Pickup Private
- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**: No
- **Recycling Program**: Voluntary

**Telephone Company**: Fairpoint; 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

- **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $23.40
- **2019 Equalization Ratio**: 93.4
- **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $21.70

**2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**

- Residential Land and Buildings: 82.7%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 14.5%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.8%

### Housing

**Total Housing Units**: 981
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 868
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 55
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 0
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 58

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)** (US Census Bureau)

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>2,706</td>
<td>151,391</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>2,523</td>
<td>146,445</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>2,259</td>
<td>136,716</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>1,879</td>
<td>120,618</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>1,492</td>
<td>98,302</td>
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<tr>
<td>1970</td>
<td>1,083</td>
<td>80,925</td>
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**Demographics**

**American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019**

**Population by Gender**
- Male: 1,335
- Female: 1,327

**Population by Age Group**
- Under age 5: 201
- Age 5 to 19: 433
- Age 20 to 34: 452
- Age 35 to 54: 774
- Age 55 to 64: 397
- Age 65 and over: 405
- Median Age: 44.2 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 94.1%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 28.5%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $** (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $38,364
- Median family income: $102,083
- Median household income: $95,398

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

- Male: $62,813
- Female: $52,406

**Individuals below the poverty level**: 5.5%

### Labor Force

**NHES – ELMI)**

- Annual Average 2009: 2019
- Civilian labor force: 1,539 1,577
- Employed: 1,465 1,541
- Unemployed: 74 36
- Unemployment rate: 4.8% 2.3%

### Employment & Wages

**(NHES – ELMI)**

- Annual Average Covered Employment 2009: 2019
- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 83 202
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 607 $ 1,005
- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 1,465 505
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 689 $ 958
- Total Private Industry
  - Average Employment: 422 707
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 672 $ 972
- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 86 100
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 728 $ 639
- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 508 808
  - Average Weekly Wage: $ 682 $ 930

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/14/2020
### Education and Child Care

Schools students attend: Chichester operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pembroke

Career Technology Center(s): Concord Regional Technical Center

**Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)**

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<th>Number of Schools</th>
<th>Grade Levels</th>
<th>Total Enrollment</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>K 1-8</td>
<td>211</td>
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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

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<tr>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Weathervane Seafood</td>
<td>Restaurant</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>Clarks Grain Store</td>
<td>Feed dealer</td>
<td>17</td>
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<tr>
<td>Harris Furniture</td>
<td>Retail furniture store</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bob Cat</td>
<td>Retail tractor sales</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hess Station</td>
<td>Convenience store, gas</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chuckster's</td>
<td>Mini golf</td>
<td>2007</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tractor Supply Co</td>
<td>Rural retail store</td>
<td>2010</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

### Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes: 4, 202</th>
<th>State Routes: 9, 28, 107</th>
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<tr>
<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-393, Exit 3; I-93, Exit 15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Distance</td>
<td>4 miles; 8 miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Railroad</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</td>
<td>Concord Municipal Runway 6,005 ft. asphalt</td>
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<td>Lighted?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Navigation Aids?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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### Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

**Manchester-Boston Regional**

| Distance | 26 miles |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | 4 |

Driving distance to select cities:

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<td>Manchester, NH</td>
<td>27 miles</td>
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<td>Portland, Maine</td>
<td>89 miles</td>
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<td>Boston, Mass.</td>
<td>77 miles</td>
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<td>New York City, NY</td>
<td>274 miles</td>
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<td>Montreal, Quebec</td>
<td>256 miles</td>
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### Commuting to Work (ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Method</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<td>Drove alone, car/truck/van</td>
<td>81.4%</td>
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<td>Carpool, car/truck/van</td>
<td>6.0%</td>
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<td>Public transportation</td>
<td>0.3%</td>
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<td>Walked</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
<td>9.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>4.0%</td>
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<td>Mean Travel Time to Work</td>
<td>28.3 minutes</td>
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### Recreation, Attractions, and Events

- **X** Municipal Parks
- **X** Boys Club/Girls Club
- **X** 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
- **X** Youth Sports: Football
- **X** Youth Sports: Basketball
- **X** 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**