

Swanzey, 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
District 5
District 10
Cheshire County Districts 12, 15

Incorporated: 1753

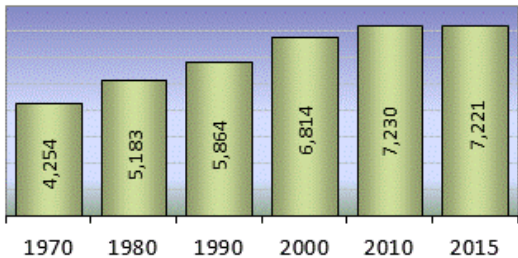
Origin: This town was one of the fort towns established by Governor Belcher of Massachusetts, and was first granted in 1734 as Lower Ashuelot to Captain Nathaniel Hammond and Ephraim Jones. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a grant under authority of the New Hampshire government, 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



Cheshire County



Population Trends: Population change for Swanzey totaled 3,595 over 55 years, from 3,626 in 1960 to 7,221 in 2015. 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 2015 Census estimate for Swanzey was 7,221 residents, which ranked 43rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 160.7 persons per square mile of land area. Swanzey contains 45.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$6,513,578
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$15,706,355
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; Swanzey 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	108

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	North Swanzey Fire Precinct; West Swanzey Water Co.

Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes

Solid Waste Disposal	Private
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
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:	Yes
Business	Yes
Residential	Limited

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

2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.87
2016 Equalization Ratio	95.0
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.50

2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	81.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.7%

HOUSING

(ACS 2011-2015)

Total Housing Units	3,201
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,429
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	234
Five or More Units in Structure	325
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	216

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2015	7,221	76,430
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) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	3,499	Female	3,722

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	434
Age 5 to 19	1,007
Age 20 to 34	1,291
Age 35 to 54	2,244
Age 55 to 64	1,110
Age 65 and over	1,135
Median Age	45.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	90.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Per capita income	\$33,749
Median family income	\$68,371
Median household income	\$57,632

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$50,017
Female	\$42,778

Individuals below the poverty level	14.2%
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LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	4,096	4,113
Employed	3,977	4,012
Unemployed	119	101
Unemployment rate	2.9%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	325	351
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 732	\$1,090
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	993	1,180
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 582	\$ 637
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,318	1,531
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 619	\$ 740
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	706	695
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 634	\$ 714
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,024	2,226
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 624	\$ 732

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	542	244	477	

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
Nanotech	Ultra-precision machining systems	55	1997
Mold Pro	Thermoplastic injection molding	40	2003
Powers Generator Service, LLC	Generator sales, service, installation	22	1995
Port-O-Lite	Millwork	15	1952
Fenton Family Dealerships	Automobile dealership		1985
First Student	Bus transportation		2000
Keene Gas/Titan Propane	Propane sales, service		1860
Market Basket	Supermarket		2010
Monadnock Regional School District	Education		1962
Town of Swanzey	Municipal services		1753
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 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.6%
Public transportation	1.9%
Walked	0.7%
Other means	1.7%
Worked at home	7.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	19.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
Working in community of residence	19.6
Commuting to another NH community	75.0
Commuting out-of-state	5.4

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