

Keene, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Cheshire
Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2 (All Wards)
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District 10 (All Wards)
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.

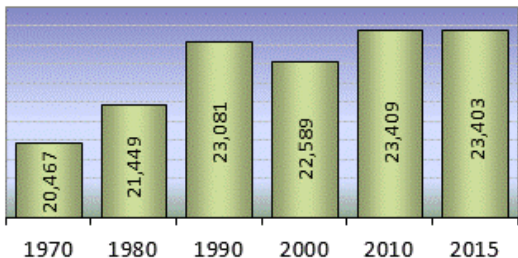
Villages and Place Names: North Swanzey, South Keene, Marlborough

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

Population Trends: Population change for Keene, including resident students, totaled 5,841 over 55 years, from 17,562 in 1960 to 23,403 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 17 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the city decreased in population between 1990 and 2000. The 2015 Census estimate for Keene was 23,403 residents, which ranked 11th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County



Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 631.7 persons per square mile of land area. Keene contains 37.1 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Mayor, Council, & Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$61,379,413
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$34,873,170
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 108

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	None
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 Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$36.39
2016 Equalization Ratio	99.8
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$35.98
2016 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	4.2%

HOUSING (ACS 2011-2015)	
Total Housing Units	9,961
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	4,881
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,293
Five or More Units in Structure	2,348
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	439

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	23,403	76,430
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) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	10,621	Female	12,782

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	857
Age 5 to 19	5,140
Age 20 to 34	6,009
Age 35 to 54	4,971
Age 55 to 64	2,916
Age 65 and over	3,510
Median Age	33.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	93.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	40.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2011-2015)	
Per capita income	\$29,383
Median family income	\$71,277
Median household income	\$52,636

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$50,328
Female	\$40,029

Individuals below the poverty level	17.0%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	12,416	12,080
Employed	12,044	11,765
Unemployed	372	315
Unemployment rate	3.0%	2.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	3,750	2,273
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,178	\$1,099
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	13,992	13,476
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 702	\$ 854
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	17,743	15,749
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 803	\$ 889
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	2,596	2,514
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 677	\$ 946
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	20,338	18,262
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 787	\$ 897

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	1,250	672	1,456	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	1,650	1892
C & S Wholesale Grocers	Wholesale foods	1,200	2004
Keene School District	Education	1,141	
Keene State College	Education	916	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	258	1941
Janos Technologies	Precision infrared optics	70	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

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.8%
Public transportation	0.1%
Walked	6.2%
Other means	2.5%
Worked at home	8.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	15.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence	74.4
Commuting to another NH community	19.7
Commuting out-of-state	5.9

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
X	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