

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
District 4
District 17
Merrimack County District 13

Incorporated: 1727

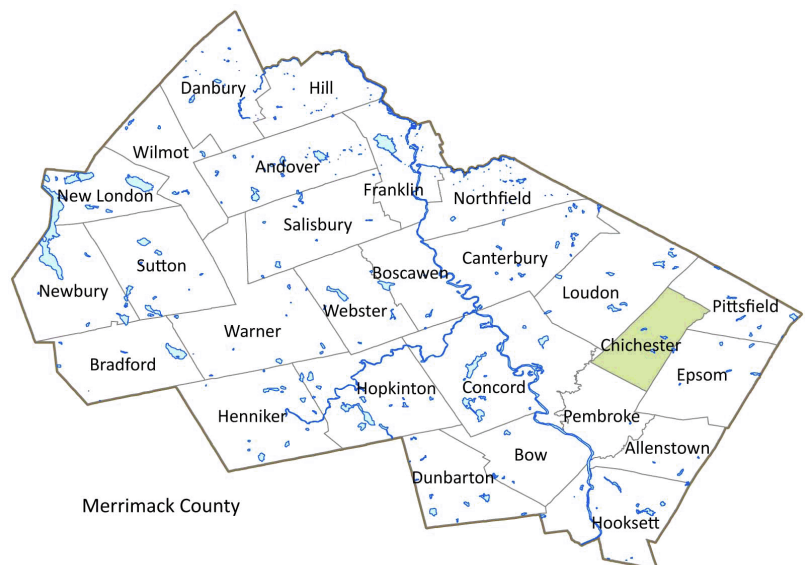
Origin: Chichester is one of seven towns granted in 1727 when New Hampshire was still a part of Massachusetts. As were several other towns, it was named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle, Earl of Chichester, and England's Secretary of State (1724-1754). Holles was in charge of colonial 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 1,614 over 50 years, from 1,083 in 1970 to 2,697 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 38 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by seven percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Chichester was 2,761 residents, which ranked 115th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 130.3 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	236
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		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
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		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.38	
2022 Equalization Ratio		65.5	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$15.88	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		83.2%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		14.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.1%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		1,027	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		894	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		51	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		82	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	2,761		156,020
2020	2,665		153,808
2010	2,523		146,445
2000	2,259		136,716
1990	1,879		120,618
1980	1,492		98,302
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	1,424	Female	1,253
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			93
Age 5 to 19			508
Age 20 to 34			377
Age 35 to 54			885
Age 55 to 64			397
Age 65 and over			417
Median Age			45.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,987			
High school graduate or higher			96.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher			33.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$41,313
Median family income			\$109,375
Median household income			\$110,291
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$63,563
Female			\$58,092
Individuals below the poverty level			2.8%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	1,506		1,553
Employed	1,439		1,518
Unemployed	67		35
Unemployment rate	4.4%		2.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	76		198
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 643		\$1,270
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	391		576
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 670		\$1,162
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	467		774
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 665		\$1,189
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	85		95
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 717		\$ 761
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	552		869
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 673		\$1,142
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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**

District: **SAU 53**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	197			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law; Granite State; Southern NH University; St. Anselm; UNH-Manchester; Franklin Pierce-Manchester; MCPHS; UNH Durham**

2022 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 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	73.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.5%
Public transportation	4.6%
Walked	1.2%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	17.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents

Working in community of residence	21.7%
Commuting to another NH community	74.2%
Commuting out-of-state	4.1%

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
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**Other: **Chuckster's**