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
Cheshire
Tourism Region
Monadnock
Planning Commission
Southwest Region
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 1,043 over 49 years, from 2,966 in 1970 to 4,009 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 12 percent between 1990 and 2000; percent change over the two previous decades were all below ten percent. The 2019 Census estimate for Walpole was 4,009 residents, which ranked 96th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 112.4 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Enfield. Walpole contains 35.7 square miles of land area and 1.0 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

**Type of Government**
- Selectmen

**Budget:**
- Municipal Appropriations, 2019: $4,015,544
- School Appropriations, 2020-2021: $6,278,549

**Zoning Ordinance**
- 1950/19

**Master Plan**
- 2001

**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

### Emergency Services

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

**Police Department**
- Full & part-time

**Fire Department**
- Volunteer

**Emergency Medical Service**
- Volunteer

**Nearest Hospital(s)**
- Distance: 18 miles, Staffed Beds: 98
- Distance: 19 miles, Staffed Beds: 25

### 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

**Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**
- 2019: $79.1
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 101.2
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $24.40

**Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
- Residential Land and Buildings: 79.1%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 17.9%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 3.0%

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial) (US Census Bureau)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
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<td>4,009</td>
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<td>2,966</td>
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### Demographics (American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019)

**Population by Gender**
- Male: 2,023, Female: 1,913

**Population by Age Group**
- Under age 5: 163
- Age 5 to 19: 594
- Age 20 to 34: 719
- Age 35 to 54: 1,050
- Age 55 to 64: 580
- Age 65 and over: 830
- Median Age: 46.7 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 95.2%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 44.0%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $** (ACS 2015-2019)
- Per capita income: $45,944
- Median family income: $104,712
- Median household income: $82,557

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**
- Male: $55,599
- Female: $48,115

**Individuals below the poverty level**
- 4.2%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELM)

**Annual Average**

**Civilian labor force**
- Total: 1,987
- Employed: 1,886
- Unemployed: 101
- Unemployment rate: 5.1%

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

**Annual Average Covered Employment**
- Total Private Industry: 1,256
- Average Employment: $714
- Average Weekly Wage: $1,344

**Goods Producing Industries**
- Average Employment: 505
- Average Weekly Wage: $753

**Service Providing Industries**
- Average Employment: 751
- Average Weekly Wage: $689

**Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
- Average Employment: 95
- Average Weekly Wage: $338

**Average Earnings for Private Industry plus Government**
- Average Employment: 1,351
- Average Weekly Wage: $688

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)  
Career Technology Center(s): Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Cheshire Career Center (Keene)  
District: SAU 60  
Region: 13

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
- Elementary  
  - Number of Schools: 2  
  - Grade Levels: K-1  
  - Total Enrollment: 175  
- Middle/Junior High  
  - Grade Levels: 1-8  
  - Total Enrollment: 124  
- High School  
  - Private/Parochial

Nearest Community College: River Valley  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Keene State; UNH School of Law; Antioch New England

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
- Total Facilities: 4  
- Total Capacity: 102

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

- Bensonwood & Unity Homes: Manufacturer of wood framed and energy efficient homes  
  - Employees: 120  
  - Established: 1974  
- Walpole Savings Bank: Banking services  
  - Employees: 93  
  - Established: 1875  
- Len-Tex Corp.: Wall coverings  
  - Employees: 81  
  - Established: 1993  
- L.A. Burdick Handmade Chocolate: Chocolate products & café  
  - Employees: 55  
  - Established: 1992  
- Chamberlain Machine, Inc.: Hydraulic pump and precision machine parts  
  - Employees: 50  
  - Established: 1949  
- Burns & Goins: Grocery store & restaurant  
  - Employees: 47  
  - Established: 2003  
- JH Dunning Corp.: Point of purchase displays & specialty cases  
  - Employees: 31  
  - Established: 1906  
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**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2015-2019)

- Workers 16 years and over  
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 79.4%  
  - Carpool, car/truck/van: 7.8%  
  - Public transportation: 0.5%  
  - Walked: 1.1%  
  - Other means: 11.4%  
  - Worked at home: 26.5%  
- Mean Travel Time to Work: 26.2 minutes

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

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

Nearest Ski Area(s): Granite Gorge (NH) & Okemo (VT)

Other:

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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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