

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

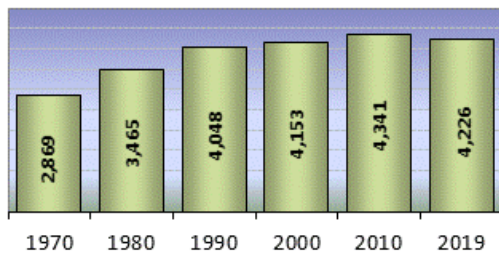
Incorporated: 1753

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 1,357 over 49 years, from 2,869 in 1970 to 4,226 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an



increase of 21 percent between 1970 and 1980, which followed a 17 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Winchester was 4,226 residents, which ranked 90th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 76.9 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.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$4,759,967
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$13,523,587
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	98

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	
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 (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$35.64
2019 Equalization Ratio	94.6
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$33.22

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	76.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	6.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	1,895
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,179
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	200
Five or More Units in Structure	226
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	290

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2019	4,226	76,085
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 (ACS) 2015-2019		
Population by Gender		
Male	1,916	Female 2,324
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	442	
Age 5 to 19	628	
Age 20 to 34	873	
Age 35 to 54	830	
Age 55 to 64	677	
Age 65 and over	790	
Median Age	40.3 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher	85.5%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	11.7%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	\$24,003
Median family income	\$64,201
Median household income	\$50,087
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$38,283
Female	\$30,926
Individuals below the poverty level	19.0%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	2,289	2,013
Employed	2,123	1,954
Unemployed	166	59
Unemployment rate	7.3%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	337	280
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 638	\$ 827
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	377	450
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 447	\$ 599
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	715	730
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 537	\$ 686
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	55	48
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 656	\$ 746
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	770	777
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 546	\$ 690

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	419			

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: **2** Total Capacity: **86**

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 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	13.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.6%
Other means	9.3%
Worked at home	22.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.4 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

Working in community of residence	24.9
Commuting to another NH community	52.5
Commuting out-of-state	22.6

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**