

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

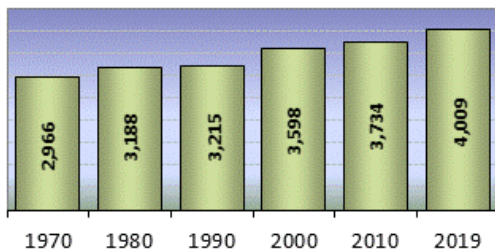
Incorporated: 1752

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 1,043 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.



Cheshire County

Cheshire County

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
Budget: 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**

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	98
Valley Regional, Claremont	19 miles	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		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.51	
2019 Equalization Ratio	101.2	
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.40	

2019 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%

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>
Total Housing Units	1,842	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,426	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	345	
Five or More Units in Structure	45	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	26	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2019	4,009	76,085
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			<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>
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		
High school graduate or higher		95.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher		44.0%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>
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			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	1,987	2,400	
Employed	1,886	2,347	
Unemployed	101	53	
Unemployment rate	5.1%	2.2%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	505	609	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 753	\$ 930	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	751	735	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 689	\$ 802	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,256	1,344	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 714	\$ 860	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	95	183	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 338	\$ 586	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,351	1,527	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 688	\$ 827	

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	175	124		

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	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
Chamberlain Machine, Inc.	Hydrolic 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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		79.4%	
Carpooled, 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	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence		32.5	
Commuting to another NH community		41.0	
Commuting out-of-state		26.5	

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: