

# Winchester, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Hall, Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 7:30 am - 1:30 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, 7 am - 4:30 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, 7 am - 5:30 pm, Friday 7 am - 1:30 pm**

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 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.

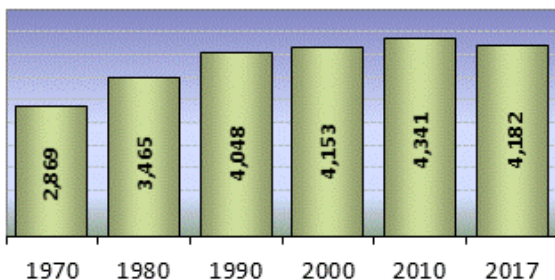
**Villages and Place Names:** Ashuelot, Camp Forest Lake, Curtis Corner, Scotland

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

**Population Trends:** Population change for Winchester totaled 1,771 over 57 years, from 2,411 in 1960 to 4,182 in 2017. 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 2017 Census estimate for Winchester was 4,182 residents, which ranked 90th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County



**Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau):** 76.1 persons per square mile of land area. Winchester contains 54.9 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	<b>\$4,471,425</b>		
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1971/13</b>		
Master Plan	<b>2008</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning &amp; Zoning Boards</b>		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Library</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Conservation</b>		
Public Library	<b>Conant Public; Thayer Public</b>		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</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>15 miles</b>	<b>91</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Winchester Water Department</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>Private</b>		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</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> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)			
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$33.30</b>		
2017 Equalization Ratio	<b>99.5</b>		
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$33.52</b>		
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>77.2%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>17.1%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>6.4%</b>		
<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2013-2017)			
Total Housing Units	<b>2,002</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,197</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>185</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>143</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>477</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	<b>4,182</b>	<b>75,960</b>	
2010	<b>4,341</b>	<b>77,117</b>	
2000	<b>4,153</b>	<b>73,993</b>	
1990	<b>4,048</b>	<b>70,223</b>	
1980	<b>3,465</b>	<b>62,116</b>	
1970	<b>2,869</b>	<b>52,364</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2013-2017			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>2,015</b>	Female	<b>2,206</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>257</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>753</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>817</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,011</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>633</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>750</b>		
Median Age	<b>40.7 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>87.9%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>15.0%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2013-2017)			
Per capita income	<b>\$23,614</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$59,940</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$49,578</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$38,449</b>		
Female	<b>\$37,063</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>8.1%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	<b>2,252</b>	<b>2,014</b>	
Employed	<b>2,151</b>	<b>1,942</b>	
Unemployed	<b>101</b>	<b>72</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>321</b>	<b>290</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 569</b>	<b>\$ 758</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>337</b>	<b>442</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 456</b>	<b>\$ 565</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>658</b>	<b>732</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 511</b>	<b>\$ 641</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>53</b>	<b>46</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 633</b>	<b>\$ 740</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>711</b>	<b>778</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 520</b>	<b>\$ 647</b>	

**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	431			

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
Plum Pak	Packaging, manufacturing	240	2000
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
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	<b>10, 78, 119</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91, Exit 28 (MA) or Exits 1 - 2 (VT)</b>	
Distance	<b>12 miles; 14 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>No</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>No</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>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>67 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	<b>4</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	<b>78 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine	<b>169 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.	<b>98 miles</b>	
New York City, NY	<b>199 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec	<b>255 miles</b>	

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>76.1%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>13.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.5%</b>
Other means	<b>2.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>8.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>25.9 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017**

Working in community of residence	<b>30.8</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>49.1</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>20.1</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	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**