

Richmond, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday, 9 am - 12 noon, 5 pm - 7 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 1 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk: Monday, 9 am - 12 noon, 1 pm - 4 pm, 6 pm - 8 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon, 1 pm - 5 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon; Tax Collector: Monday, 6 pm - 8 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon

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

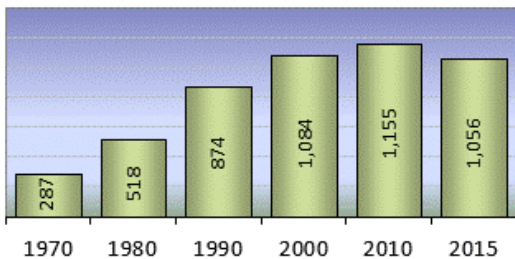
District 2
District 5
District 9
Cheshire County Districts 12, 15

Incorporated: 1752

Origin: This territory was first granted in 1735 to a company of soldiers returning from the war in Canada led by Captain Joseph Sylvester, and named Sylvester-Canada in his honor. When New Hampshire became a separate province, Governor Benning Wentworth reincorporated those towns with Canada in the name. Sylvester-Canada was granted to new settlers and incorporated in 1752 as Richmond, in honor of the governor's English friend, Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond, a staunch advocate of colonial independence. The settlers were unable to meet the terms of charter due to the Indian War, and the charter was renewed in 1760.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,380 residents in 1790



Population Trends:

Population change for Richmond totaled 761 over 55 years, from 295 in 1960 to 1,056 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an 80 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 69 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2015 Census estimate for Richmond was 1,056 residents, which ranked 181st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 28.1 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Bethlehem. Richmond contains 37.5 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$1,188,949
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$2,446,356
Zoning Ordinance	1972/11
Master Plan	2010
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Moderator; Checklist; Town Clerk**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Library; Zoning; Parks & Rec; Heritage; Municipal Bldg.; Road Agent**

Public Library **Richmond Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Part-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	14 miles	108

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	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Limited
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.19
2016 Equalization Ratio	95.8
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.16
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	0.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.5%

HOUSING (ACS 2011-2015)	
Total Housing Units	482
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	455
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	25

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	1,056	76,430
2010	1,155	77,117
2000	1,084	73,993
1990	874	70,223
1980	518	62,116
1970	287	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	537	Female	519

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	20
Age 5 to 19	213
Age 20 to 34	173
Age 35 to 54	256
Age 55 to 64	256
Age 65 and over	138
Median Age	49.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	92.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	32.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2011-2015)	
Per capita income	\$25,985
Median family income	\$69,063
Median household income	\$61,477

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$50,385
Female	\$46,513

Individuals below the poverty level	9.2%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)			
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	663	605	
Employed	639	589	
Unemployed	24	16	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	2.6%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	12	7	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 494	\$ 627	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	54	35	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 337	\$ 446	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	66	42	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 366	\$ 475	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	11	18	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 276	\$ 198	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	77	60	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 353	\$ 390	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey, Troy)** District: **SAU 93**

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				1-12
Total Enrollment				21

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: **1** Total Capacity: **9**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Richmond	Municipal services	21	1752

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **32, 119**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91, Exit 28 (MA) or Exit 2 (VT)**
 Distance **19 miles; 21 miles**

Railroad **No**

Public Transportation **No**

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 **62 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **63 miles**
 Portland, Maine **164 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **93 miles**
 New York City, NY **209 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **254 miles**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
X 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
 Performing Arts Facilities
 Tourist Attractions
X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
 Youth Sports: Baseball
 Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
X Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
 Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
 Bicycle Trails
 Cross Country Skiing
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Maple Valley**

Other: **Antiques; Crafts; Farmers Market**

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	91.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	1.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.7%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	6.2%

Mean Travel Time to Work **32.6 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence	12.3
Commuting to another NH community	68.8
Commuting out-of-state	18.9