

# Keene, NH



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## County

Cheshire

## Labor Market Area

Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA

## Tourism Region

Monadnock

## Planning Commission

Southwest Region

## Regional Development

Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

## Election Districts

### US Congress

District 2 (All Wards)

### Executive Council

District 2 (All Wards)

### State Senate

District 10 (All Wards)

### State Representative

Cheshire County Districts 4, 16 (Ward 1) 5, 16 (Ward 2) 6, 16 (Ward 3) 7, 16 (Ward 4) 8, 16 (Ward 5)

**Incorporated:** 1753

**Origin:** This territory was first granted in 1735 as Upper Ashuelot to soldiers in the wars against Canada, and intended to be a fort town. Establishment of the Massachusetts-New Hampshire boundary in 1753 made it one of the largest towns in New England. Under regrant by the New Hampshire governor, the town was named in honor of Sir Benjamin Keene of England, an associate of Governor Wentworth in the Spanish West Indies trade. Keene was incorporated as a city in 1873. The Keene Normal School, now Keene State College, was founded here in 1909. The annual Keene Pumpkin Festival has set eight world records for the largest number of lit jack-o-lanterns, reaching 30,581 in 2013.

**Villages and Place Names:** North Swanzey, South Keene, Marlborough

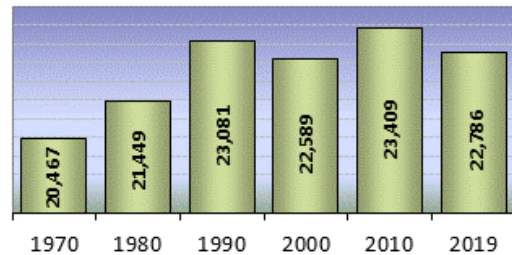
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,314 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Keene, including resident students, totaled 2,319 over 49 years, from 20,467 in 1970 to 22,786 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an eight percent increase between 1980 and 1990; the city decreased in

population between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 Census estimate for Keene was 22,786 residents, which ranked 11th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 615.0 persons per square mile of land area. Keene contains 37.0 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Mayor, Council, &amp; Manager</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$65,171,200</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$31,204,874</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1927/07</b>
Master Plan	<b>2010</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

#### Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>City Council</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Cemetery</b>

Public Library **Keene Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Municipal</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>98</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Keene Gas Corp</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Keene Water Department</b>

Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</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>Yes</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>\$37.60</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>95.0</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$34.17</b>

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>58.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>37.7%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.0%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>9,980</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>5,322</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>1,871</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>2,438</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>349</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>22,786</b>	<b>76,085</b>	
2010	<b>23,409</b>	<b>77,117</b>	
2000	<b>22,589</b>	<b>73,993</b>	
1990	<b>23,081</b>	<b>70,223</b>	
1980	<b>21,449</b>	<b>62,116</b>	
1970	<b>20,467</b>	<b>52,364</b>	

#### DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>10,758</b>	Female	<b>12,195</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>878</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>4,730</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>5,649</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>4,957</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>2,557</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>4,182</b>
Median Age	<b>36.4 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>41.8%</b>

#### INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)

Per capita income	<b>\$30,993</b>
Median family income	<b>\$79,268</b>
Median household income	<b>\$56,971</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$60,793</b>
Female	<b>\$42,492</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	<b>12.6%</b>
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#### LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)

	2009	2019
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	<b>12,170</b>	<b>11,815</b>
Employed	<b>11,533</b>	<b>11,492</b>
Unemployed	<b>637</b>	<b>323</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

#### EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)

	2009	2019
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>3,037</b>	<b>2,237</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 958</b>	<b>\$1,208</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>13,431</b>	<b>12,826</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 768</b>	<b>\$ 949</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>16,468</b>	<b>15,063</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 803</b>	<b>\$ 987</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>2,444</b>	<b>2,407</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 826</b>	<b>\$ 966</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>18,912</b>	<b>17,470</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 806</b>	<b>\$ 984</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Keene operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 29**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>1,226</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>383</b>

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; Franklin Pierce University**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **13** Total Capacity: **949**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic-Keene	Health care services	1,561	1892
C & S Wholesale Grocers	Wholesale foods	1,200	2004
Keene School District	Education	1,100	
Keene State College	Education	789	1909
Imaje Corporation	Industrial marking equipment	400	1911
Smith Industrial Medical Systems	Hospital supplies	350	1971
National Grange Mutual Insurance	Insurance services	311	1923
TimKen Super Precision	Mini & precision bearings	267	1941
Janos Technologies	Precision infrared optics	75	1970

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>9, 10, 12, 12A, 32, 101</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 3</b>
	Distance	<b>17 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>City Express</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>57 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>65 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>157 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>98 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>223 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>243 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>72.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.2%</b>
Walked	<b>5.7%</b>
Other means	<b>11.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>7.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>16.6 minutes</b>

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

Working in community of residence	<b>75.0</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>17.8</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>7.2</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
<b>X</b>	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Ascutney (VT)</b>
	Other: <b>Hiking</b>