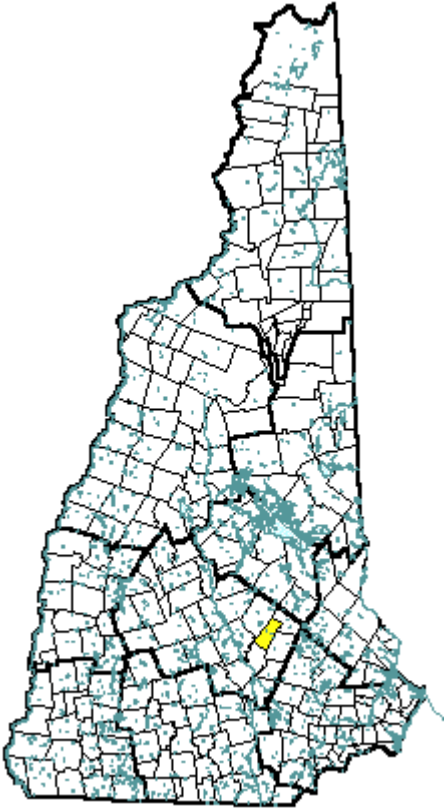


Chichester, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 9 am - 1 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm, Tuesday, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Wednesday and Thursday, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

County

Merrimack

Labor Market Area

Concord NH Micro-NECTA

Tourism Region

Merrimack Valley

Planning Commission

Central NH Regional

Regional Development

Capitol Region Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 17

State Representative

Merrimack County District 7

Incorporated: 1727

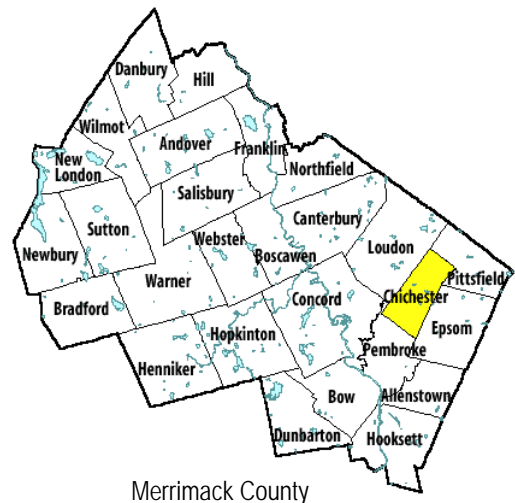
Origin: Chichester is one of seven towns granted in 1727 when New Hampshire was still a part of Massachusetts. As were several other towns, it was named in honor of Thomas Pelham Holles, Duke of Newcastle, Earl of Chichester, and England's Secretary of State.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 491 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Chichester's population grew three times larger over the last fifty years, growing above the statewide average rate over four of the last five decades. Decennial growth rates ranged from 12 percent between 1950-1960 to 38 percent between 1970-1980. Chichester's 1950 population of 735 increased by 1,501 residents, reaching 2,236 residents by the 2000 Census. The 2004 Census estimate for Chichester was 2,482 residents, which ranked 116th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 117.1 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.

Villages and Place Names: Horse Corner, Kelleys Corner, North Chichester



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$1,463,713
Budget: School Appropriations, 2004-2005	\$4,076,982
Zoning Ordinance	1962/04
Master Plan	2005
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

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

Public Library Chichester Town

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Concord Hospital, Concord

Distance: 8 miles Staffed Beds: 202

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	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Verizon; TDS
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.01
2004 Equalization Ratio	90.9
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.37
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.4%
Other Property including Utilities	2.5%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	942
2003 Single-Family Units	796
Building Permits Issued	12
2003 Multi-Family Units	60
Building Permits Issued	0
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	86

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	2,482	145,542
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

(Census 2000)

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

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,253	1,456
Employed	1,222	1,418
Unemployed	31	38
Unemployment rate	2.5%	2.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	47	50	
Average Weekly Wage	\$466	\$551	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	300	432	
Average Weekly Wage	\$341	\$717	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	347	482	
Average Weekly Wage	\$358	\$699	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	41	80	
Average Weekly Wage	\$335	\$552	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	387	562	
Average Weekly Wage	\$355	\$678	

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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	273			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: 3 Total Capacity: 81

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce Law**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Weathervane Seafood	Restaurant	100	1983
Chichester Sawparts	Sawmill construction	17	1992
Clarks Grain Store	Feed dealer	17	1960
Harris Furniture	Furniture retail	12	1985
Chichester Mobil	Auto repair, gas	7	1955
Abundant Life	Woodstove retail	10	1986
Avitar Assoc. of NE., Inc.	Assessing	27	1985
Chichester Country Store	Groceries, fast food	7	1847
Hess Station	Groceries, gas, fast food	6	1988
Domenic's	Restaurant	8	2004

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	4
	State Routes	9, 28
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-393, Exit 3
	Distance	6 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Concord
	Runway	6,005 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	24 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	26 miles
	Portland, Maine	88 miles
	Boston, Mass.	76 miles
	New York City, NY	273 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	260 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

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
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak
	Other: