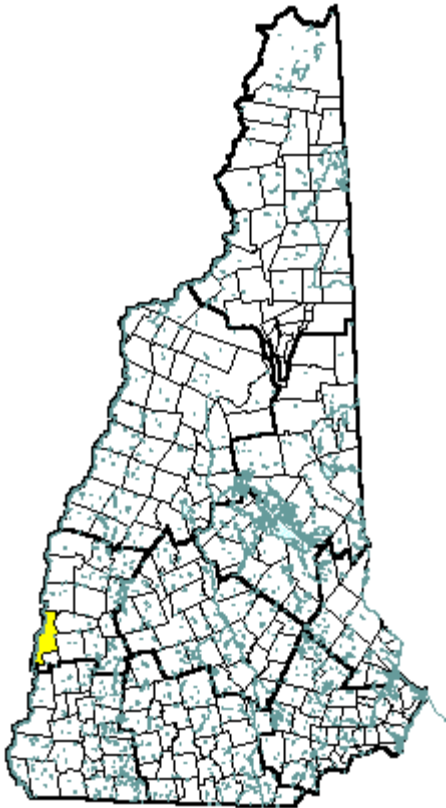


Charlestown, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Sullivan
Charlestown NH LMA
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Upper Valley/Lake Sunapee
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 8
Sullivan County District 5

Incorporated: 1753

Origin: Charlestown was originally the site of Number Four, the fourth in a line of forts on the Connecticut River border established as trading posts by Massachusetts Governor Belcher in 1735. In 1753, Governor Benning Wentworth named the town in honor of his friend, Admiral Sir Charles Knowles of the British Navy, who was then governor of Jamaica. A reproduction of Old Fort Number Four is now a historical site and museum. A historical marker commemorating the fort was erected in 1958—the second marker in the NH Historical Marker Program.

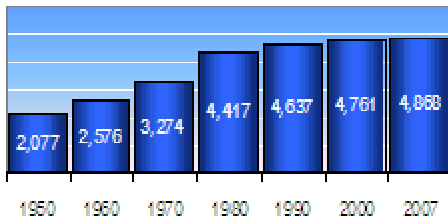
Villages and Place Names: Hemlock Center, North Charlestown, Snumshire, South Charlestown, South Hemlock, Springfield Junction, Trapshire

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,093 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Charlestown totaled 2,684 over 50 years, from 2,077 in 1950 to 4,761 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 35 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; after that, decennial percent change was five percent or less. The 2007 Census estimate for Charlestown was 4,868 residents, which ranked 71st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Sullivan County



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 136.1 persons per square mile of land area. Charlestown contains 35.8 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$3,295,258
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1951/02
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectboard; Planning; Finance; Library; Cemetery; Highway Advisory; Recreation
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Heritage

Public Library **Silby Free Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer & on call
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal, volunteer, & on call

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Valley Regional, Claremont	13 miles	25
Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Windsor VT	19 miles	33

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; National Grid; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Charlestown Municipal Water Department

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory: glass, cardboard only & voluntary

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)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.35
2007 Equalization Ratio	89.9
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.09
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	83.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.5%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	2,202
2007 Single-Family Units	1,154
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	13
2007 Multi-Family Units	342
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	706

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	4,868	42,689
2000	4,761	40,560
1990	4,637	38,652
1980	4,417	36,063
1970	3,274	30,949

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	2,313	Female 2,436

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	272
Age 5 to 19	1,012
Age 20 to 34	740
Age 35 to 54	1,518
Age 55 to 64	529
Age 65 and over	678
Median Age	39.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	81.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	10.8%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$18,654
Median 4-person family income	\$45,172
Median household income	\$38,024

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$31,010
Female	\$22,986

Families below the poverty level **3.5%****LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	2,665	2,596
Employed	2,580	2,501
Unemployed	85	95
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	692	843
Average Weekly Wage	\$467	\$768
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	576	674
Average Weekly Wage	\$402	\$661
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,268	1,517
Average Weekly Wage	\$438	\$721
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	414	472
Average Weekly Wage	\$441	\$630
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,681	1,989
Average Weekly Wage	\$438	\$699

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are 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	2	1		
Grade Levels	K 1-5	6-8		
Total Enrollment	303	193		

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **113**

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Whelen Engineering	Emergency lights	395	1952
Town of Charlestown	Municipal services	130	1753
Fall Mountain Regional School District	Education	125	1964
Design Standards, Inc	Medical instruments	93	1979
Student Conservation Association	Non-Profit youth conservation agency	84	1964
Bomar, Inc.	Marine hardware	80	1974
Merriam Graves Corp.	Welding equip., industrial & medical gases	60	1966
G K N Aerospace	Aircraft engine parts	55	1979
Connecticut River Bank	Banking services	45	1864

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	11, 12, 12A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 7
	Distance	2 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		Yes
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	32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		76 miles
Portland, Maine		166 miles
Boston, Mass.		126 miles
New York City, NY		237 miles
Montreal, Quebec		214 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	14.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.2%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	3.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	32%
Commuting to another NH community	48%
Commuting out-of-state	20%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	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
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Mount Sunapee, Mount Ascutney (VT)
	Other: Fort at No. 4 Museum; Morningside Flight Park