

Chichester, NH



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County	Merrimack
Labor Market Area	Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Central NH Regional
Regional Development	Capital Regional Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 4
State Senate	District 17
State Representative	Merrimack County District 20

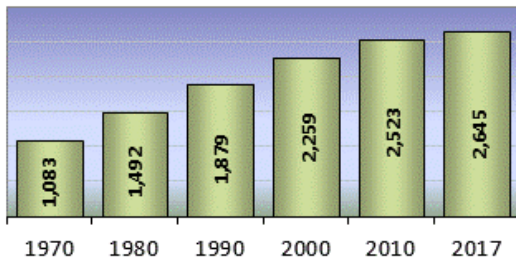
Incorporated: 1727

Origin: Chichester is one of seven towns granted in 1727 when New Hampshire was still a part of Massachusetts. As were several other towns, it was named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle, Earl of Chichester, and England's Secretary of State (1724-1754). Holles was in charge of colonial policy, and was very involved in relations between the American Colonies and England. The charter for Chichester was a pattern for other town charters, requiring the planting and cultivation of land, and building dwelling houses, roads, a schoolhouse, and a church, all within three to five years.

Villages and Place Names: Horse Corner, Kelleys Corner, North Chichester

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 491 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Chichester totaled 1,824 over 57 years, from 821 in 1960 to 2,645 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 38 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 26 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2017 Census estimate for Chichester was 2,645 residents, which ranked 116th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 124.8 persons per square mile of land area. Chichester contains 21.2 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$2,839,736
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$6,332,963
Zoning Ordinance	1962/15
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Cemetery; Library**
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Zoning**

Public Library **Chichester Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department **Full-time**
 Fire Department **Volunteer**
 Emergency Medical Service **Volunteer**

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	10 miles	242

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier **Eversource Energy; Concord Electric**
 Natural Gas Supplier **None**
 Water Supplier **Private wells**

Sanitation **Private septic**
 Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant **No**
 Solid Waste Disposal
 Curbside Trash Pickup **Private**
 Pay-As-You-Throw Program **No**
 Recycling Program **Voluntary**

Telephone Company **Fairpoint; TDS Telecom**
 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)

2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) **\$27.72**
 2017 Equalization Ratio **90.9**
 2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) **\$25.03**

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	82.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.0%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)

Total Housing Units **1,083**

Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	919
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	97
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	67

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

	Community	County
Total Population		
2017	2,645	149,216
2010	2,523	146,445
2000	2,259	136,716
1990	1,879	120,618
1980	1,492	98,302
1970	1,083	80,925

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016

Population by Gender

Male	1,356	Female	1,230
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	156
Age 5 to 19	422
Age 20 to 34	473
Age 35 to 54	709
Age 55 to 64	447
Age 65 and over	379
Median Age	44.3 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	94.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	38.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)

Per capita income	\$36,264
Median family income	\$90,536
Median household income	\$82,928

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male	\$60,667
Female	\$44,792

Individuals below the poverty level **7.2%**

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)

	2007	2017
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,479	1,506
Employed	1,436	1,475
Unemployed	43	31
Unemployment rate	2.9%	2.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)

	2006	2016
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	53	157
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 605	\$ 943
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	479	462
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 717	\$ 881
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	533	619
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 706	\$ 897
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	79	83
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 651	\$ 664
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	612	702
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 699	\$ 869

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Chichester operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pembroke** District: **SAU 53**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	198			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **30**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Weathervane Seafood	Restaurant	100	1983
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	Assessing	27	1985
Clarks Grain Store	Feed dealer	17	1960
Harris Furniture	Retail furniture store	12	1985
Domenic's	Restaurant	8	2004
Hess Station	Convenience store, gas	6	1988
Chuckster's	Mini golf		2007
Tractor Supply Co	Rural retail store		2010

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	4, 202
	State Routes	9, 28, 107
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-393, Exit 3; I-93, Exit 15	
Distance		4 miles; 8 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Concord Municipal	Runway	6,005 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	26 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		27 miles
Portland, Maine		89 miles
Boston, Mass.		77 miles
New York City, NY		274 miles
Montreal, Quebec		256 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.9%
Other means	0.8%
Worked at home	6.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.0 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016

Working in community of residence	14.9
Commuting to another NH community	81.2
Commuting out-of-state	3.9

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	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
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak
	Other: Chuckster's