

Church Planting Profile:

Keene, New Hampshire

Summary: Keene is the county seat of Cheshire County and the home of Keene State College. Its population is white, young, and generally less affluent than others in New Hampshire. The city is very active in environmental concerns, having become one of the first towns in the nation to adopt a plan to respond to climate change. Evangelical Christians make up approximately 3% of the population of Cheshire County. There is an Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Jaffrey, about twenty miles west of Keene.



Downtown Keene

Source: picasaweb.google.com

Demographics:

City Population, 2007: 22,893

Pop. change: +1.9% since 2000

County Population, 2007: 77,725

Racial Breakdown:

<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	97.1%
<i>Two or more races</i>	0.8%
<i>Hispanic</i>	0.8%
<i>American Indian</i>	0.6%
<i>Other</i>	0.7%

Median Age: 35.3 (37.1 NH)

Age Breakdown:

<i>Age 14 and under</i>	15.8%
<i>Ages 15-24</i>	22.7%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	24.7%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	21.6%
<i>Age 65 and over</i>	15.1%

Avg. Household Size: 2.3 people

Avg. Family Size: 2.9 people

Economics:

Median Household Income, 2006: \$42,500

Median House/Condo Value, 2006: \$193,200

Unemployment Rate, 9/07: 2.8%

Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 91.0

Principal Non-Farm Industries, Metro. Area:

<i>Service</i>	68.7%
<i>Production/Manufacturing</i>	18.4%
<i>Government (incl. education)</i>	12.8%

Largest Employers

<i>Cheshire Medical Center</i>	1500
<i>C & S Wholesale Grocers</i>	820
<i>Keene State College</i>	707
<i>Keene School District</i>	690

Other:

Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

<i>High School or higher</i>	87.3%
<i>Bachelor's Degree or higher</i>	31.9%
<i>Graduate/Professional Degree</i>	11.8%

Major Colleges and Universities:

Keene State College (4049 full-time students)

Principal Media Outlets:

Newspaper: *The Keene Sentinel*
Radio: *WEVN (90.7 FM); WKBK (1290 AM)*

Average January Temperature: 21.1°

Average July Temperature: 70.6°

Average Annual Precipitation: 34.5 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 78.3 inches

Keene Churches:

United Church of Christ

www.ucckeene.org

Keene Unitarian-Universalist Church

www.keeneuuchurch.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (LC-MS)

www.trinitylutherankeene.org

St. Bernard/St. Margaret Mary (Roman Catholic)

www.stbernardkeene.com

Sturtevant Chapel

www.sturtevantchapel.org

St. James Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

www.firstchurchburlington.org

West Keene Church of Christ

www.keenechurchofchrist.com

First Baptist Church (ABC)

www.firstbaptistkeene.org

Summer Knight Chapel

St. George Greek Orthodox Church