

Walpole, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectboard, Administrative Manager: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 1 pm;
Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 7 am - 6 pm, Tuesday, 9 am - 7:30 pm, Wednesday, 7 am - 5 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, closed Friday

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Cheshire
Charlestown, NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

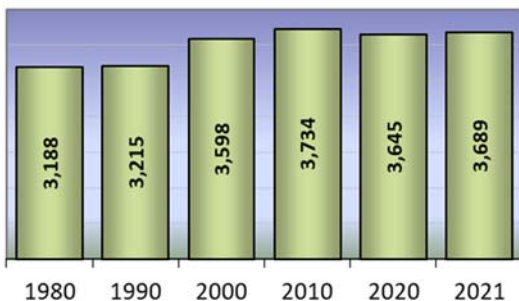
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Cheshire County Districts 5, 15

Incorporated: 1752

Origin: This territory was first granted by the Massachusetts government in 1736 as No. 3, the third in a line of settlements along the east side of the Connecticut River which was sometimes called Great Falls. In 1752, Governor Benning Wentworth granted the territory to Benjamin Bellows and others as Walpole in honor of Sir Robert Walpole, first Prime Minister of England. Colonel Benjamin Bellows, for whom Bellows Falls, Vermont, was named, built a large fort at Walpole for defense against Indian attack, and had surveyed most of the Connecticut River towns. The grant was renewed in 1781 due to the Indian wars making completion of grant terms impractical.

Villages and Place Names: Drewsville, North Walpole

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,245 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Walpole totaled 501 over 41 years, from 3,188 in 1980 to 3,689 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 12 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Walpole was 3,689 residents, which ranked 102nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 103.4 persons per square mile of land area. Walpole contains 35.7 square miles of land area and 1.0 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$4,357,805
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	\$8,794,687
Zoning Ordinance	1950/19
Master Plan	2022
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Broadband; Hooper Institute; Recreation**

Public Library **North Walpole Public; Walpole Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	18 miles	94
Valley Regional, Claremont	19 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Liberty Utilities
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	N. Walpole/Walpole Water

Sanitation	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Comcast; Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.43
2021 Equalization Ratio	74.5
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.94

2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	78.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	18.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	1,892
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,447
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	315
Five or More Units in Structure	97
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	33

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	3,689	77,329	
2020	3,649	76,501	
2010	3,734	77,117	
2000	3,598	73,993	
1990	3,215	70,223	
1980	3,188	62,116	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,911	Female	2,080
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			366
Age 5 to 19			552
Age 20 to 34			859
Age 35 to 54			791
Age 55 to 64			568
Age 65 and over			855
Median Age			43.2 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	93.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	42.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2016-2020)	
Per capita income	\$40,642
Median family income	\$97,153
Median household income	\$76,250
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$56,204
Female	\$47,656
Individuals below the poverty level	8.5%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	2,197	2,312
Employed	2,111	2,242
Unemployed	86	70
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	494	586
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 868	\$1,048
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	727	737
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 728	\$ 823
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,221	1,324
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 784	\$ 923
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	98	163
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 352	\$ 674
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,318	1,487
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 752	\$ 896

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional** District: **SAU 60**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Cheshire Career Center (Keene)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	1		
Grade Levels	K 1-4	5-8		
Total Enrollment	162	125		

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; UNH School of Law; Antioch New England**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **67**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bensonwood & Unity Homes	Manufacturer of wood framed, energy efficient homes	120	1974
Walpole Savings Bank	Banking services	93	1875
Len-Tex Corp.	Wall coverings	81	1993
L.A. Burdick Handmade Chocolate	Chocolate products & café	55	1992
Chamberlain Machine, Inc.	Hydraulic pump and precision machine parts	50	1949
Burns & Goins	Grocery store & restaurant	47	2003
JH Dunning Corp.	Point of purchase displays & specialty cases	31	1906
Mr. G's Liquidation Center, LLC	Discount retail	27	1990
EE Houghton Co. Inc.	Electrical, plumbing, HVAC, utilities contracting	26	1948
Cold River Materials	Sand, gravel, hot-mix, crushed ledge products	21	1997

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12, 123
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exits 5 - 6
	Distance	5 miles; 4 miles
Railroad		Green Mtn. RR
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Claremont Municipal	Runway	3,098 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	40 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		80 miles
Portland, Maine		172 miles
Boston, Mass.		145 miles
New York City, NY		222 miles
Montreal, Quebec		227 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.3%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	0.7%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	11.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	67.2%
Commuting to another NH community	9.0%
Commuting out-of-state	23.8%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	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)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Granite Gorge (NH) & Okemo (VT)
	Other: