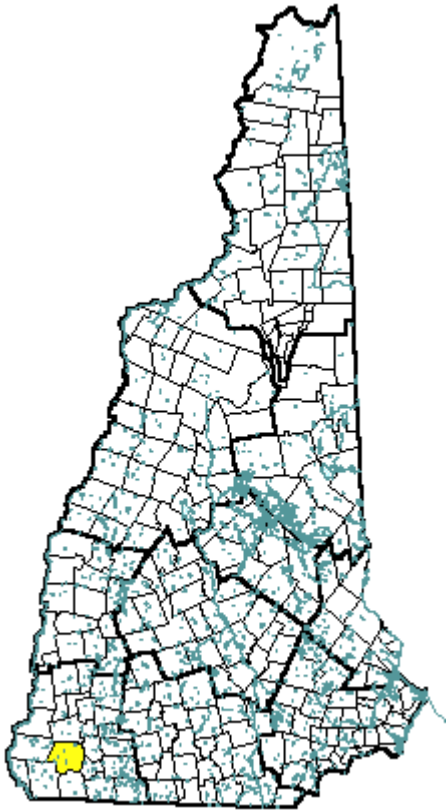


# Swanzy, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 9 am - 5 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Cheshire**  
**Keene NH Micro-NECTA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 10**  
**Cheshire County District 6**

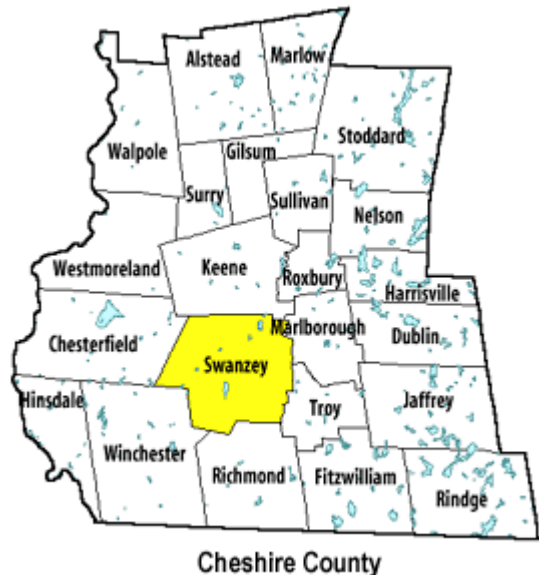
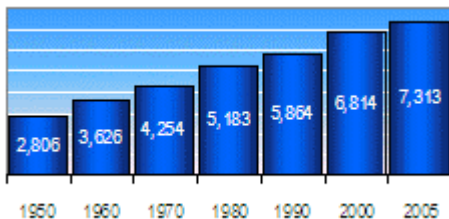
**Incorporated:** 1753

**Origin:** This town was one of the fort towns established by Governor Belcher of Massachusetts, and was first granted in 1734 as Lower Ashuelot to Captain Nathaniel Hammond and Ephraim Jones. In 1753, residents petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for a grant under authority of the New Hampshire government, since they had settled and been making improvements for over 18 years. The town was chartered that year as Swanzy, the name being suggested by Governor Brenton of Rhode Island, who owned land at Brenton's Farm (Litchfield), and Swansea, Massachusetts. There are four covered bridges located in Swanzy: Carleton, Thompson, Slate, and Cresson.

**Villages and Place Names:** East Swanzy, West Swanzy, Westport, North Swanzy, Swanzy Center

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,157 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Swanzy totaled 4,008 over 50 years, from 2,806 in 1950 to 6,814 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 29 percent between 1950 and 1960; the smallest, a 13 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2005 Census estimate for Swanzy was 7,313 residents, which ranked 44th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density, 2005:** 162.8 persons per square mile of land area. Swanzy contains 44.9 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	<b>\$5,374,480</b>
Budget: School Appropriations	<b>not available</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1947/06</b>
Master Plan	<b>2003</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Zoning</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Swanzey Revenue Dev.</b>

Public Library      **Mt. Caesar Union; Stratton Free**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>5/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>6 miles</b>	<b>169</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>North Swanzey Fire Precinct; West Swanzey Water Co.</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Limited</b>
Residential	<b>Limited</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2005 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.85</b>
2005 Equalization Ratio	<b>84.0</b>
2005 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.96</b>
2005 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>84.8%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>14.0%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.2%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** *(NH Office of Energy and Planning)*

2005 Total Estimated Housing Units	<b>3,102</b>
2005 Single-Family Units	<b>2,113</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>29</b>
2005 Multi-Family Units	<b>714</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>1</b>
2005 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>275</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS***(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2005	<b>7,313</b>	<b>77,287</b>
2000	<b>6,814</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>5,864</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>5,183</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>4,254</b>	<b>52,364</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

## Population by Gender

Male	<b>3,354</b>	Female	<b>3,446</b>
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## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>401</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>1,467</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>1,132</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>2,283</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>636</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>881</b>
Median Age	<b>38.4 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>83.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>20.6%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999***(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	<b>\$20,150</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$51,500</b>
Median household income	<b>\$44,819</b>

## Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	<b>\$32,421</b>
Female	<b>\$25,607</b>

## Families below the poverty level

**3.0%****LABOR FORCE***(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	1995	2005
Civilian labor force	<b>3,539</b>	<b>3,923</b>
Employed	<b>3,437</b>	<b>3,812</b>
Unemployed	<b>102</b>	<b>111</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES***(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1995	2005
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>262</b>	<b>323</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$416</b>	<b>\$674</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>729</b>	<b>959</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$363</b>	<b>\$550</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>992</b>	<b>1,282</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$377</b>	<b>\$581</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>523</b>	<b>701</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$489</b>	<b>\$592</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>1,515</b>	<b>1,983</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$416</b>	<b>\$585</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Sullivan, Surry, Swanzey, Troy)</b>			District: <b>SAU 38</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Cheshire Center of Applied Science, Keene; Fall Mountain High School, Langdon</b>			Region: <b>13</b>
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-6</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>K-4</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>682</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>n/a</b>

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2006:                      Total Facilities: **6**                      Total Capacity: **147**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Claremont**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce; Antioch New England**

<b>LARGEST EMPLOYERS</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Monadnock Regional School District	Education	400	1962
Laidlaw Transit	Bus transportation	100	2000
State of New Hampshire	Dept. of Transportation and liquor store	92	
William F Fenton Inc	Automobile dealership	90 FT/25 PT	1985
Port-o-Lite	Millwork	40	1952
Town of Swanzey	Municipal services	39 FT/35 PT	1753

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>10, 12, 32</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 3</b>
	Distance	<b>20 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Dillant-Hopkins, Keene</b>	Runway	<b>6,201 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>60 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>58 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>155 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>83 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>224 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>247 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>81.3%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>12.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>3.0%</b>
Other means	<b>0.2%</b>
Worked at home	<b>3.5%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>22.2 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>19%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>74%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>7%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Mount Ascutney (VT)</b>
	Other: <b>Cheshire Fair; Covered Bridges</b>