

# Westmoreland, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday, 12 noon - 8 pm, Tuesday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 7:30 am - 2 pm, 6 pm - 8:30 pm, Wednesday, 6 pm - 8:30 pm, Thursday, 7:30 am - 11 am**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Cheshire**  
**Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
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**District 10**  
**Cheshire County District 1**

**Incorporated: 1752**

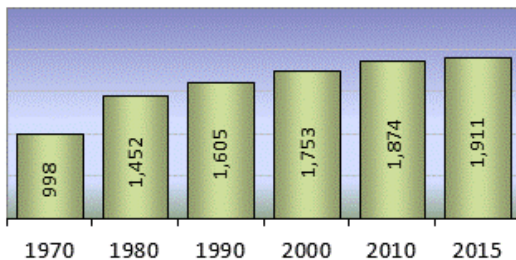
**Origin:** This territory was chartered by the Massachusetts government in 1735 as Number 2, being second in the line of Connecticut River fort towns designed to protect the colonies from Indian attack. For a while, the settlement was known as Great Meadows. When New Hampshire became an independent 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, Pocham, Westmoreland Depot

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



Cheshire County



**Population Trends:** Population change for Westmoreland totaled 990 over 55 years, from 921 in 1960 to 1,911 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 45 percent between 1970 and 1980, accounting for nearly half the total numeric increase. The 2015 Census estimate for Westmoreland was 1,911 residents, which ranked 141st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 53.2 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Surry. 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, 2017   | <b>\$1,448,228</b>    |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018 | <b>\$3,991,060</b>    |
| Zoning Ordinance                         | <b>1957/16</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>108</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>Fairpoint</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>Yes</b>               |
| Residential                          | <b>Yes</b>               |

| <b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i> |                |
|---|----------------|
| 2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)                         | <b>\$24.83</b> |
| 2016 Equalization Ratio   | <b>96.2</b>    |
| 2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)                    | <b>\$23.87</b> |
| 2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type         |                |
| Residential Land and Buildings                                    | <b>89.2%</b>   |
| Commercial Land and Buildings                                     | <b>8.5%</b>    |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other                          | <b>2.3%</b>    |

| <b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>     |            |
|---|------------|
| Total Housing Units                       | <b>737</b> |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | <b>689</b> |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures:      |            |
| Two to Four Units in Structure            | <b>10</b>  |
| Five or More Units in Structure           | <b>29</b>  |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units      | <b>9</b>   |

| <b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i> |              |               |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Total Population                              | Community    | County        |
| 2015  | <b>1,911</b> | <b>76,430</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> |

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015**

| Population by Gender |            |        |            |
|----------------------|------------|--------|------------|
| Male                 | <b>921</b> | Female | <b>990</b> |

| Population by Age Group |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Under age 5             | <b>72</b>         |
| Age 5 to 19             | <b>339</b>        |
| Age 20 to 34            | <b>239</b>        |
| Age 35 to 54            | <b>548</b>        |
| Age 55 to 64            | <b>316</b>        |
| Age 65 and over         | <b>397</b>        |
| Median Age              | <b>49.5 years</b> |

| Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over |              |
|--|--------------|
| High school graduate or higher                       | <b>96.3%</b> |
| Bachelor's degree or higher                          | <b>40.0%</b> |

| <b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>       |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Per capita income   | <b>\$33,110</b> |
| Median family income  | <b>\$79,803</b> |
| Median household income   | <b>\$78,355</b> |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over |                 |
| Male  | <b>\$54,141</b> |
| Female  | <b>\$39,167</b> |
| Individuals below the poverty level                               | <b>7.5%</b>     |

| <b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i> |             |             |  |
|---|-------------|-------------|--|
| Annual Average                          | 2006        | 2016        |  |
| Civilian labor force                    | <b>994</b>  | <b>956</b>  |  |
| Employed                                | <b>966</b>  | <b>937</b>  |  |
| Unemployed                              | <b>28</b>   | <b>19</b>   |  |
| Unemployment rate                       | <b>2.8%</b> | <b>2.0%</b> |  |

| <b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i> |               |               |  |
|--|---------------|---------------|--|
| Annual Average Covered Employment                  | 2006          | 2016          |  |
| Goods Producing Industries                         |               |               |  |
| Average Employment                                 | <b>123</b>    | <b>88</b>     |  |
| Average Weekly Wage                                | <b>\$ 867</b> | <b>\$ 860</b> |  |
| Service Providing Industries                       |               |               |  |
| Average Employment                                 | <b>146</b>    | <b>122</b>    |  |
| Average Weekly Wage                                | <b>\$ 646</b> | <b>\$ 777</b> |  |
| Total Private Industry                             |               |               |  |
| Average Employment                                 | <b>269</b>    | <b>210</b>    |  |
| Average Weekly Wage                                | <b>\$ 747</b> | <b>\$ 811</b> |  |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local)             |               |               |  |
| Average Employment                                 | <b>426</b>    | <b>295</b>    |  |
| Average Weekly Wage                                | <b>\$ 547</b> | <b>\$ 646</b> |  |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government            |               |               |  |
| Average Employment                                 | <b>695</b>    | <b>505</b>    |  |
| Average Weekly Wage                                | <b>\$ 624</b> | <b>\$ 715</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                                 | 1          |                    |             | 1                 |
| Grade Levels                                      | K 1-8      |                    |             | 1-8               |
| Total Enrollment                                  | 138        |                    |             | 10                |

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

| 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 2011-2015)

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Workers 16 years and over  |                     |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | <b>85.7%</b>        |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van   | <b>4.3%</b>         |
| Public transportation      | <b>0.9%</b>         |
| Walked                     | <b>1.4%</b>         |
| Other means                | <b>0.0%</b>         |
| Worked at home             | <b>7.7%</b>         |
| Mean Travel Time to Work   | <b>20.7 minutes</b> |

#### Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

|                                   |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Working in community of residence | <b>19.6</b> |
| Commuting to another NH community | <b>67.9</b> |
| Commuting out-of-state            | <b>12.5</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:   |