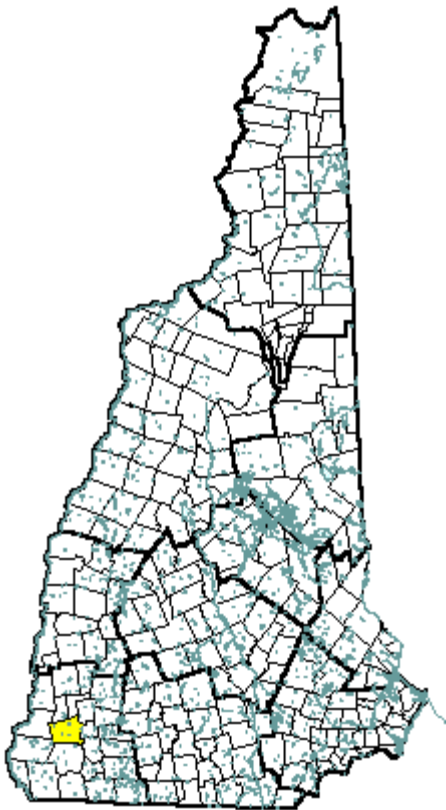


Keene, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Cheshire
Keene NH Micro-NECTA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

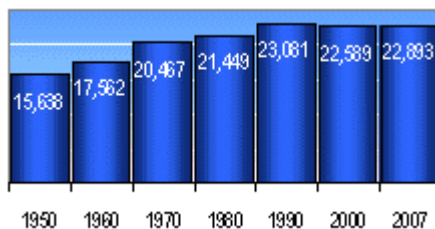
District 2 (All Wards)
District 5 (All Wards)
District 10 (All Wards)
Cheshire County District 3 (All Wards)

Incorporated: 1753

Origin: This territory was first granted in 1735 as Upper Ashuelot to soldiers in the wars against Canada, and intended to be a fort town. Establishment of the Massachusetts-New Hampshire boundary in 1753 made it one of the largest towns in New England. Under regnant by the New Hampshire governor, the town was named in honor of Sir Benjamin Keene of England, an associate of Governor Wentworth in the Spanish West Indies trade. Keene was incorporated as a city in 1873. The Keene Normal School, now Keene State College, was founded here in 1909. The annual Keene Pumpkin Festival has set eight world records for the largest number of lit jack-o-lanterns, reaching 28,952 in 2003.

Villages and Place Names: North Swanzey, South Keene, Marlborough

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,314 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Keene, including resident students, totaled 6,951 over 50 years, from 15,638 in 1950 to 22,589 in 2000.

The largest decennial percent change was 17 percent between 1960 and 1970; the city decreased in population between 1990 and 2000. The 2007 Census estimate for Keene was 22,893 residents, which ranked 11th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County

Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 615.5 persons per square mile of land area. Keene contains 37.1 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Type of Government | Mayor, Council, & Manager |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008-2009 | \$51,589,841 |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2008-2009 | \$56,168,421 |
| Zoning Ordinance | 1927/07 |
| Master Plan | 2005 |
| Capital Improvement Plan | Yes |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By | Planning Board |

Boards and Commissions

| | |
|------------|--|
| Elected: | City Council |
| Appointed: | Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Cemetery |

Public Library **Keene Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Police Department | Full-time |
| Fire Department | Full-time |
| Town Fire Insurance Rating | 4 |
| Emergency Medical Service | Municipal |
| Nearest Hospital(s) | Distance Staffed Beds |
| Cheshire Medical Center, Keene | Local 169 |

UTILITIES

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Electric Supplier | PSNH |
| Natural Gas Supplier | Keene Gas Corp |
| Water Supplier | Keene Water Department |
| Sanitation | Municipal |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | Yes |
| 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 | Yes |
| High Speed Internet Service: | Business Residential |
| | Yes Yes |

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

| | |
|---|----------------|
| 2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$25.79 |
| 2007 Equalization Ratio | 98.7 |
| 2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$25.46 |
| 2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | 65.7% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 33.0% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 1.3% |

