

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

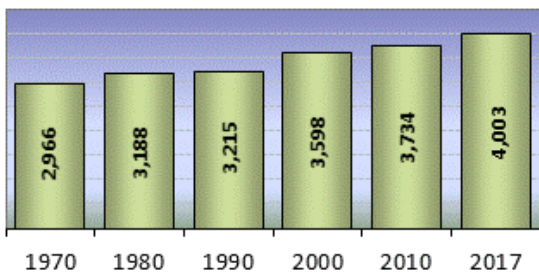
Incorporated: 1752

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 1,178 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.



Cheshire County

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	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$4,608,947
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$6,586,551
Zoning Ordinance	1950/16
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

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)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	18 miles	91
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	None
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)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.17
2017 Equalization Ratio	100.0
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.01

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	76.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	7.5%

HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	1,758
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,391
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	260
Five or More Units in Structure	98
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	9

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	4,003	75,960	
2010	3,734	77,117	
2000	3,598	73,993	
1990	3,215	70,223	
1980	3,188	62,116	
1970	2,966	52,364	

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 – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	1,978	2,321
Employed	1,921	2,276
Unemployed	57	45
Unemployment rate	2.9%	1.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	556	551
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 697	\$ 872
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	746	702
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 750	\$ 775
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,302	1,254
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 727	\$ 818
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	97	176
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 311	\$ 563
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,399	1,429
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 699	\$ 787

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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

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	173	141		

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 Handmade Chocolate	Chocolate products & café	55	1992
Burns & Goins	Grocery store & restaurant	47	2003
Chamberlain Machine, Inc.	Hydrolic 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

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 2013-2017)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		82.6%	
Carpooled, 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	

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: