Walpole, NH

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Municipal Office Hours
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County  Cheshire
Labor Market Area  Charlestown, NH LMA
Tourism Region  Monadnock
Planning Commission
Regional Development  Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress  District 2
Executive Council  District 2
State Senate  District 10
State Representative  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 1,178 over 57 years, from 2,825 in 1960 to 4,003 in 2017. 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 2017 Census estimate for Walpole was 4,003 residents, which ranked 96th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 112.2 persons per square mile of land area. Walpole contains 35.6 square miles of land area and 0.9 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018</td>
<td>$4,608,947</td>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018</td>
<td>$6,586,551</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1950/16</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2001</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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### Boards and Commissions

- Elected: Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery
- Appointed: Conservation; WRAP; 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)

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<th>Hospital</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<td>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</td>
<td>18 miles</td>
<td>91</td>
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<tr>
<td>Valley Regional, Claremont</td>
<td>19 miles</td>
<td>25</td>
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### Utilities

- Electric Supplier: Liberty Utilities
- Natural Gas Supplier: None
- Water Supplier: N. Walpole/Walpole Water
- Sanitation: Private septic & municipal
- 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

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
<th>Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
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<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>$24.17</td>
<td>100.0</td>
<td>$24.01</td>
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### Housing

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<th>Type of Housing</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Housing Units</td>
<td>1,758</td>
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<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
<td>1,391</td>
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<td>Units in Multiple-Family Structures:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two to Four Units in Structure</td>
<td>260</td>
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<td>Five or More Units in Structure</td>
<td>98</td>
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<td>Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units</td>
<td>9</td>
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### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>4,003</td>
<td>75,960</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>3,734</td>
<td>77,117</td>
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<tr>
<td>2000</td>
<td>3,598</td>
<td>73,993</td>
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<tr>
<td>1990</td>
<td>3,215</td>
<td>70,223</td>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>3,188</td>
<td>62,116</td>
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<tr>
<td>1970</td>
<td>2,966</td>
<td>52,364</td>
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### Demographics

**American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017**

- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 1,957
  - Female: 1,852

- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 114
  - Age 5 to 19: 601
  - Age 20 to 34: 682
  - Age 35 to 54: 1,138
  - Age 55 to 64: 547
  - Age 65 and over: 727
  - Median Age: 46.8 years

- **Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
  - High school graduate or higher: 96.1%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 40.3%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $

**ACS 2013-2017**

- Per capita income: $40,681
- Median family income: $90,469
- Median household income: $70,991

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $53,657
  - Female: $41,676

- Individuals below the poverty level: 4.6%

### Labor Force

**NHES – ELMI**

- Annual Average
  - 2007: 1,978
  - 2017: 2,321
- Civilian labor force: 1,921
- Employed: 1,254
- Unemployed: 57
- Unemployment rate: 2.9%

### Employment & Wages

**NHES – ELMI**

- Annual Average Covered Employment
  - 2007: 1,302
  - 2017: 1,254
- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 556
  - Average Weekly Wage: $697
  - Average Weekly Wage: $827
- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 746
  - Average Weekly Wage: $750
  - Average Weekly Wage: $775
- Total Private Industry
  - Average Employment: 1,399
  - Average Weekly Wage: $699
  - Average Weekly Wage: $787

- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 97
  - Average Weekly Wage: $311
  - Average Weekly Wage: $563
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)  
District: SAU 60  
Region: 13

Career Technology Center(s): Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Cheshire Career Center (Keene)

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Educational Facilities</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Schools</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>K 1-4</td>
<td>5-8</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>173</td>
<td>141</td>
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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**

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<tr>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bensonwood &amp; Unity Homes</td>
<td>120</td>
<td>1974</td>
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<tr>
<td>Walpole Savings Bank</td>
<td>93</td>
<td>1875</td>
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<td>Len-Tex Corp.</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>1993</td>
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<td>L.A. Burdick Handmade Chocolate</td>
<td>55</td>
<td>1992</td>
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<td>Burns &amp; Goins</td>
<td>47</td>
<td>2003</td>
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<tr>
<td>Chamberlain Machine, Inc.</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>1940</td>
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<td>JH Dunning Corp.</td>
<td>31</td>
<td>1906</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mr. G's Liquidation Center, LLC</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>1990</td>
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<tr>
<td>EE Houghton Co. Inc.</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>1948</td>
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<td>Cold River Materials</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>1997</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

- Road Access: US 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 2013-2017)

- Workers 16 years and over  
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van 82.6%  
  - Carpoled, car/truck/van 7.9%  
  - Public transportation 0.6%  
  - Walked 1.6%  
  - Other means 0.0%  
  - Worked at home 7.3%

- Mean Travel Time to Work 27.5 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017**

- Working in community of residence 29.6%  
- Commuting to another NH community 42.2%  
- Commuting out-of-state 28.2%