

Nelson, NH



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Selectmen: meet every other Wednesday at 3; Administrative Assistant, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector: Tuesday, 9-6, Thursday 9-12, or by appointment

Cheshire

Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA

Monadnock

Southwest Region

Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

District 2

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District 10

Cheshire County Districts 8, 16

Incorporated: 1774

Origin: One of the original border towns, this territory was first granted in 1752 as Monadnock No. 6. In 1774, it was renamed Packersfield after Thomas Packer, high sheriff of Portsmouth, who was one of the Masonian Proprietors. In 1777, some residents petitioned to rename the town Sullivan. The petition failed, but in 1786, a portion of the town was combined with part of Gilsum and Keene to form the town of Sullivan. Packersfield kept that name until 1814, when it was renamed in honor of Lord Horatio Nelson, who died on board the British ship Victory in the war against Napoleon.

Villages and Place Names: Munsonville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 721 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Nelson totaled 327 over 50 years, from 304 in 1970 to 631 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 45 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by 13 percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Nelson was 647 residents, which ranked 213th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 29.5 persons per square mile of land area. Nelson contains 22.0 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$1,144,891	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022		\$2,282,201	
Zoning Ordinance		1970/21	
Master Plan		2009	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery; Highway Equip.; Fire & Rescue Equip.		
Appointed:	Conservation; Agricultural		
Public Library	Olivia Rodham Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		On-Call	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene		11 miles	94
Monadnock Community, Peterborough		20 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		None	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.12	
2022 Equalization Ratio		99.8	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.04	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		94.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		2.1%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.4%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		453	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		414	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		9	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		30	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	647		77,350
2020	629		76,458
2010	729		77,117
2000	635		73,993
1990	536		70,223
1980	442		62,116
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	266	Female	320
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			36
Age 5 to 19			68
Age 20 to 34			82
Age 35 to 54			108
Age 55 to 64			132
Age 65 and over			160
Median Age			54.9 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		463	
High school graduate or higher			97.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			56.6%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$51,670
Median family income			\$99,286
Median household income			\$87,083
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$52,500
Female			\$61,500
Individuals below the poverty level			8.5%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		453	419
Employed		436	411
Unemployed		17	8
Unemployment rate		3.8%	1.9%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		n	15
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 842
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		n	28
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 894
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		n	43
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 876
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		18	18
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 547	\$ 625
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		n	61
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 801
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Nelson operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are tuitioned to Keene**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE**

District: **SAU 29**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	59			

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

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

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **8**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Not Available			

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	9, 123
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 3	
	Distance	28 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	48 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		58 miles
Portland, Maine		150 miles
Boston, Mass.		87 miles
New York City, NY		233 miles
Montreal, Quebec		252 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	71.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	4.8%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	15.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	20.4%
Commuting to another NH community	75.1%
Commuting out-of-state	4.5%

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
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak, Granite Gorge
	Other: Boat Landing; Monadnock Sunapee Trail; Local Artisans Art Gallery; Sucker Brook Cove Wildlife Sanctuary; Partridge Woods Hiking Trails