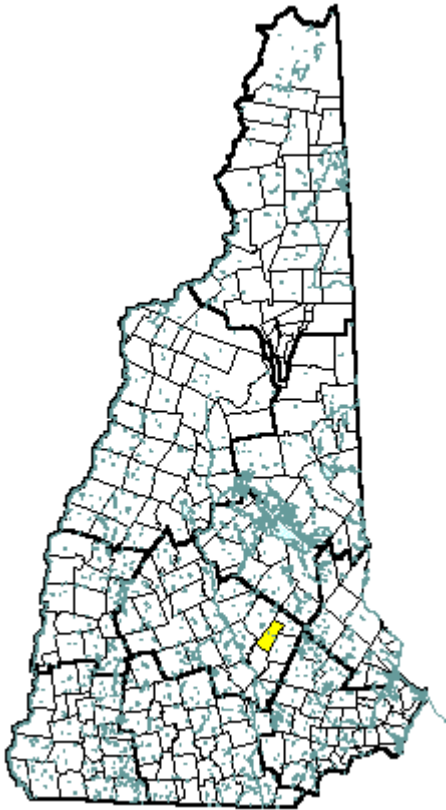


Chichester, NH



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County

Merrimack

Labor Market Area

Concord NH Micro-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 2

State Senate

District 17

State Representative

Merrimack County District 7

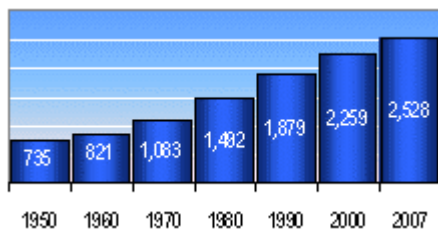
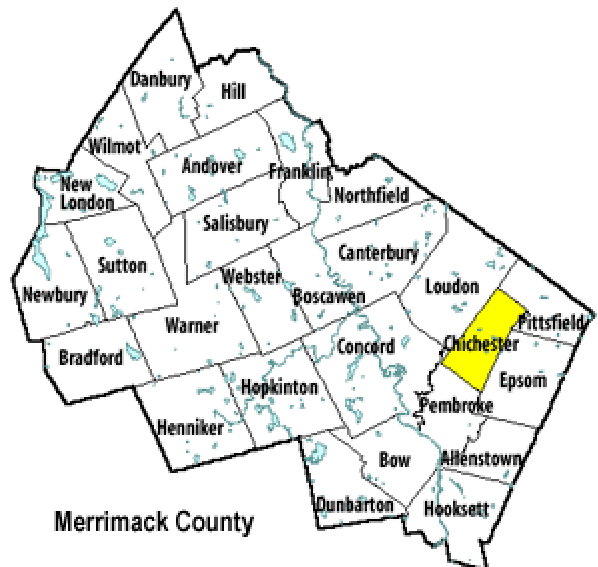
Incorporated: 1727

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 1,524 over 50 years, from 735 in 1950 to 2,259 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 38 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, which followed a 32 percent increase over the previous decade. The 2007 Census estimate for Chichester was 2,528 residents, which ranked 116th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 117.0 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, 2008	\$2,316,515
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008-2009	\$4,938,396
Zoning Ordinance	1962/08
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
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	10 miles 295

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; Concord Electric
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; 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)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.37
2007 Equalization Ratio	84.9
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.93
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.3%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	988
2007 Single-Family Units	841
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	20
2007 Multi-Family Units	61
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	86

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	2,528	148,274
2000	2,259	136,716
1990	1,879	120,618
1980	1,492	98,302
1970	1,083	80,925

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	1,128	Female 1,108

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	136
Age 5 to 19	487
Age 20 to 34	367
Age 35 to 54	828
Age 55 to 64	195
Age 65 and over	223
Median Age	38 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	90.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.2%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$24,115
Median 4-person family income	\$60,333
Median household income	\$56,741
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$38,403
Female	\$28,051
Families below the poverty level	2.3%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	1,371	1,485
Employed	1,348	1,442
Unemployed	23	43
Unemployment rate	1.7%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	37	57
Average Weekly Wage	\$380	\$524
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	238	492
Average Weekly Wage	\$506	\$718
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	274	549
Average Weekly Wage	\$490	\$698
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	70	89
Average Weekly Wage	\$360	\$626
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	344	638
Average Weekly Wage	\$463	\$688

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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 High School; Pembroke Academy** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	242			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **36**

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce Law**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Weathervane Seafood	Restaurant	100	1983
Avitar Associates of New England, Inc.	Assessing	27	1985
Chichester Sawparts	Sawmill construction	17	1992
Clarks Grain Store	Feed dealer	17	1960
Harris Furniture	Retail furniture store	12	1985
Domenic's	Restaurant	8	2004
Chichester Mobil	Auto repair, gas	7	1955
Hess Station	Convenience store, gas	6	1988

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		8

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	26 miles
Portland, Maine	89 miles
Boston, Mass.	76 miles
New York City, NY	280 miles
Montreal, Quebec	260 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.8%
Public transportation	0.7%
Walked	1.7%
Other means	1.3%
Worked at home	4.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:

Working in community of residence	12%
Commuting to another NH community	84%
Commuting out-of-state	4%

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
X Youth Sports: Basketball
Youth Sports: Hockey
X 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): **Pat's Peak**

Other: