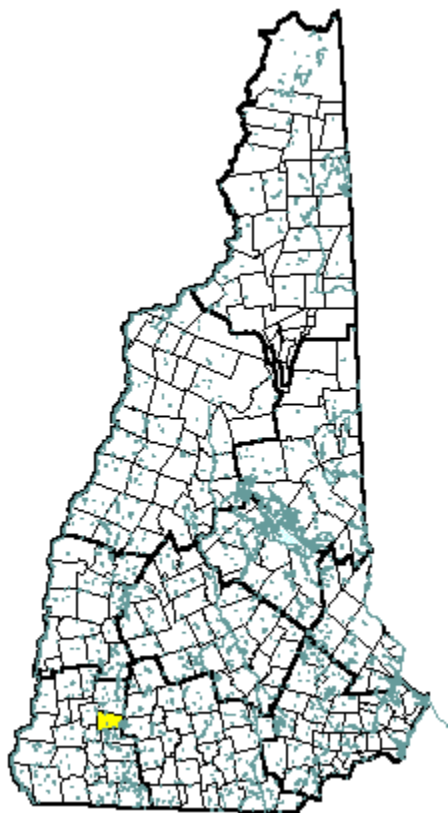


# Nelson, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	Selectmen: Wednesday, 7 pm - 9 pm; Administrative Assistant and Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Tuesday, 9 am - 12 noon, Wednesday, 5 pm - 8 pm, and Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon
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	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 7
State Representative	Cheshire County District 2

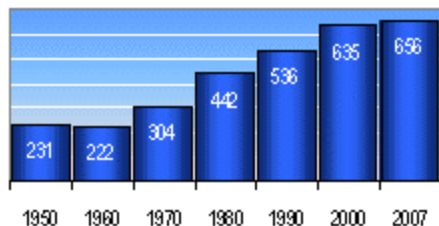
**Incorporated:** 1774

**Origin:** One of the original border towns, this territory was first granted in 1752 as Monadnock No. 6. In 1774, it was renamed Packersfield after Thomas Packer, high sheriff of Portsmouth, who was one of the Masonian Proprietors. In 1777, some residents petitioned to rename the town Sullivan. The petition failed, but in 1786, a portion of the town was combined with part of Gilsun and Keene to form the town of Sullivan. Packersfield kept that name until 1814, when it was renamed in honor of Lord Horatio Nelson, who died on board the British ship Victory in the war against Napoleon.

**Villages and Place Names:** Munsonville

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 721 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Nelson totaled 404 over 50 years, from 231 in 1950 to 635 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 45 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for just over one-third of the total numeric change. The 2007 Census estimate for Nelson was 656 residents, which ranked 211th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area** (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 30.2.9 persons per square mile of land area. Nelson contains 21.9 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	\$581,000
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1970/07
Master Plan	1984
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**

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

Public Library      **Olivia Rodham Memorial**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Part-time
Fire Department	Part-time & volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance    Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>11 miles      169</b>
<b>Monadnock Community, Peterborough</b>	<b>20 miles      25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	none
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	No
Residential	No

**PROPERTY TAXES** *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.49
2007 Equalization Ratio	120.1
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.31
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	98.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	0.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.7%

**HOUSING SUPPLY** *(NH Office of Energy and Planning)*

2007 Total Housing Units	442
2007 Single-Family Units	415
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	3
2007 Multi-Family Units	18
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	9

**DEMOGRAPHICS***(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2007	656	77,725
2000	635	73,993
1990	536	70,223
1980	442	62,116
1970	304	52,364

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	325	Female	309
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			44
Age 5 to 19			139
Age 20 to 34			101
Age 35 to 54			214
Age 55 to 64			68
Age 65 and over			68
Median Age			38.7 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

High school graduate or higher	86.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	46.0%

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999***(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$31,624
Median 4-person family income	\$59,464
Median household income	\$41,250
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$40,577
Female	\$25,000
Families below the poverty level	9.2%

**LABOR FORCE***(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	299	381
Employed	292	371
Unemployed	7	10
Unemployment rate	2.3%	2.6%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES***(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	30	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$271	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	22	35
Average Weekly Wage	\$300	\$294
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	51	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$283	n

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Nelson operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Keene** 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	1			
Grade Levels	R 1-6			
Total Enrollment	42			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

Nearest Community College: **River Valley; Nashua**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
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Not available

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

Road Access US Routes  
 State Routes 9, 123  
 Nearest Interstate, Exit I-91 (VT), Exit 3  
 Distance 28 miles

Railroad No  
 Public Transportation No

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 48 miles  
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 8

Driving distance to select cities:  
 Manchester, NH 49 miles  
 Portland, Maine 147 miles  
 Boston, Mass. 93 miles  
 New York City, NY 230 miles  
 Montreal, Quebec 244 miles

## COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over  
 Drove alone, car/truck/van 84.0%  
 Carpooled, car/truck/van 7.6%  
 Public transportation 0.0%  
 Walked 0.6%  
 Other means 0.6%  
 Worked at home 7.3%  
 Mean Travel Time to Work 25.8 minutes

Percent of Working Residents:  
 Working in community of residence 19%  
 Commuting to another NH community 73%  
 Commuting out-of-state 8%

## 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  
 X 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  
 X 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, Temple Mountain**

Other: **Monadnock Sunapee Trail; Local Artisans Art Gallery; Sucker Brook Cove Wildlife Sanctuary**