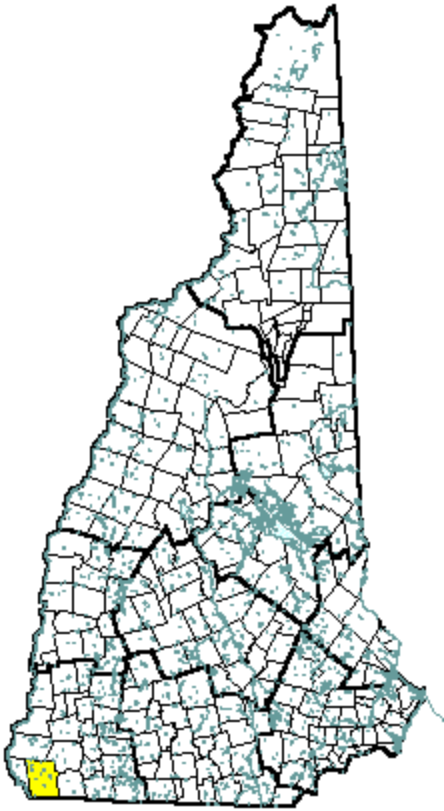


# Winchester, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 7 am - 5:30 pm, closed Friday

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

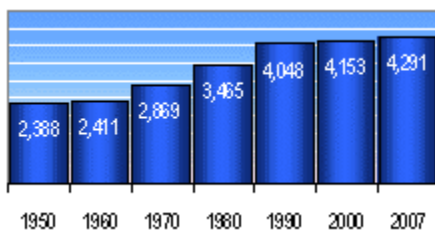
**Incorporated:** 1753

**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.

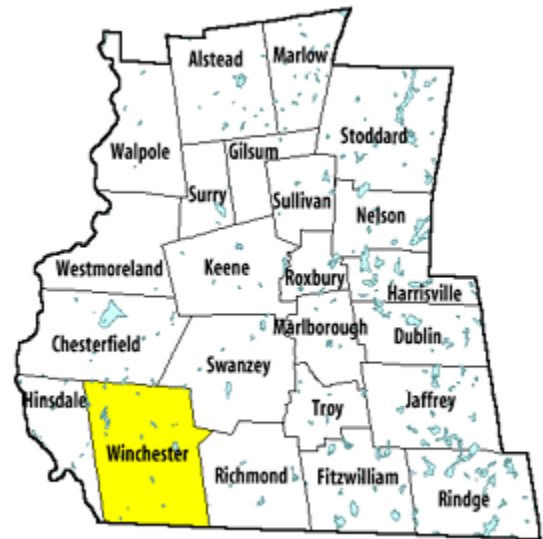
**Villages and Place Names:** Ashuelot, Camp Forest Lake, Curtis Corner, Scotland

**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 2007 Census estimate for Winchester was 4,291 residents, which ranked 88th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County

**Population Density and Land Area** (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 78.9 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	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	\$3,569,865
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Zoning Ordinance	1971/07
Master Plan	1996
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning & Zoning Boards

**Boards and Commissions**

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

Public Library      Conant Public; Thayer Public

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Winchester Water Department
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
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)	\$27.40
2007 Equalization Ratio	90.5
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.08
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	81.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.3%

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

2007 Total Housing Units	1904
2007 Single-Family Units	1,216
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	12
2007 Multi-Family Units	348
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	340

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

Total Population	Community	County
2007	4,291	77,725
2000	4,153	73,993
1990	4,048	70,223
1980	3,465	62,116
1970	2,869	52,364

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	2,038	Female      2,106

**Population by Age Group**

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

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

High school graduate or higher	78.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	12.9%

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

Per capita income	\$16,012
Median 4-person family income	\$43,393
Median household income	\$37,364

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

Male	\$30,399
Female	\$20,682

Families below the poverty level      10.0%

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

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	2,033	2,257
Employed	1,942	2,156
Unemployed	91	101
Unemployment rate	4.5%	4.5%

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

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	221	321
Average Weekly Wage	\$636	\$569
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	325	337
Average Weekly Wage	\$282	\$456
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	546	658
Average Weekly Wage	\$425	\$511
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	65	53
Average Weekly Wage	\$307	\$633
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	611	711
Average Weekly Wage	\$412	\$520

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Winchester operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Keene** 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			
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	458			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 3 Total Capacity: 55

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

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 Mountains, VT**

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