

Chester

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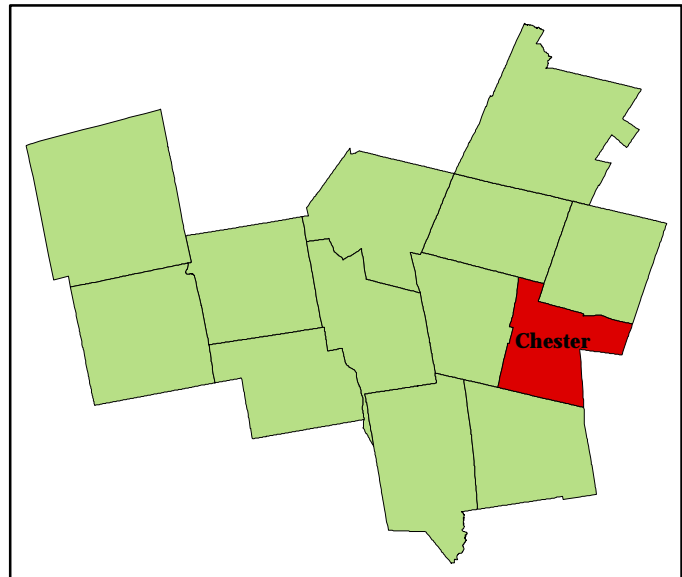
County	Rockingham
Date of Incorporation	1722
Labor Market Area	Lawrence, MA-NH
Planning Region	Southern NH

FlashFacts

Population

	1980	1990	2000
Total	2,006	2,691	3,792
Male	975	1,351	1,875
Female	1,031	1,340	1,917
Median Age (years)	n/a	33.1	35.7
Regional Rank in Total Population	11th	13th	12th

US Census



Geography

	1990	2000
Total Area (square miles)	26.1	26.1
Population per square mile	103.0	145.2
Regional Rank in Total Area	13th	13th
Regional Rank in population per square mile	11th	9th

SNHPC Data

Community Resources

	2004
Assisted Housing Units	0
Main Street Program	No
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities	9
Public Transit	No
Regional Ranking in Assisted Housing Units	8th (tie)
Regional Ranking in NH Licensed Child Care Facilities	8th

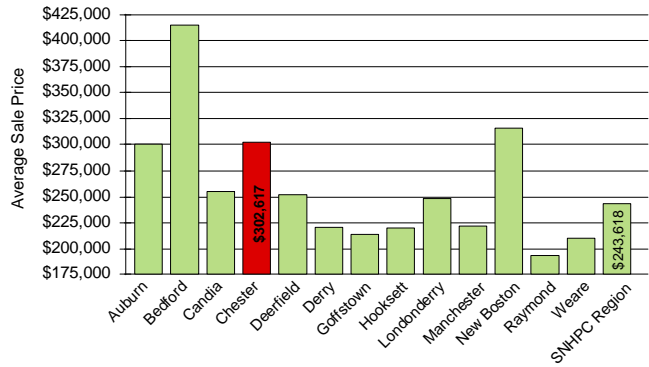
NHHFA 2004 Directory of Assisted Housing
Child Care Resource and Referral, 2004
Manchester Transit Authority Routing Information, 2004

Housing

	1990	2000
Total Households	862	1,214
Average Household Size	3.12	3.09
Total Housing Units	924	1,247
Occupied Housing Units	862	1,214
Vacant Housing Units	62	33
Units for Seasonal, Recreational or Occasional Use	6	11
Homeowner Vacancy Rate (percent)	2.3	0.8
Rental Vacancy Rate (percent)	1.2	4.5
Regional Ranking in Average Household Size	3rd	1st



Average Sale Price of Residential Units in the SNHPC Region:
October 2003 - September 2004



SNHPC Data

Zoning Provisions for Child Care & Elderly Housing in the SNHPC Region

Municipality	Child Care	Elderly Housing
Auburn	X	*
Bedford	X	X
Candia	X	X
Chester	X	*
Deerfield	X	*
Derry	X	*
Goffstown	X	X
Hooksett	X	X
Londonderry	X	X
Manchester	X	*
New Boston	X	*
Raymond	X	X
Weare	X	*

Current Community Zoning Ordinance

"X" indicates a permitted use in community zoning

* Although not specifically noted in the zoning, elderly housing can exist in certain areas

Education

Public School Enrollment

	2003	2004
Preschool/Kindergarten	25	25
Chester Academy (Grades 1-8)	604	658
High School	291	308
2000 Pop. less than 5 years of age	315	

SAU #14 Epping Office

The Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA) supports affordable housing and economic development activities that benefit low and moderate income citizens. CDFA accomplishes these objectives by providing technical assistance and financial support to non-profit community development organizations, cooperatives, and other volunteer citizen groups that are engaged in these activities. The Authority is particularly interested in the more economically distressed areas of the State.



For more Chester Information:
www.snhpc.org

Unless otherwise noted, all information was obtained from the 2000 U.S. Census.

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Employment

	1990	2003
Annual Average Labor Force	1,641	2,554
Employment	1,543	2,415
Unemployment	98	139
Unemployment Rate (percent)	6.0	5.4
Regional Rank in Unemployment Rate	6th	3rd

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau

Commuting to Work

	2000
Workers (16 years+)	2,013
Vehicle-drove alone	1,695
Vehicle-carpoled	136
Pub. Trans. (including taxis)	25
Walked	13
Other means	-
Worked at home	144
Mean Travel Time (minutes)	32.2
Mean Vehicles per Household	2.23

US Census

Largest Employers

	# of Emp.
Genesis Woodcraft	18
Stone Machine Co., Inc.	15

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NHDES

Tax Rates

	1990	2003
Full Value Tax Rate	\$17.18	\$17.96
Regional Rank in Full Value Tax	12th	5th

NH Department of Revenue Administration

Some of the services provided by the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission to its member communities include:

- Periodic update of municipal zoning maps
- Periodic update of municipal base maps
- Provide copies of Commission reports, statistical data, and graphic resources for municipal use
- Prepare and interpret model local codes and ordinances
- Provide staff consultation on federal application procedures
- Provide traffic counts at locations requested by local officials

