

Nelson, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Every other Wednesday, 3 pm; Administrative Assistant, Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday, 9 am - 12 noon, 4 pm - 7 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon; Administrative Assistant: other times by appointment

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 10
Cheshire County District 3

Incorporated: 1774

Origin: One of the original border towns, this territory was first granted in 1752 as Monadnock No. 6. In 1774, it was renamed Packersfield after Thomas Packer, high sheriff of Portsmouth, who was one of the Masonian Proprietors. In 1777, some residents petitioned to rename the town Sullivan. The petition failed, but in 1786, a portion of the town was combined with part of Gilsun and Keene to form the town of Sullivan. Packersfield kept that name until 1814, when it was renamed in honor of Lord Horatio Nelson, who died on board the British ship Victory in the war against Napoleon.

Villages and Place Names: Munsonville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 721 residents in 1790

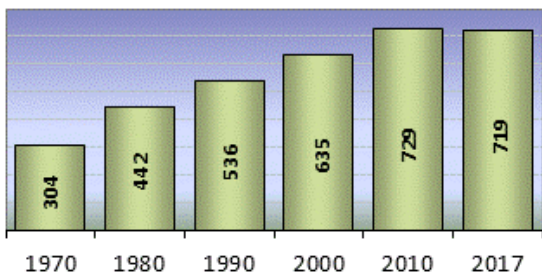
Population Trends: Population change for Nelson totaled 497 over 57 years, from 222 in 1960 to 719 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 45 percent increase between 1970



Cheshire County

and 1980, accounting for just over one-fourth of the total numeric change. The 2017 Census estimate for Nelson was 719 residents, which ranked 207th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 32.8 persons per square mile of land area. Nelson contains 21.9 square miles of land area and 1.3 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$1,497,945
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$2,859,294
Zoning Ordinance	1970/17
Master Plan	2009
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery; Highway Equip.; Fire & Rescue Equip.**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Agricultural**

Public Library **Olivia Rodham Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Part-time
Fire Department		Part-time & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	11 miles	91
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	20 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	None
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.50
2017 Equalization Ratio	100.2
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.62
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.7%

HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	429
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	390
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	32
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	7

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	719	75,960	
2010	729	77,117	
2000	635	73,993	
1990	536	70,223	
1980	442	62,116	
1970	304	52,364	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017			
Population by Gender			
Male	305	Female	270
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			38
Age 5 to 19			86
Age 20 to 34			104
Age 35 to 54			126
Age 55 to 64			112
Age 65 and over			109
Median Age			46.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			98.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher			51.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2013-2017)	
Per capita income			\$38,514
Median family income			\$90,313
Median household income			\$71,500
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$48,000
Female			\$48,542
Individuals below the poverty level			13.2%

LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	383	421	
Employed	372	414	
Unemployed	11	7	
Unemployment rate	2.9%	1.7%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	35	21	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 294	\$ 496	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Nelson 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** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	70			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Nashua**

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Not Available			

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes		9, 123
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 3	
	Distance		28 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
	Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt
	Lighted?	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
	Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	48 miles
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:			
	Manchester, NH		58 miles
	Portland, Maine		150 miles
	Boston, Mass.		87 miles
	New York City, NY		233 miles
	Montreal, Quebec		252 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2013-2017*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.0%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	10.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	35.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017	
Working in community of residence	14.7
Commuting to another NH community	72.3
Commuting out-of-state	13.0

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND 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
	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak, Granite Gorge
	Other: Boat Landing; Monadnock Sunapee Trail; Local Artisans Art Gallery; Sucker Brook Cove Wildlife Sanctuary