

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 9
Cheshire County Districts 11, 17

Incorporated: 1753

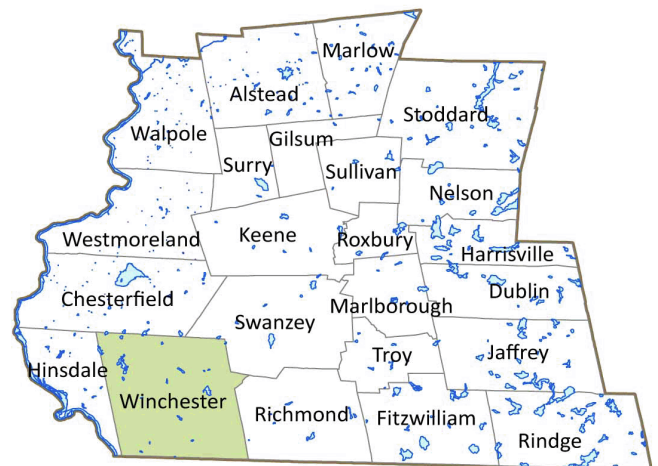
Origin: This territory was first granted in 1733 to Colonel Josiah Willard who petitioned the Massachusetts government for a tract on the east side of the Connecticut River. The township was identified as a plantation called Arlington, and was incorporated in 1739 without a name, but at the time, the 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 1,287 over 50 years, from 2,869 in 1970 to 4,156 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 21 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by four percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Winchester was 4,244 residents, which ranked 92nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 77.2 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, 2021	\$4,685,204
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		Part-time & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	15 miles	94

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	Consolidated Communications
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.70
2022 Equalization Ratio	74.0
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.00
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	70.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	12.3%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	1,832
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,152
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	178
Five or More Units in Structure	282
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	220

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	4,244	77,350	
2020	4,150	76,458	
2010	4,341	77,117	
2000	4,153	73,993	
1990	4,048	70,223	
1980	3,465	62,116	

DEMOGRAPHICS			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender				
Male	1,967	Female	2,204	
Population by Age Group				
Under age 5	341			
Age 5 to 19	694			
Age 20 to 34	901			
Age 35 to 54	861			
Age 55 to 64	769			
Age 65 and over	605			
Median Age	38.0 years			
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 2,763				
High school graduate or higher	85.8%			
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.8%			

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income	\$27,974		
Median family income	\$62,313		
Median household income	\$54,719		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$47,162		
Female	\$42,551		
Individuals below the poverty level	18.7%		

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average	2012	2022		
Civilian labor force	2,181	1,944		
Employed	2,040	1,869		
Unemployed	141	75		
Unemployment rate	6.5%	3.9%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	296	290		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 704	\$ 921		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	358	433		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 495	\$ 692		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	654	724		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 590	\$ 783		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	52	48		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 688	\$ 814		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	706	771		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 597	\$ 785		

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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**

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	357			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce; Antioch New England**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **80**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Kulick's Inc.	Grocery store, mall	25	1909
Winchester Roll Products, Inc.	Pressure vessels	25	1984
Town of Winchester	Municipal services	22	1753
Plum Pak	Packaging, manufacturing	100	2000
RiteAid	Drugstore	16	2000
Harborside Applewood	Nursing home	72	1997
Innovative Machine & Supply	Machine shop	14	1985
Porter's Diesel Service	Truck repair & service	9	1981
Winchester Learning Center	Child day care	15	2001
Family Dollar	Discount store	6	

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 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.3%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	8.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	21.6%
Commuting to another NH community	55.1%
Commuting out-of-state	23.3%

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