

# Westmoreland, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Selectmen: Monday, Wednesday, 8 am - 5 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 7 pm; Town Clerk: Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 12 noon, 3 pm - 7 pm; TCollector: Tuesday, 8 am - 10 am</b>
County	<b>Cheshire</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Monadnock</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Southwest Region</b>
Regional Development	<b>Monadnock Economic Development Corp.</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 2</b>
State Senate	<b>District 10</b>
State Representative	<b>Cheshire County District 1</b>

**Incorporated:** 1752

**Origin:** This territory was chartered by the Massachusetts government in 1735 as Number 2, being second in the line of Connecticut River fort towns designed to protect the colonies from Indian attack. For a while, the settlement was known as Great Meadows. When New Hampshire became an independent province, Governor Benning Wentworth granted the town to Thomas Chamberlain and others as Westmoreland. The name was in honor of a relative of the Governor, John Fane, seventh Earl of Westmoreland. The meetinghouse in Westmoreland, built in 1762, has a steeple bell cast by the Paul Revere Foundry.

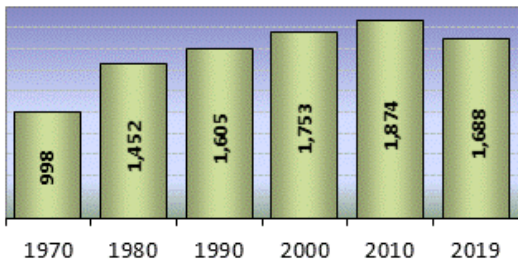
**Villages and Place Names:** East Westmoreland, Gilboa, Poocham, Westmoreland Depot

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 2,018 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Westmoreland totaled 690 over 49 years, from 998 in 1970 to 1,688 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 45 percent between 1970 and 1980, accounting for more than half the total numeric increase. The 2019 Census estimate for Westmoreland was 1,688 residents, which ranked 152nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 47.0 persons per square mile of land area. Westmoreland contains 35.9 square miles of land area and 0.9 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$3,378,907</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$4,033,925</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1957/20</b>
Master Plan	<b>2016</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Budget; Cemetery, Briggs Fund; Trust Funds**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Joint Loss Mgt; Recreation**

Public Library **Westmoreland Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>No</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>11 miles</b>	<b>98</b>
<b>Brattleboro Memorial, Brattleboro VT</b>	<b>14 miles</b>	<b>61</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Limited</b>
Residential	<b>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.85</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>88.6</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.77</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>89.1%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>8.3%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.5%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>714</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>692</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>5</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>14</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>3</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2019	<b>1,688</b>	<b>76,085</b>
2010	<b>1,874</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>1,753</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>1,605</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>1,452</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>998</b>	<b>52,364</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>754</b>	Female <b>858</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>30</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>179</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>250</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>365</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>353</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>435</b>
Median Age		<b>54.4 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>96.9%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>46.0%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$46,703</b>
Median family income	<b>\$98,631</b>
Median household income	<b>\$89,667</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$57,500</b>
Female	<b>\$50,208</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>1.9%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>971</b>	<b>925</b>
Employed	<b>933</b>	<b>908</b>
Unemployed	<b>38</b>	<b>17</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>119</b>	<b>102</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 702</b>	<b>\$1,013</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>136</b>	<b>77</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 664</b>	<b>\$ 982</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>255</b>	<b>180</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 682</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>474</b>	<b>284</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 611</b>	<b>\$ 728</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>729</b>	<b>464</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 636</b>	<b>\$ 833</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Westmoreland operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Keene** District: **SAU 29**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-8</b>			<b>1-8</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>135</b>			<b>10</b>

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Maplewood Nursing Home	Nursing Home	200	
Servpro	Cleaning service	8	
Cox Woodworking	Millwork	5	1981
Westmoreland Wood Products	Woodturning	4	1970

### Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>12, 63</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 3 or 5</b>	
	Distance	<b>10 miles; 11 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey</b>	Runway	<b>6,201 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>54 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>78 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>168 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>111 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>212 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>236 miles</b>

#### COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>3.0%</b>
Other means	<b>10.8%</b>
Worked at home	<b>15.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>24.6 minutes</b>

#### Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

Working in community of residence	<b>19.9</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>64.8</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>15.3</b>

#### RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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