

Alstead, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectboard: Monday to Thursday, 8-4, closed Fridays; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday and Thursday, 8-4, Tuesday, 8-7, Wednesday, 8-9, closed Fridays

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Cheshire
Charlestown, NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 10
Cheshire County Districts 9, 16

Incorporated: 1763

Origin: Alstead began in 1735 as the fourth in a line of nine forts intended to protect southwestern New Hampshire from Indian attacks. The town was named for Johann Heinrich Alsted, a German professor whose Encyclopaedia (1630) was popular at Harvard, where Governor Benning Wentworth had been a student. According to the Town of Alstead municipal website, Alstead was one of the towns that wavered in its allegiance after the Revolutionary War. In April 1781 the citizens decided to join Vermont, but returned to New Hampshire authority early the next year. Alstead was the location of New Hampshire's first paper mill, established in 1793 on the Cold River.

Villages and Place Names: Alstead Center, East Alstead, Mill Hollow

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,111 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Alstead totaled 684 over 50 years, from 1,185 in 1970 to 1,869 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 23 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population decreased by four percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Alstead was 1,907 residents, which ranked 145th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 48.9 persons per square mile of land area. Alstead contains 39.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$2,778,541
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Zoning Ordinance	1987/10
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Treasurer; Town Clerk/Tax Collector; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Selectboard; Moderator; Check List Supervisor
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation
Public Library	Shedd-Porter Memorial

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	17 miles	94
Valley Regional, Claremont	22 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Granite State; NE Power; Liberty Utilities
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	Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.64
2022 Equalization Ratio	66.6
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.38
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.3%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	997
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	729
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	80
Five or More Units in Structure	71
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	117

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	1,907	77,350	
2020	1,864	76,458	
2010	1,937	77,117	
2000	1,948	73,993	
1990	1,724	70,223	
1980	1,461	62,116	

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	735	Female	891
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			54
Age 5 to 19			204
Age 20 to 34			279
Age 35 to 54			356
Age 55 to 64			328
Age 65 and over			405
Median Age			50.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,345	
High school graduate or higher	95.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income			\$35,233
Median family income			\$68,929
Median household income			\$53,125
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$45,329
Female			\$45,868
Individuals below the poverty level			13.5%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2012	2022		
Civilian labor force	1,114	1,069		
Employed	1,063	1,040		
Unemployed	51	29		
Unemployment rate	4.6%	2.7%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	66	84	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 620	\$ 754	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	86	95	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 709	\$1,056	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	152	179	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 671	\$ 914	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	27	99	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 504	\$ 666	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	178	278	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 646	\$ 826	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARESchools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, District: SAU 60****Walpole)**Career Technology Center(s): **Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Cheshire Career Center (Keene)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	80	99	88	

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; Colby-Sawyer; New England**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Fuller Machine Company	Machine shop	15	1945
AEBI New England	Tractor dealer		2001
Alstead General Store	Convenience store		2012
Kmiec's Garage	Auto repair		
Joe's Automotive Repair	Auto repair & sales		
Gendron-Fisher Automotive Service	Auto repair		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12A, 123, 123A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 6
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Claremont Municipal	Runway	3,098 ft. asphalt
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids? Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	42 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		67 miles
Portland, Maine		160 miles
Boston, Mass.		118 miles
New York City, NY		228 miles
Montreal, Quebec		222 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.2%
Public transportation	0.7%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	6.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	14.2%
Commuting to another NH community	79.8%
Commuting out-of-state	6.0%

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
X	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
	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): **Okemo**