

# Winchester, NH

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm**

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**  
**District 5**  
**District 10**  
**Cheshire County District 4**

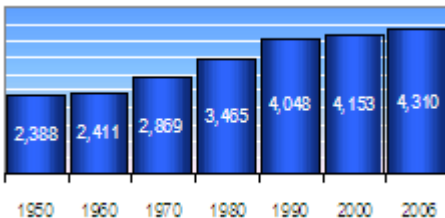
**Incorporated:** 1753

**Origin:** This territory was first granted in 1733 to Colonel Josiah Willard who petitioned the Massachusetts government for a tract on the east side of the Connecticut River. The township was identified as a plantation called Arlington, and was incorporated in 1739 without a name, but at the time, the town was referenced as Winchester. After the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border changed, Josiah Willard petitioned the New Hampshire government in 1750 and 1753 for incorporation. The name Winchester was probably in honor of Charles Paulet, Marquis of Winchester, third Duke of Bolton, and constable of the Tower of London.

**Villages and Place Names:** Ashuelot, Camp Forest Lake, Curits Corner, Scotland

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,209 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Winchester totaled 1,765 over 50 years, from 2,388 in 1950 to 4,153 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 21 percent between 1970 and 1980, which followed a 19 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2006 Census estimate for Winchester was 4,310 residents, which ranked 88th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Cheshire County**

**Population Density, 2006:** 78.4 persons per square mile of land area. Winchester contains 55.0 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	<b>\$3,590,000</b>
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1971/07</b>
Master Plan	<b>1996</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning/Zoning Boards</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning</b>
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Conservation; Library</b>

Public Library **Conant Public; Thayer Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Part-time</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>6/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>15 miles 169</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Winchester Water Dept.</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

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

2006 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.76</b>
2006 Equalization Ratio	<b>92.6</b>
2006 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.74</b>
2006 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>83.2%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>14.8%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.0%</b>

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

2006 Total Housing Units	<b>1,892</b>
2006 Single-Family Units	<b>1,204</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>15</b>
2006 Multi-Family Units	<b>348</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2006 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>340</b>

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

Total Population	Community	County
2006	<b>4,310</b>	<b>77,393</b>
2000	<b>4,153</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>4,048</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>3,465</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>2,869</b>	<b>52,364</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

## Population by Gender

Male	<b>2,038</b>	Female	<b>2,106</b>
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## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>259</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>900</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>769</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,234</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>394</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>588</b>
Median Age	<b>37 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>78.0%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>12.9%</b>

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

Per capita income	<b>\$16,012</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$43,393</b>
Median household income	<b>\$37,364</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$30,399</b>
Female	<b>\$20,682</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>10.0%</b>

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

Annual Average	1996	2006
Civilian labor force	<b>2,087</b>	<b>2,298</b>
Employed	<b>1,987</b>	<b>2,206</b>
Unemployed	<b>100</b>	<b>92</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>

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

Annual Average Covered Employment	1996	2006
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>203</b>	<b>355</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$563</b>	<b>\$541</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>317</b>	<b>336</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$273</b>	<b>\$432</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>521</b>	<b>691</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$386</b>	<b>\$488</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>64</b>	<b>43</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$314</b>	<b>\$617</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>585</b>	<b>733</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$378</b>	<b>\$495</b>

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## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Winchester operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 38**  
 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	P K 1-5	6-8		
Total Enrollment	317	156		

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2007: Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **60**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Claremont**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Plum Pak	Packaging/Manufacturing	215-240	2000
Harborside Applewood	Nursing home	72	1997
Kulick's Inc.	Grocery store, mall	55	1909
Winchester Roll Products, Inc.	Pressure vessels	25	1984
Town of Winchester	Municipal services	22	1753
Winchester Learning Center	Child day care	15	2001
Innovative Machine & Supply	Machine shop	14	1985
Porter's Diesel Service	Truck repair & service	9	1981
RiteAid	Drugstore		2000

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

Road Access US Routes  
 State Routes **10, 78, 119**  
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91, Exit 28 (MA) or Exits 1 - 2 (VT)**  
 Distance **12 miles; 14 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 **67 miles**  
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **8**

Driving distance to select cities:  
 Manchester, NH **66 miles**  
 Portland, Maine **162 miles**  
 Boston, Mass. **89 miles**  
 New York City, NY **200 miles**  
 Montreal, Quebec **259 miles**

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

Workers 16 years and over  
 Drove alone, car/truck/van **82.8%**  
 Carpooled, car/truck/van **11.5%**  
 Public transportation **0.8%**  
 Walked **1.6%**  
 Other means **0.7%**  
 Worked at home **2.7%**  
 Mean Travel Time to Work **27 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents:  
 Working in community of residence **23%**  
 Commuting to another NH community **55%**  
 Commuting out-of-state **22%**

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

- X Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- X Golf Courses
- Swimming: Indoor Facility
- X Swimming: Outdoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
- Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
- X 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
- X Campgrounds
- X Fishing/Hunting
- X Boating/Marinas
- X Snowmobile Trails
- X Bicycle Trails
- X Cross Country Skiing
- X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- X Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Snow & Okemo Mtns, VT**

Other: **Covered Bridges; Historical Society; Pisgah State Park; Forest Lake; Pickle Festival**