

Winchester, NH



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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
District 2
District 10
Cheshire County Districts 13, 15

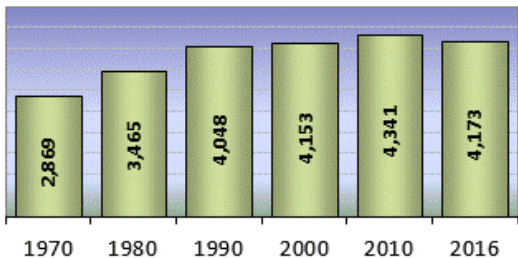
Incorporated: 1753

Origin: This territory was first granted in 1733 to Colonel Josiah Willard who petitioned the Massachusetts government for a tract on the east side of the Connecticut River. The township was identified as a plantation called Arlington, and was incorporated in 1739 without a name, but at the time, the town was referenced as Winchester. After the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border changed, Josiah Willard petitioned the New Hampshire government in 1750 and 1753 for incorporation. The name Winchester was probably in honor of Charles Paulet, Marquis of Winchester, third Duke of Bolton, and constable of the Tower of London.

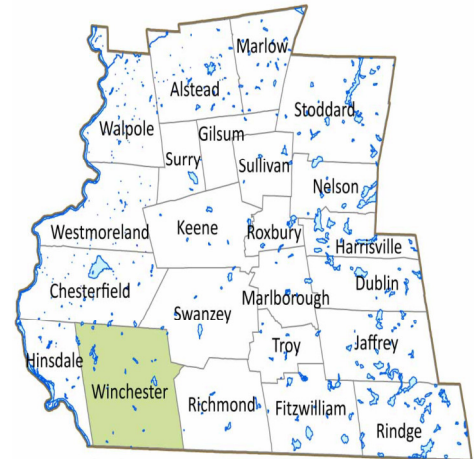
Villages and Place Names: Ashuelot, Camp Forest Lake, Curtis Corner, Scotland

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,209 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Winchester totaled 1,762 over 56 years, from



2,411 in 1960 to 4,173 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 21 percent between 1970 and 1980, which followed a 19 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2016 Census estimate for Winchester was 4,173 residents, which ranked 90th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County

Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 75.9 persons per square mile of land area. Winchester contains 55.0 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$3,567,376
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Zoning Ordinance	1971/13
Master Plan	2008
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning & Zoning Boards

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library**
 Appointed: **Zoning; Conservation**

Public Library **Conant Public; Thayer Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	15 miles	108	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Winchester Water Department	
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal		Private	
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
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>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$30.53		
2016 Equalization Ratio	116.7		
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$35.98		
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	77.0%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.5%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	6.5%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,973		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,171		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	205		
Five or More Units in Structure	108		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	489		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2016	4,173	75,774	
2010	4,341	77,117	
2000	4,153	73,993	
1990	4,048	70,223	
1980	3,465	62,116	
1970	2,869	52,364	

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY				<i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>
Population by Gender				
Male	2,128	Female	2,117	
Population by Age Group				
Under age 5			258	
Age 5 to 19			886	
Age 20 to 34			746	
Age 35 to 54			1,041	
Age 55 to 64			616	
Age 65 and over			698	
Median Age			40.9 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over				
High school graduate or higher				88.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher				11.9%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Per capita income			\$22,402
Median family income			\$53,938
Median household income			\$47,409
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over			
Male			\$35,319
Female			\$35,988
Individuals below the poverty level			11.2%

LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average		2006		2016	
Civilian labor force		2,290		2,070	
Employed		2,199		1,992	
Unemployed		91		78	
Unemployment rate		4.0%		3.8%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2006		2016	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment		355		282	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 541		\$ 723	
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment		336		420	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 432		\$ 531	
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment		691		701	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 488		\$ 608	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment		43		44	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 617		\$ 760	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment		733		745	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 495		\$ 617	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Winchester operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Keene			District: SAU 94
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			
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	434			

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: **2** Total Capacity: **74**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Harborside Applewood	Nursing home	72	1997
Kulick's Inc.	Grocery store, mall	55	1909
Winchester Roll Products, Inc.	Pressure vessels	25	1984
Town of Winchester	Municipal services	22	1753
Winchester Learning Center	Child day care	15	2001
Innovative Machine & Supply	Machine shop	14	1985
Porter's Diesel Service	Truck repair & service	9	1981
Plum Pak	Packaging, manufacturing		2000
RiteAid	Drugstore		2000
Family Dollar	Discount store		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	10, 78, 119
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91, Exit 28 (MA) or Exits 1 - 2 (VT)	
Distance	12 miles; 14 miles	
Railroad	No	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	67 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	4	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	78 miles	
Portland, Maine	169 miles	
Boston, Mass.	98 miles	
New York City, NY	199 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	255 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2012-2016*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	74.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	13.5%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.4%
Other means	1.4%
Worked at home	8.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	31.8
Commuting to another NH community	53.7
Commuting out-of-state	14.5

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	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
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Snow & Okemo Mountains, VT**

Other: **Covered Bridges; Historical Society; Pisgah State Park; Forest Lake; Pickle Festival; Ashuelot River**