

2010 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 (18 miles southeast) and an [independent reformed church](#) in Westmoreland (9 miles west).



Downtown Keene

Source: [picasaweb.google.com](http://picasaweb.google.com)

**Demographics:**

**City Population, 2008: 22,407**

Pop. change: -0.7% since 2000

**County Population, 2008: 77,170**

**Racial Breakdown:**

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

**Median Age: 35.3 (37.1 NH)**

**Age Breakdown:**

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

**Avg. Household Size: 2.3 people**

**Avg. Family Size: 2.9 people**

**Economics:**

**Median Household Income, 2008: \$46,572**

**Median House/Condo Value, 2008: \$200,632**

**Unemployment Rate, 4/10: 5.2%**

**Cost of Living, 12/09 (US average = 100): 93.8**

**Principal Non-Farm Industries, Metro. Area:**

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

**Largest Employers**

Cheshire Medical Center	1101
Keene State College	820
C & S Wholesale Grocers	755
Keene School District	690

**Other:**

**Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)**

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

**Major Colleges and Universities:**

[Keene State College](#) (5235 undergrad. students)

**Principal Media Outlets:**

Newspaper: [The Keene Sentinel](#)

Radio: WEVN (90.7 FM); WKBK (1290 AM)

**Average January Low Temperature: 8.9°**

**Average July High Temperature: 82.2°**

**Average Annual Precipitation: 34.5 inches**

**Average Annual Snowfall: 78.3 inches**

**Keene Places of Worship:**

United Church of Christ

[www.ucckeene.org](http://www.ucckeene.org)

Keene Unitarian-Universalist Church

[www.kuuc.org](http://www.kuuc.org)

Trinity Lutheran Church (LC-MS)

[www.trinitylutherankeene.org](http://www.trinitylutherankeene.org)

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

[www.stbernardkeene.com](http://www.stbernardkeene.com)

Sturtevant Chapel

[www.sturtevantchapel.org](http://www.sturtevantchapel.org)

St. James Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

[www.stjameskeene.org](http://www.stjameskeene.org)

West Keene Church of Christ

[www.keenechurchofchrist.com](http://www.keenechurchofchrist.com)

First Baptist Church (ABC)

[www.firstbaptistkeene.org](http://www.firstbaptistkeene.org)

Monadnock Covenant Church (Evan. Cov. Ch.)

[www.monadnockcovenant.org](http://www.monadnockcovenant.org)

St. George Greek Orthodox Church

[www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org](http://www.stgeorgekeene.nh.goarch.org)