

# Keene, NH



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## Cheshire

Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA

Monadnock

Southwest Region

Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

## District 2 (All Wards)

District 2

District 10 (All Wards)

Cheshire County Districts 1 (Ward 1), 2 (Ward 3), 3 (Ward 5), 4 (Ward 4), 7 (Ward 2), 15 (Wards 1, 3-5), 16 (Ward 2)

**Incorporated:** 1753

**Origin:** This territory was first granted in 1735 as Upper Ashuelot to soldiers in the wars against Canada, and intended to be a fort town. Establishment of the Massachusetts-New Hampshire boundary in 1753 made it one of the largest towns in New England. Under regnant by the New Hampshire governor, the town was named in honor of Sir Benjamin Keene of England, an associate of Governor Wentworth in the Spanish West Indies trade. Keene was incorporated as a city in 1873. The Keene Normal School, now Keene State College, was founded here in 1909. The annual Keene Pumpkin Festival has set eight world records for the largest number of lit jack-o-lanterns, reaching 30,581 in 2013.

**Villages and Place Names:** North Swanzey, South Keene, Marlborough

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,314 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Keene, including resident students, totaled 2,476 over 50 years, from 20,467 in 1970 to 22,943 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was an eight percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The city's population decreased by two percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Keene was 22,774 residents, which ranked 12th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 614.7 persons per square mile of land area. Keene contains 37.0 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Mayor, Council, & Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022-2023		\$74,980,029	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023		\$36,902,208	
Zoning Ordinance		1927/07	
Master Plan		2010	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	City Council		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Cemetery		
Public Library	Keene Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Municipal	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene		Local	94
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Keene Gas Corp	
Water Supplier		Keene Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
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		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$31.03	
2022 Equalization Ratio		81.3	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.61	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		60.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		34.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		5.3%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		10,228	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		5,613	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		1,663	
Five or More Units in Structure		2,556	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		396	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	22,774		77,350
2020	23,047		76,458
2010	23,409		77,117
2000	22,589		73,993
1990	23,081		70,223
1980	21,449		62,116
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	11,399	Female	11,570
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		689	
Age 5 to 19		4,511	
Age 20 to 34		5,899	
Age 35 to 54		5,224	
Age 55 to 64		2,499	
Age 65 and over		4,147	
Median Age		36.9 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 14,878			
High school graduate or higher		92.9%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		42.0%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$33,958	
Median family income		\$86,992	
Median household income		\$63,490	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$56,649	
Female		\$45,785	
Individuals below the poverty level		11.6%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		12,547	11,107
Employed		11,921	10,802
Unemployed		626	305
Unemployment rate		5.0%	2.7%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		2,693	2,167
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,032	\$1,288
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		13,565	11,981
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 807	\$1,116
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		16,258	14,148
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 845	\$1,143
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		2,566	2,223
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 882	\$1,108
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		18,824	16,371
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 850	\$1,138
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**Schools students attend: **Keene operates grades K-12**District: **SAU 29**Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>1,126</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>489</b>

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; Franklin Pierce**

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

Total Facilities: **13** Total Capacity: **1,013**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timken Super Precision	Mini & precision bearings	267	1941
Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic-Keene	Health care services	1,531	1892
Imaje Corporation	Industrial marking equipment	400	1911
National Grange Mutual Insurance	Insurance services	311	1923
Keene State College	Education	687	1909
Smith Industrial Medical Systems	Hospital supplies	350	1971
Keene School District	Education	846	
C & S Wholesale Grocers	Wholesale foods	1,200	2004
Janos Technologies	Precision infared optics	75	1970
Samson Manufacturing	Firearms manufacturer	55	2013

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>9, 10, 12, 12A, 32, 101</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 3</b>
	Distance	<b>17 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>City Express</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey</b>	Runway	<b>6,201 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>57 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>65 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>157 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>98 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>223 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>243 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>68.1%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>10.7%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.2%</b>
Walked	<b>5.7%</b>
Other means	<b>2.9%</b>
Worked at home	<b>12.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>16.3 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>74.2%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>20.3%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.5%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
<b>X</b>	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Ascutney (VT)</b>
	Other: <b>Hiking</b>