

# Marlow, NH



## Community Contact

### Town of Marlow

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## Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: meet Monday, 6:30-10 pm; Town Office: Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10-1 and 2-3:30; Town Clerk: Wednesday, 4:30-7, Thursday, 10-12:30; Tax Collector: Tuesday, 5-7

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  
District 2  
District 8  
Cheshire County Districts 9, 16

**Incorporated:** 1761

**Origin:** This territory was first chartered in 1753 as Addison, after Joseph Addison, Secretary of State for England, who signed the appointment papers making John Wentworth Lieutenant Governor of New Hampshire under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts in 1717. As a result of the French and Indian War, few original grantees settled there under the terms of the charter. The town was regranted in 1761 as Marlow, and the charter renewed in 1772. In some references, the name was in honor of Christopher Marlowe, the famed author and playwright; others indicate it was taken from the English town of the same name. Marlow was one of the towns that joined Vermont during the boundary dispute, but returned to New Hampshire in 1781.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 313 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Marlow totaled 357 over 50 years, from 390 in 1970 to 747 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2021 Census estimate for Marlow was 755 residents, which ranked 206th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau):** 29.0 persons per square mile of land area. Marlow contains 26.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



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**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	<b>\$2,299,494</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	<b>\$2,334,561</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1986/18</b>
Master Plan	<b>2003</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectboard; Library; Cemetery; Budget; Checklist; Trust Funds; Road**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Agricultural; Parks & Recreation; Joint Loss Management**

Public Library **Marlow Town****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Part-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>17 miles</b>	<b>94</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities; Eversource; NH Electric Coop</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.71</b>
2021 Equalization Ratio	<b>85.3</b>
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.01</b>
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>92.2%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>3.8%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.0%</b>

**HOUSING** (ACS 2017-2021)

Total Housing Units	<b>406</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>387</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>3</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>16</b>

**POPULATION** (Decennial Census/ACS 2017-2021)

Total Population	Community	County
2021	<b>791</b>	<b>76,473</b>
2020	<b>749</b>	<b>76,458</b>
2010	<b>742</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>750</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>651</b>	<b>70,223</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS** (ACS 2017-2021)

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>345</b>	Female	<b>446</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>68</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>128</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>126</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>123</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>150</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>196</b>
Median Age			<b>49.2 years</b>
Educational Attainment			
Population age 25 or older			<b>573</b>
High school graduate or higher			<b>96.5%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>24.6%</b>

**INCOME, INFLATION-ADJUSTED** (ACS 2017-2021)

Per capita income	<b>\$35,048</b>
Median family income	<b>\$105,750</b>
Median household income	<b>\$90,568</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$67,857</b>
Female	<b>\$37,125</b>
Percent of individuals below poverty level	<b>12.9%</b>

**LABOR FORCE** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	<b>399</b>	<b>350</b>
Employed	<b>368</b>	<b>338</b>
Unemployed	<b>31</b>	<b>12</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>86</b>	<b>92</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 596</b>	<b>\$ 622</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>46</b>	<b>53</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 745</b>	<b>\$ 658</b>
Goods-Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Service-Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 423</b>	<b>\$ 573</b>

n = data do not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Department of Education)*Schools students attend: **Marlow operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Keene** District: **SAU 29**Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-6</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>51</b>			

Nearest NH Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities *(with a physical campus)*: **Keene State; New England; Antioch New England**NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2021 *(DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)* Total Facilities: Capacity:

<b>BUSINESSES</b> <i>(provided by municipality)</i>	<b>PRODUCT OR SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Kroka Expeditions	Wilderness expedition school	72	2008
Town of Marlow	Municipal services	50	1761
Audio Accessories, Inc.	Audio cables, patch cords, & patch boards	30	1966
Ironwood Restoration	Small building restoration	13	2001
John D Perkins Elementary School	Education	12	1973
Aaron's Specialty Shop	Seasonal ice cream & cafe	9	2018

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>10, 123, 123A</b>
Nearest Interstate/Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 5</b>
	Distance	<b>20 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</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 Commercial Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>49 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, New Hampshire		<b>58 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>150 miles</b>
Boston, Massachusetts		<b>108 miles</b>
New York City, New York		<b>237 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec, Canada		<b>231 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** *(ACS 2017-2021)*

Workers 16 years of age and over:	<b>332</b>
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>85.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.0%</b>
Used public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.9%</b>
Traveled by other means	<b>1.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>36.4 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents Who:	
Work in community of residence	<b>13.9%</b>
Commute to other NH community	<b>80.1%</b>
Commute out-of-state	<b>6.0%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS**

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	
<b>X</b> Museums	
Cinemas	
<b>X</b> Performing Arts Facilities	
<b>X</b> Tourist Attractions	
<b>X</b> Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)	
Youth Sports: Baseball	
Youth Sports: Soccer	
Youth Sports: Football	
Youth Sports: Basketball	
Youth Sports: Hockey	
Campgrounds	
<b>X</b> Fishing/Hunting	
<b>X</b> 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 Sunapee</b>	
Other: <b>Rock Climbing</b>	