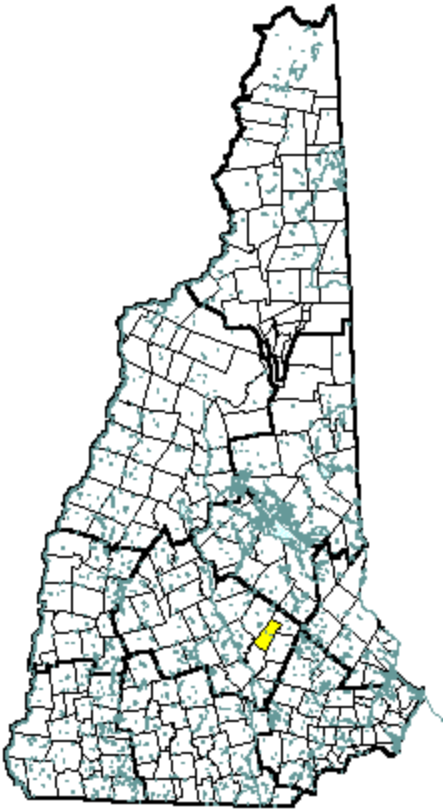


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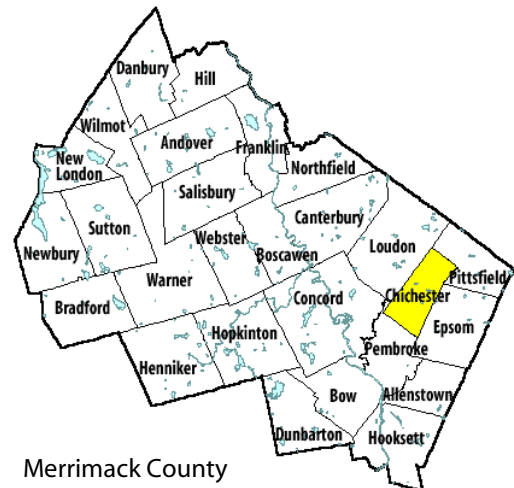


Incorporated:	1727
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City/Town Office Hours:	<b>Monday through Friday, 9 am – 12 noon</b>
County:	<b>Merrimack</b>
Labor Market Area:	<b>Concord</b>
Planning Commission:	<b>Central NH Regional</b>
Tourism Region:	<b>Merrimack Valley</b>

**Demographics, 2000 Census:** From 1990 to 2000, Chichester's population grew by 15.1 percent to 2,236, adding 294 residents. The median age is 38.0, with 25.5 percent of the population under the age of 18 and 10.0 percent age 65 and older. The total number of households is 823, with an average size of 2.71 persons. Of those, 638 are family households, with an average size of 3.04 persons. As of April 1, 2000, there were 849 total housing units.

**Population density, 2000:** 105.5 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.

**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.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

City/Town Office Hours:  
**M-F 9-12**

Type of Government **Selectmen**  
 Annual Budget (1999) **\$846,753**  
 Planning Board **Appointed**  
 Industrial Plans Reviewed By **Planning Board**  
 Zoning **1962/96**  
 Master Plan **1997**  
 Capital Improvement Plan **Yes**

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, Concord**  
 Distance: **8 miles** Beds: **188**

**TAXES**

2001 Total Tax Rate **\$28.62**  
 2001 Equalization Ratio **0.68**  
 2001 Full Value Tax Rate **\$19.58**

2001 Property Valuation: Residential **85.1%**  
 Commercial **10.9%**  
 Other **4.0%**

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier **PSNH; Concord Electric**  
 Natural Gas Supplier **None**  
 Water Supplier **Private wells**

Sanitation **Private septic**  
 Municipal Treatment Plant **No**  
 Curbside Trash Pickup **No**  
 Mandatory Recycling Program **Yes**

Telephone Company **Verizon; TDS**  
 Cellular Telephone Access **Yes**  
 Cable Television Access **Yes**

**HOUSING**

**2000**  
 Total Housing Units **849**

Single-Family Units **707**  
 Building Permits Issued **33**  
 Multi-Family Units **60**  
 Building Permits Issued **0**  
 Manufactured Housing Units **82**

Median Value, Owner-Occupied Housing **\$120,000**  
 Median Gross Rent (monthly) **\$575**

**DEMOGRAPHICS****(US CENSUS)**

Total Population	Community	County
2000	<b>2,236</b>	<b>136,225</b>
1990	<b>1,942</b>	<b>120,005</b>
1980	<b>1,492</b>	<b>98,302</b>
1970	<b>1,083</b>	<b>80,925</b>

Population by Gender, 2000  
 Male **1,128** Female **1,108**

Population by Age Group, 2000

Under age 5	<b>136</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>487</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>367</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>828</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>195</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>223</b>

Median Age **38 years**

Total Households	<b>827</b>	Ave. Size	<b>2.71 persons</b>
Total Families	<b>640</b>	Ave. Size	<b>3.04 persons</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>90.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>25.2%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999****(US CENSUS)**

Per capita income	<b>\$24,115</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$60,333</b>
Median household income	<b>\$56,741</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	<b>\$38,403</b>
Female	<b>\$28,051</b>

Families below the poverty level **2.3%**

**TRANSPORTATION**

Road Access	Federal Routes	<b>4</b>
	State Routes	<b>9, 28</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-393, Exit 3</b>
	Distance	<b>6 miles</b>

Railroad	<b>No</b>
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>

Nearest Airport	<b>Concord</b>
Runway	<b>6,005 feet</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigational Aids? <b>Yes</b>

Nearest Commercial Airport	<b>Manchester</b>
Distance	<b>24 miles</b>

**DISTANCE TO**

Manchester, NH	<b>26 miles</b>
Portland, ME	<b>88 miles</b>
Boston, MA	<b>76 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>273 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>260 miles</b>

## EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES

	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Primary & Secondary				
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K-8			
Total Enrollment	261			

If no schools, district students attend: **Pembroke Academy**

Distance: **10 miles**

Regional Career Technology Center(s): **Concord High School; Pembroke Academy**

Region: **11**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2001: 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
Avitar Assoc. of NE., Inc.	Assessing	27	1985
Chichester Sawparts	Sawmill construction	17	1992
Clarks Grain Store	Feed dealer	17	1960
Harris Furniture	Furniture retail	12	1985
Abundant Life	Woodstove retail	10	1986
Maria's	Restaurant	8	2002
Chichester Mobil	Auto repair, gas	7	1955
Chichester Country Store	Groceries, gas	7	1847
Cross Roads Convenience	Groceries, gas	6	1988

## LABOR FORCE

	1990	2001
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,042	1,476
Employed	1,002	1,450
Unemployed	40	26
Unemployment rate	3.8%	1.8%

## COMMUTING TO WORK, 2000

(US CENSUS)

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**

## EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1991

2000

Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	34	19
Average Weekly Wage	\$445	\$366
Non-Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	273	307
Average Weekly Wage	\$242	\$615
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	306	326
Average Weekly Wage	\$265	\$601
Government		
Average Employment	36	82
Average Weekly Wage	\$301	\$368
Total, Private plus Government		
Average Employment	343	408
Average Weekly Wage	\$268	\$554

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## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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
	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

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

Other: