

Walpole, NH



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Cheshire
Charlestown, NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

District 2
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Cheshire County Districts 5, 15

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 679 over 50 years, from 2,966 in 1970 to 3,645 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 12 percent increase from 1990 to 2000. The town's population decreased by two percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Walpole was 3,702 residents, which ranked 102nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 103.8 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

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$4,537,202	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2023-2024		\$7,167,706	
Zoning Ordinance		1950/19	
Master Plan		2022	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery		
Appointed:	Conservation; Community Power; Hooper Institute; Recreation; Police Station Building		
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	94
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		Voluntary	
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.33	
2022 Equalization Ratio		99.9	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.27	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		80.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		17.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.5%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		1,640	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,175	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		319	
Five or More Units in Structure		106	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		40	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	3,702		77,350
2020	3,633		76,458
2010	3,734		77,117
2000	3,598		73,993
1990	3,215		70,223
1980	3,188		62,116
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	1,696	Female	1,959
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		362	
Age 5 to 19		548	
Age 20 to 34		740	
Age 35 to 54		821	
Age 55 to 64		424	
Age 65 and over		760	
Median Age		41.2 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		2,624	
High school graduate or higher		91.9%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		34.5%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$38,766	
Median family income		\$99,652	
Median household income		\$71,607	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$52,278	
Female		\$39,375	
Individuals below the poverty level		8.5%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		2,261	2,339
Employed		2,180	2,289
Unemployed		81	50
Unemployment rate		3.6%	2.1%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		504	632
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 857	\$1,125
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		729	772
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 761	\$ 897
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		1,233	1,403
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 800	\$1,000
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		111	165
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 317	\$ 671
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		1,344	1,568
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 760	\$ 965
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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)** District: **SAU 60**

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

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	177	113		

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; Franklin Pierce**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **67**

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.	Hydraulic pump and precision machine parts	50	1949
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
Burdick & Burns, LLC	Grocery store & restaurant	47	2003

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 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.6%
Other means	0.8%
Worked at home	12.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	27.7%
Commuting to another NH community	48.4%
Commuting out-of-state	23.9%

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: