

Area Map



Driving Times:

Brattleboro, VT	Concord, NH	Manchester, NH	Nashua, NH	Portsmouth, NH	Salem, NH	Worcester, MA	Boston, MA
30 Min	59 Min	60 Min	80 Min	90 Min	90 Min	90 Min	120 Min



Keene, NH Community Profile



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County: Cheshire
Labor Market Area: Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region: Monadnock
Planning Commission: Southwest Region
Regional Development: Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts:

US Congress: District 2 (All Wards)
Executive Council: District 2 (All Wards)
State Senate: District 10 (All Wards)
State: Cheshire County Districts 2, 16 (Ward 1), 5, 16 (Ward 2), 6, 16 (Ward 3)
Representative: 7, 16 (Ward 4), 8, 16 (Ward 5)

Incorporated: 1753



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Origin:

This territory was first granted in 1753 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 regrant 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 town hosts various street festivals annually for the community at large.

Population, Year of First Census:

1,314 residents in 1790

Population Trends:

Population change for Keene, including resident students, totaled 2,319 over 49 years, from 20,467 in 1970 to 22,786 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an eight percent increase between 1980 and 1990; the city decreased in population between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 census estimate for Keene was 22,786 residents, which ranked 11th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density & Land Area, 2019:

615.0 persons per square mile of land. Keene has 37 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



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Municipal Services:

Type of Gov.:	Mayor, Council, & Manager
Budget: Municipal: Appropriations, 2020-2021:	\$65,171,200
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Zoning Ordinance:	1927/07
Master Plan:	2010
Capitol 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 Dept.:	Full-Time
Fire Dept.:	Municipal
Emergency Medical Services:	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s):	Cheshire Medical Center, Keene

Utilities:

Electric Supplier:	Eversource Energy
Water Supplier:	Keene Water Dept.
Sanitation:	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant:	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal: Curbside Trash Pickup:	None
Pay-as-you-throw Program:	Yes
Recycling Program:	Mandatory
Telephone Company:	Consolidated Communications

Population: 1-year Estimates/Decennial

Total Population:	Community:	County:
2019	22,786	76,085
2010	23,409	77,117
2000	22,589	73,993
1990	23,081	70,223
1980	21,449	62,116
1970	20,467	52,364

Demographics: 2015-2019

Population by Gender:

Male:	10,758
Female:	12,195

Population by Age Group:

Under Age 5:	878
Age 5 to 19:	4,730
Age 20 to 34:	5,649
Age 35 to 54:	4,957
Age 55 to 64:	2,557
Age 65 and Over:	4,182
Median Age:	36.4 Years

Educational Attainment, Pop. 25 Years and Over:

High School Graduate or Higher:	92.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher:	41.8%



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Income, Inflation Adjusted \$

Per Capita Income:	\$30,993
Median Family Income:	\$79,268
Median Household Income:	\$56,971
Median Earnings, Full-Time, Year-Round Workers, 16 Years and Over:	
Male:	\$60,793
Female:	\$56,971
Individuals Below the Property Level:	12.6%

Labor Force:

Annual Average:	2009:	2019:
Civilian labor Force:	12,170	11,815
Employed:	11,533	11,492
Unemployed:	637	323
Unemployment Rate:	5.2%	2.7%

Property Taxes:

2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of Value):	\$37.60
2019 Equalization Ratio:	95.0
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of Value):	\$34.17
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Value by Property Type:	
Residential Land & Buildings:	58.3%
Commercial Land & Buildings:	37.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, & Other:	4.0%

Housing:

Total Housing Units:	9,980
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached:	5,322
2-4 Units in Structure:	1,871
5 or More Units in Structure:	2,438
Mobile Homes & Other Housing:	349

Cellular Telephone Access:	Yes
Cable Television Access:	Yes
Public Access Television Station:	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business:	Yes
Residential:	Yes

Employment & Wages:

Annual Average Covered Employment:	2009:	2019:
Goods Producing Industries:		
Average Employment:	3,037	2,237
Average Weekly Wage:	\$958	\$1,208

Service Providing Industries:

Average Employment:	13,431	12,826
Average Weekly Wage:	\$768	\$949

Total Private Industry:

Average Employment:	16,468	15,063
Average Weekly Wage:	\$803	\$987

Government (Federal, State, & Local):

Average Employment:	2,444	2,407
Average Weekly Wage:	\$806	\$966

Total, Private Plus Government:

Average Employment:	18,912	17,470
Average Weekly Wage:	\$806	\$984



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Education and Child Care:

Schools Students Attend: Keene Operates Grades K-12 SAU 29
 Career Technology Center(s): Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Region: 13
 Mountain RHS - CTE

Education Facilities (Including Charters):

	Elementary:	Middle/Junior High:	High School:	Private:
Number of Schools:	5	1	2	4
Grade Levels:	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment:	1,226	714	1,457	383
2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities:	13			
Total Capacity:	949			
Nearest Community/Technical College:	River Valley			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	Keene State; Antioch New England; Franklin Pierce University			

Largest Businesses:

	Product/Services:	Employees:	Established:
TimKen Super Precision:	Mini & Precision Bearings	267	1941
Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth Hitchcock Clinic-Keene:	Health Care Services	1,561	1892
Imaje Corporation:	Industrial Marking	400	1911
National Grange Mutual Insurance:	Insurance Services	311	1923
Keene State College:	Education	789	1909
Smith Industrial Medical Systems:	Hospital Supplies	350	1971
Keene School District:	Education	1,100	
C&S Wholesale Grocers:	Wholesale Foods	1,200	2004
Janos Technologies:	Precision Infrared Optics	75	1970

Recreation, Attractions, and Events:

Municipal Parks	Cinemas
YMCA/YWCA	Performing Arts Facilities
Golf Courses	Tourist Attractions
Swimming: Indoor Facility	Mount Monadnock
Swimming: Outdoor Facility	Youth Organizations (i.e. Scouts, 4-H)
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility	Youth Sports: Baseball
Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility	Youth Sports: Soccer
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility	Youth Sports: Football
Bowling Facilities	Youth Sports: Hockey
Museums	Campgrounds

