

Economic Assets Profile

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US Congress	District 1	Carol Shea-Porter	
Executive Council	District 3	Beverly Hollingworth	
State Senate	District 17	John Barnes, Jr.	
State Representatives	Hillsborough County District 7	Joseph Hagan	
	Gene Charron	Elisabeth Sanders	
	James Devine		

Town of Chester
www.chesternh.org

Rockingham County
www.co.rockingham.nh.us

Rockingham Economic Development Corporation
www.redc.com

Metro Center – NH
www.manchester-chamber.org

SNHPC Region
www.snhpc.org

County	Rockingham
Date of Incorporation	1722
Labor Market	Nashua NH Metro-NECTA (New England City and Town Area)
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Southern NH Planning
Regional Economic Development	METRO CENTER NH Rockingham Econ. Dev. Corp
Zoning Ordinance	1960/09
Master Plan	2006

Source: NH Employment Security ELMIB

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations (2008)	\$3,310,470
Budget: School Appropriations	\$10,527,464
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Development Plans Reviewed by	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Conservation
	Library
	Budget
	Treasurer
	Road Agent
	Town Clerk/Tax Collector
	Moderator
Public Library:	Chester Public

Source: NH Employment Security ELMIB

Chester's Key Economic Assets and Strengths

- Access to NH Route 101 East
- Chester College of New England
- Highly educated workforce
- Comprehensive zoning

Source: Municipal SWOT Analysis, February 2010

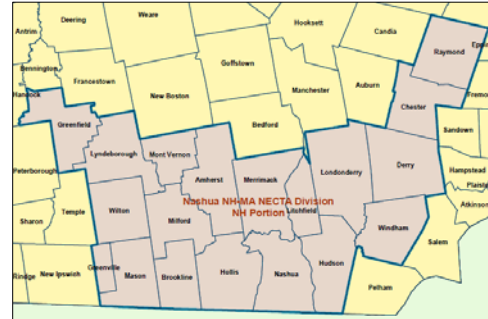
Chester at a Glance

Geography

Total Area (sq mile)	26.1
Total Land	26.0
Total Water	0.1

Source: NH Employment Security ELMIB

Nashua, NH Metro NECTA Map



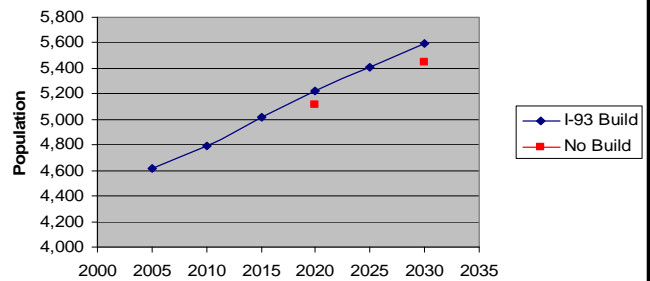
Source: NHHFA
NECTA: New England City and Town Area

Population

Total 2008 (OEP)	4,621
2000 Census Data	
Male	1,875
Female	1,917
Median Age	35.7 years
People per sq mile	177.6

Source: US Census Bureau, NH OEP

Population Projection

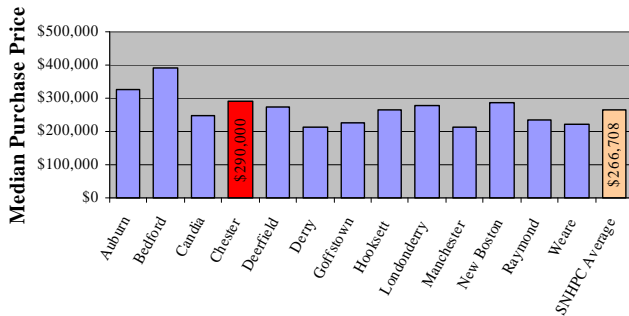


Source: NH OEP

* I-93 Build refers to proposed widening. No Build is without widening.

Housing

Median Purchase Prices of Primary Homes for All Housing Types 2008



Source: NHHFA

	2007	Percent
Total Housing Units	1,563	100.0%
Single-Family	1,408	90.1%
Multi-family	124	7.9%
Manufactured	31	2.0%
2000		
Owner Occupied	1,129	90.5%
Renter Occupied	85	6.8%
Vacant	33	2.6%

Source: NH OEP, NHHFA

Education

High School Graduate or higher	92.0%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	31.1%	
	# Facilities	# Students
Elementary	1	650
Middle/Junior High	0	N/A
High School	0	N/A
Private/Parochial	0	N/A
School District	SAU 82	
Students Grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Pinkerton Academy		
Nearest Community/Technical	Manchester, Nashua	
Nearest Colleges/Universities	Chester College Hesser College Southern NH University UNH - Manchester	

Source: NH Department of Education

Tax Rates

2008	(per \$1,000 of value)
Town Tax	\$ 4.38
Local Education Tax	\$11.07
State Education Tax	\$ 2.22
County Tax	\$ 0.85
Total Tax Rate	\$18.52
Town Valuation	\$569,499,900
2007	
Local Assessed Value by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.2%

