

# 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, Thursday, 7 am - 4 pm, Tuesday, 7 am - 7 pm, Wednesday, 7 am - 8 am, 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

**District 2**  
**District 2**  
**District 10**  
**Cheshire County District 1**

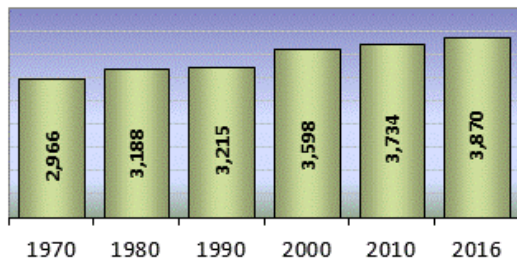
**Incorporated: 1752**

**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 1,045 over 56 years, from 2,825 in 1960 to 3,870 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 12 percent



between 1990 and 2000; percent change over the three previous decades were all below ten percent. The 2016 Census estimate for Walpole was 3,870 residents, which ranked 98th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau):** 108.5 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

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	<b>\$4,219,305</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	<b>\$6,586,551</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1950/16</b>
Master Plan	<b>2001</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

<b>Boards and Commissions</b>	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; WRAP; Hooper Institute; Recreation</b>
Public Library	<b>North Walpole Public; Walpole Town</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department	<b>Full &amp; part-time</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>	
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>18 miles</b>	<b>108</b>
<b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b>	<b>19 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>N. Walpole/Walpole Water</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>Comcast; Fairpoint</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.31</b>	
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>103.1</b>	
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.35</b>	
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>79.2%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>15.7%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>5.1%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>
Total Housing Units	<b>1,722</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,383</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>264</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>66</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>9</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2016	<b>3,870</b>	<b>75,774</b>
2010	<b>3,734</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>3,598</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>3,215</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>3,188</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>2,966</b>	<b>52,364</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY</b>				<i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>
<b>Population by Gender</b>				
Male	<b>1,968</b>	Female	<b>1,779</b>	
<b>Population by Age Group</b>				
Under age 5				<b>161</b>
Age 5 to 19				<b>601</b>
Age 20 to 34				<b>691</b>
Age 35 to 54				<b>1,109</b>
Age 55 to 64				<b>501</b>
Age 65 and over				<b>684</b>
Median Age				<b>45.2 years</b>
<b>Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over</b>				
High school graduate or higher				<b>95.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher				<b>37.7%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>
Per capita income	<b>\$38,980</b>	
Median family income	<b>\$90,875</b>	
Median household income	<b>\$69,375</b>	
<b>Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over</b>		
Male	<b>\$52,432</b>	
Female	<b>\$40,389</b>	
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>4.5%</b>	

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	<b>2,019</b>	<b>2,352</b>	
Employed	<b>1,958</b>	<b>2,301</b>	
Unemployed	<b>61</b>	<b>51</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	<b>516</b>	<b>569</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 691</b>	<b>\$ 871</b>		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	<b>749</b>	<b>691</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 654</b>	<b>\$ 832</b>		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	<b>1,265</b>	<b>1,259</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 670</b>	<b>\$ 850</b>		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	<b>73</b>	<b>184</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 327</b>	<b>\$ 533</b>		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	<b>1,338</b>	<b>1,443</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 651</b>	<b>\$ 809</b>		

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)</b>			District: <b>SAU 60</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Cheshire Career Center (Keene)</b>			Region: <b>13</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>		
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>		
Total Enrollment	<b>175</b>	<b>148</b>		

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **102**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bensonwood & Unity Homes	Manufacturer of wood framed and energy efficient homes	120	1974
Walpole Savings Bank	Banking services	93	1875
Len-Tex Corp.	Wall coverings	81	1993
L.A. Burdick Chocolate	Chocolate shop & café	50	1992
Chamberlain Machine, Inc.	Hydraulic pump and precision machine parts	46	940
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
Frank W. Whitcomb	Sand, gravel, hot-mix	14	1932

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>10.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.9%</b>
Walked	<b>1.4%</b>
Other means	<b>1.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>28.2 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>31.2</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>45.1</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>23.7</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Granite Gorge (NH) &amp; Okemo (VT)</b>
	Other: