

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)

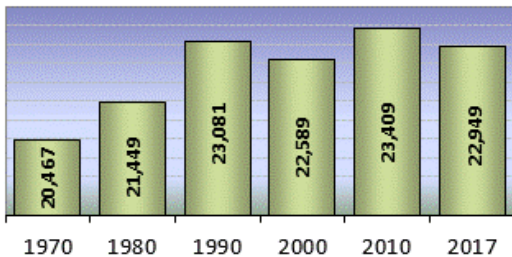
Incorporated: 1753

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 5,387 over 57 years, from 17,562 in 1960 to 22,949 in 2017. The largest decennial



percent change was a 17 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the city decreased in population between 1990 and 2000. The 2017 Census estimate for Keene was 22,949 residents, which ranked 11th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 619.4 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.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Mayor, Council, & Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018-2019	\$66,225,533
Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019	\$35,489,168
Zoning Ordinance	1927/07
Master Plan	2010
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

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

Public Library **Keene Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	Local	91

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Keene Gas Corp
Water Supplier	Keene Water Department

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$37.22
2017 Equalization Ratio	98.0
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$35.97

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	59.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	36.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.4%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>	
Total Housing Units	10,092
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	5,165
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,075
Five or More Units in Structure	2,462
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	390

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2017	22,949	75,960
2010	23,409	77,117
2000	22,589	73,993
1990	23,081	70,223
1980	21,449	62,116
1970	20,467	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017			
Population by Gender			
Male	10,835	Female	12,369

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	898
Age 5 to 19	5,004
Age 20 to 34	5,734
Age 35 to 54	5,007
Age 55 to 64	2,757
Age 65 and over	3,804
Median Age	34.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	93.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	40.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>
Per capita income		\$30,769
Median family income		\$74,207
Median household income		\$55,398

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$51,583
Female	\$38,142

Individuals below the poverty level	13.7%
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LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	12,346	12,014
Employed	11,949	11,693
Unemployed	397	321
Unemployment rate	3.2%	2.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	3,491	2,244
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 937	\$1,150
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	13,945	13,248
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 711	\$ 898
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	17,436	15,492
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 756	\$ 934
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	2,504	2,461
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 722	\$ 958
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	19,939	17,953
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 752	\$ 938

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	5	1	2	4
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,243	694	1,478	440

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **14** Total Capacity: **890**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic-Keene	Health care services	1,520	1892
C & S Wholesale Grocers	Wholesale foods	1,200	2004
Keene School District	Education	1,141	
Keene State College	Education	858	1909
Imaje Corporation	Industrial marking equipment	400	1911
Smith Industrial Medical Systems	Hospital supplies	380	1971
Liberty Mutual/Peerless Insurance Company	Insurance services	354	1901
National Grange Mutual Insurance	Insurance services	347	1923
TimKen Super Precision	Mini & precision bearings	250	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	9, 10, 12, 12A, 32, 101
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 3
	Distance	17 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		City Express
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	57 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		65 miles
Portland, Maine		157 miles
Boston, Mass.		98 miles
New York City, NY		223 miles
Montreal, Quebec		243 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	72.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.7%
Public transportation	0.2%
Walked	6.5%
Other means	3.7%
Worked at home	9.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	16.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017	
Working in community of residence	75.4
Commuting to another NH community	18.4
Commuting out-of-state	6.2