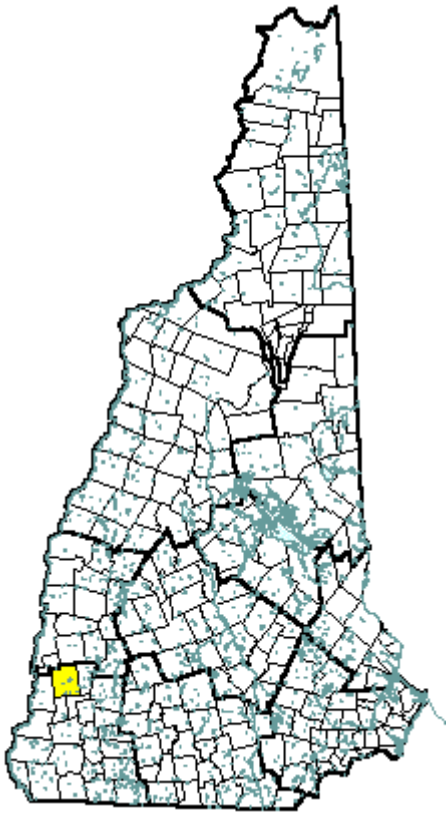


Alstead, NH



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County

Cheshire

Labor Market Area

Keene NH Micro-NECTA

Tourism Region

Monadnock

Planning Commission

Southwest Region

Regional Development

Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 8
Cheshire County District 2

Incorporated: 1763

Origin: Alstead began in 1735 as the fourth in a line of nine forts intended to protect southwestern New Hampshire from Indian attacks. The town was named for Johann Heinrich Alsted, a German professor whose Encyclopaedia (1630) was popular at Harvard, where Governor Benning Wentworth had been a student. According to the Town of Alstead municipal website, Alstead was one of the towns that wavered in its allegiance after the Revolutionary War. In April 1781 the citizens decided to join Vermont, but returned to New Hampshire authority early the next year. Alstead was the location of New Hampshire's first paper mill, established in 1793 on the Cold River.

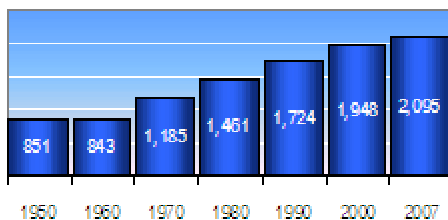
Villages and Place Names: Alstead Center, East Alstead, Mill Hollow

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,111 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Alstead totaled 1,097 over 50 years, from 851 in 1950 to 1,948 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 41 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, close to one-third of the total numeric change. The 2007 Census estimate for Alstead was 2,095 residents, which tied with Hampton Falls in ranking 133rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 51.6 persons per square mile of land area. Alstead contains 39.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2003	\$1,000,000
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1987/06
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

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

Public Library **Shedd-Porter Memorial****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time & volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	17 miles 169
Valley Regional, Claremont	22 miles 25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; Granite State
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	none
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
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 Residential
	Limited Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.83
2007 Equalization Ratio	90.1
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.56
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	96.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.8%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	1,018
2007 Single-Family Units	799
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	9
2007 Multi-Family Units	110
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	20
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	109

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	2,095	77,725
2000	1,948	73,993
1990	1,724	70,223
1980	1,461	62,116
1970	1,185	52,364

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	993	Female	951
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			120
Age 5 to 19			434
Age 20 to 34			268
Age 35 to 54			702
Age 55 to 64			174
Age 65 and over			246
Median Age			39.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			86.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			27.4%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999 (US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$20,444
Median 4-person family income	\$47,311
Median household income	\$43,191
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$35,481
Female	\$23,785
Families below the poverty level	3.5%

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	923	1,196
Employed	887	1,157
Unemployed	36	39
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	121	72
Average Weekly Wage	\$576	\$575
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	67	65
Average Weekly Wage	\$382	\$408
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	188	137
Average Weekly Wage	\$507	\$496
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	19	22
Average Weekly Wage	\$309	\$520
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	207	159
Average Weekly Wage	\$489	\$500

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 is part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)** District: **SAU 60**

Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Center of Applied Science, Keene; Fall Mountain High School, Langdon** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1		
Grade Levels	K 1-5	6-8		
Total Enrollment	121	95		

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **55**

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Blanceflower Lumber	Retail, wholesale lumber	15	1953
Benson's Woodworking Company	Timber frame houses	10	1972
Fuller Machine Company	Job machine shop	5	

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12A, 123, 123A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 6
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Claremont Municipal	Runway	3,100 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	42 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		67 miles
Portland, Maine		152 miles
Boston, Mass.		114 miles
New York City, NY		230 miles
Montreal, Quebec		223 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.1%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	2.9%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	7.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	20%
Commuting to another NH community	65%
Commuting out-of-state	15%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	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
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Okemo
	Other: