

Swanzey, 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
Executive Council	District 5
State Senate	District 10
State Representative	Cheshire County Districts 12, 15

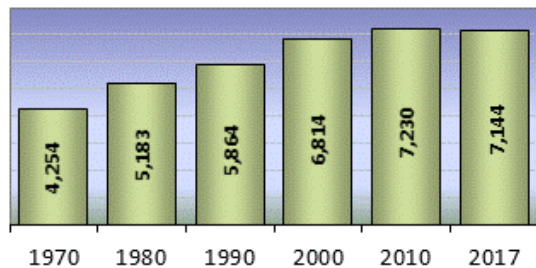
Incorporated: 1753

Origin: This town was one of the fort towns established by Governor Belcher of Massachusetts, and was first granted in 1734 as Lower Ashuelot to Captain Nathaniel Hammond and Ephraim Jones. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a grant under authority of the New Hampshire government, since they had settled and been making improvements for over 18 years. The town was chartered that year as Swanzey, the name being suggested by Governor Brenton of Rhode Island, who owned land at Brenton's Farm (Litchfield), and Swansea, Massachusetts. There are four covered bridges located in Swanzey: Carleton, Thompson, Slate, and Cresson.

Villages and Place Names: East Swanzey, West Swanzey, Westport, North Swanzey, Swanzey Center

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,157 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Swanzey totaled 3,518 over 57 years, from 3,626 in 1960 to 7,144 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 22 percent between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, a six percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2017 Census estimate for Swanzey was 7,144 residents, which ranked 45th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 159.0 persons per square mile of land area. Swanzey contains 44.9 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$6,513,578
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Zoning Ordinance	1947/13
Master Plan	2006
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Sewer; Library
Appointed:	Conservation; Swanzev Revenue; Economic Dev; Open Space; Old Home Day; Recreation; Capital Improvement
Public Library	Mt. Caesar Union; Stratton Free
EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time & On-Call
Emergency Medical Service	On-Call
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	6 miles 91
UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	North Swanzev Fire Precinct; West Swanzev Water Co.
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
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	Limited
PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.16
2017 Equalization Ratio	91.6
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.78
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	81.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.6%
HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	3,082
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,283
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	185
Five or More Units in Structure	373
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	241

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	7,144	75,960	
2010	7,230	77,117	
2000	6,814	73,993	
1990	5,864	70,223	
1980	5,183	62,116	
1970	4,254	52,364	
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2013-2017	
Population by Gender			
Male	3,481	Female	3,688
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	408		
Age 5 to 19	1,070		
Age 20 to 34	1,396		
Age 35 to 54	1,974		
Age 55 to 64	1,079		
Age 65 and over	1,242		
Median Age	43.3 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	90.6%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.2%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>	
Per capita income	\$32,088		
Median family income	\$64,792		
Median household income	\$57,326		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$41,648		
Female	\$44,231		
Individuals below the poverty level	12.0%		
LABOR FORCE		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	4,033	4,013	
Employed	3,889	3,917	
Unemployed	144	96	
Unemployment rate	3.6%	2.4%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	367	369	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 703	\$1,087	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,014	1,185	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 581	\$ 649	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,382	1,554	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 613	\$ 753	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	734	646	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 634	\$ 764	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	2,116	2,200	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 620	\$ 756	

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	2	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	525	217	489	

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**
 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: **4** Total Capacity: **297**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Monadnock Regional School District	Education	746	1962
Market Basket	Supermarket	355	2010
Town of Swanzey	Municipal services	171	1753
Fenton Family Dealerships	Automobile dealership	164	1985
First Student	Bus transportation	82	2000
Nanotech	Ultra-precision machining systems	55	1997
Mold Pro	Thermoplastic injection molding	40	2003
Powers Generator Service, LLC	Generator sales, service, installation	22	1995
Keene Gas/Titan Propane	Propane sales, service	19	1860
Port-O-Lite	Millwork	15	1952

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	10, 12, 32	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 3	
	Distance	20 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	60 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		70 miles	
Portland, Maine		162 miles	
Boston, Mass.		98 miles	
New York City, NY		210 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		247 miles	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		80.4%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		7.6%	
Public transportation		1.5%	
Walked		2.7%	
Other means		1.1%	
Worked at home		6.6%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		19.5 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017			
Working in community of residence		21.2	
Commuting to another NH community		72.5	
Commuting out-of-state		6.3	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	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
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Granite Gorge
	Other: Cheshire Fair; Covered Bridges; Old Home Day; Hiking trails; Summer Theatre; Band Concert Series