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

| | |
|--|--------------|
| 2007 Total Housing Units | 9,579 |
| 2007 Single-Family Units | 4,715 |
| Residential Permits, Net Change of Units | 12 |
| 2007 Multi-Family Units | 4,376 |
| Residential Permits, Net Change of Units | -2 |
| 2007 Manufactured Housing Units | 488 |

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Population | Community | County |
| 2007 | 22,893 | 77,725 |
| 2000 | 22,589 | 73,993 |
| 1990 | 23,081 | 70,223 |
| 1980 | 21,449 | 62,116 |
| 1970 | 20,467 | 52,364 |

Census 2000 Demographics

| | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------|-------------------|
| Population by Gender | | | |
| Male | 10,572 | Female | 11,991 |
| Population by Age Group | | | |
| Under age 5 | | | 944 |
| Age 5 to 19 | | | 5,001 |
| Age 20 to 34 | | | 5,240 |
| Age 35 to 54 | | | 6,053 |
| Age 55 to 64 | | | 1,900 |
| Age 65 and over | | | 3,425 |
| Median Age | | | 35.3 years |

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| High school graduate or higher | 87.3% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 31.9% |

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Per capita income | \$20,544 |
| Median 4-person family income | \$49,935 |
| Median household income | \$37,033 |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers | |
| Male | \$32,720 |
| Female | \$25,488 |
| Families below the poverty level | 5.2% |

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Annual Average | 1997 | 2007 |
| Civilian labor force | 11,865 | 12,205 |
| Employed | 11,543 | 11,808 |
| Unemployed | 322 | 397 |
| Unemployment rate | 2.7% | 3.3% |

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

| | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment | 1997 | 2007 |
| Goods Producing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 3,914 | 3,491 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$651 | \$937 |
| Service Providing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 12,890 | 13,945 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$453 | \$711 |
| Total Private Industry | | |
| Average Employment | 16,804 | 17,436 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$499 | \$756 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | |
| Average Employment | 2,107 | 2,504 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$538 | \$722 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | |
| Average Employment | 18,912 | 19,939 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$503 | \$752 |

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Keene operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 29**
 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 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Grade Levels | P K 1-5 | 6-8 | 9-12 | K 1-8 |
| Total Enrollment | 1,199 | 727 | 1,738 | 456 |

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **28** Total Capacity: **1,025**

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

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

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock-Keene | Health care services | 1,500 | 1892 |
| C & S Wholesale Grocers | Wholesale foods | 755 | 2004 |
| Keene State College | Education | 707 | 1909 |
| Keene School District | Education | 690 | |
| Smith Industrial Medical Systems | Hospital supplies | 600 | 1971 |
| National Grange Mutual Insurance | Insurance services | 540 | 1923 |
| TimKen Super Precision | Mini & precision bearings | 532 | 1941 |
| Liberty Mutual/Peerless Insurance Company | Insurance services | 522 | 1901 |
| Markem Corporation | Industrial marking equipment | 495 | 1911 |
| Janos Technologies | Precision optical products | 110 | 1970 |

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

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **9, 10, 12, 12A, 32, 101**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91 (VT), Exit 3**
 Distance **17 miles**

Railroad **No**
 Public Transportation **Yes**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Dillant-Hopkins, Keene Runway **6,201 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **57 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **8**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **55 miles**
 Portland, Maine **150 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **92 miles**
 New York City, NY **221 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **243 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **76.0%**
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **11.5%**
 Public transportation **0.6%**
 Walked **7.9%**
 Other means **0.6%**
 Worked at home **3.3%**
 Mean Travel Time to Work **16.4 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents:
 Working in community of residence **75%**
 Commuting to another NH community **18%**
 Commuting out-of-state **8%**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
X YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club
X Golf Courses
X Swimming: Indoor Facility
X Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X Bowling Facilities
X Museums
X Cinemas
X Performing Arts Facilities
X Tourist Attractions
X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X Youth Sports: Baseball
X Youth Sports: Soccer
X Youth Sports: Football
 Youth Sports: Basketball
X Youth Sports: Hockey
X Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
 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 Ascutney (VT)**

Other: **Hiking**