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

Employment

Annual Average	1997	2007	2008
Civilian Labor Force	1,937	2,703	2,718
Employed	1,870	2,612	2,630
Unemployed	67	91	88
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.4%	3.2%

Source: NH Employment Security ELMIB

Largest Employers

Employers	Employees
Chester College of New England	50-99
Town of Chester	50-99
Page Street Leasing LLC.	20-49
Stone Machine CO	10-19
Olde Post Restaurant	10-19
SWS Consulting Inc	10-19
Sus Karl	10-19
Automated Mailing Solutions	5-9
US Post Office	5-9
Spollett's General Store	5-9
Senator Bell Farm	5-9
Community House Calls	5-9
Dann Norris Batting Architects	5-9
Carp Industries	5-9
Chestnut Properties Realty	5-9
J R Pepper Electric Inc	5-9
Disaster Recovery Svc Inc	5-9
Crawford Software Consulting	5-9
Chester Rod & Gun Club	5-9
Edwards Mill Cabinetry	5-9

Source: NNetwork, NH Employment Security ELMIB, infoUSA

Income

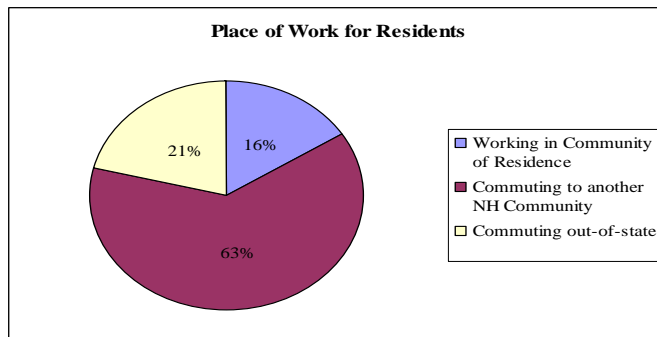
1999 (2000 Census)	
Median Household Income	\$68,571
Median 4-Person Family Income	\$75,092
Per Capita Income	\$23,842
Median Earnings (Full time, Year-Round Workers)	
Male	\$44,056
Female	\$35,382
Families Below the Poverty Level	3.4%
2009 HUD	
Estimated Fiscal Year Median Family Income	\$84,800
Consumer Price Index (July 2009)	% Change
CPI	Over the Year
Not Seasonally Adjusted	215.4 -2.1%
Seasonally Adjusted	214.5 -1.9%

Source: NH Employment Security ELMIB

Commuting

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.8%
Public transportation	1.2%
Walked	0.6%
Other Means	0.0%
Worked at Home	7.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	32.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in Community of Residence	16%
Commuting to another NH Community	63%
Commuting out-of-state	21%

Source: US Census 2000



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Transportation

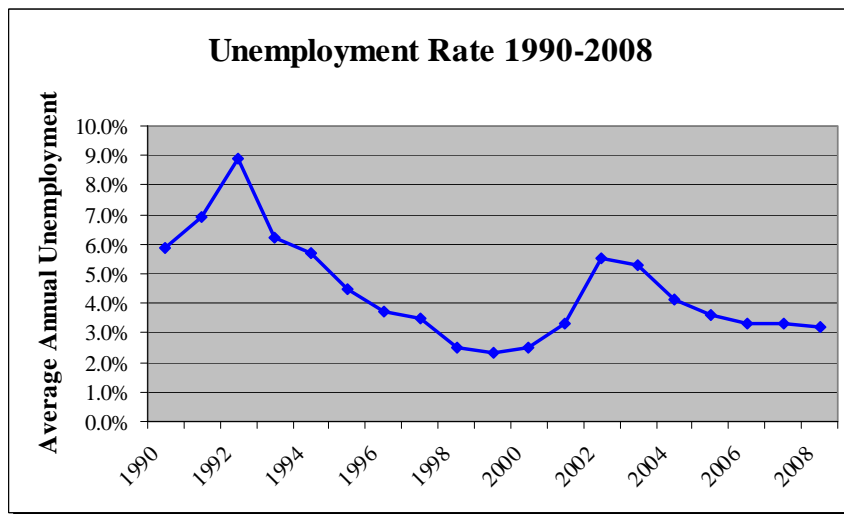
Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	102, 121, 121A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 4(8 miles)
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
	Manchester-Boston Regional	
Driving Distance to Selected Cities:		
	Manchester, NH	14 miles
	Concord, NH	22 miles
	Portsmouth, NH	40 miles
	Portland, ME	86 miles
	Boston, MA	49 miles
	New York City, NY	253 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	269 miles

Source: NH Employment Security ELMIB

Employment and Wages

2007 Industry	Work Sites	Annual Average Employment	Average Weekly Wage
Total, All Industries	82	452	\$697
Goods-Producing	25	95	\$991
Service-Providing	57	357	\$619

Source: NH Employment Security ELMIB



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Sources for graphics: Heading and Seal: Town Website - State of NH and County Map: ELMIB - SNHPC Region: SNHPC