

Atkinson, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Administrator: Monday to Thursday, 8-4, Friday, 8-12;
Town Clerk: Monday, 8:30-7, Tuesday to Thursday, 8:30-5,
Friday, 8-12; Tax Collector: Jan-May, Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, 5-8, Wednesday, 9-1 and 5-8, Friday, 9-3; Jun-Dec,
Monday, 5-8, Tuesday-Th

County
Labor Market Area

Rockingham
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA
Division
Seacoast
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 3
District 22
Rockingham County District 18

Incorporated: 1767

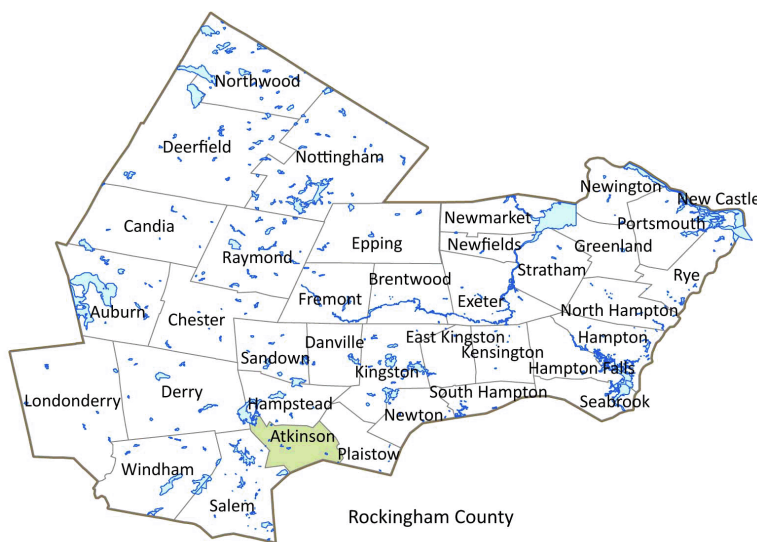
Origin: Atkinson was named in 1767 for Colonel Theodore Atkinson, whose farm once covered nearly all of the several hundred acres set aside from Plaistow that became the town. Colonel Atkinson was brother-in-law to Governor Benning Wentworth, served as secretary of the colony until the Revolution, and was one of the Masonian Proprietors who parceled out New Hampshire lands to over 30,000 settlers. Colonel Atkinson bequested funds to establish Atkinson Academy, incorporated in 1787. In 1809, the state granted 13,000 acres of land in Coos County to the Academy, an unincorporated place known as Atkinson and Gilmanton Academy Grant.

Villages and Place Names: Atkinson Heights, Conleys Grove, Westville, Atkinson Depot

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 479 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Atkinson totaled 4,801 over 50 years, from 2,291 in 1970 to 7,092 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 92 percent increase from 1970 to 1980; the town's population more than doubled from 1950 to 1960, and from 1960 to 1970. The town's population increased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Atkinson was 7,321 residents, which ranked 47th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 654.8 persons per square mile of land area. Atkinson contains 11.2 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$6,735,731	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$15,455,908	
Zoning Ordinance		1940/12	
Master Plan		2015	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Budget		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation		
Public Library	Kimball		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full & part-time	
Fire Department		Full, part-time, volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Parkland Medical Center, Derry		11 miles	50
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Unitil; Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil	
Water Supplier		Hampstead Water Company & private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$12.27	
2022 Equalization Ratio		87.8	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$10.71	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		94.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		4.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,966	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,538	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		362	
Five or More Units in Structure		66	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units			

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	7,321		319,424
2020	7,087		314,176
2010	6,751		295,223
2000	6,230		278,748
1990	5,141		246,744
1980	4,397		190,345
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	3,749	Female	3,337
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			279
Age 5 to 19			1,025
Age 20 to 34			1,073
Age 35 to 54			1,628
Age 55 to 64			1,541
Age 65 and over			1,540
Median Age			52.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		5,308	
High school graduate or higher			96.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			40.6%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$58,084
Median family income			\$135,729
Median household income			\$123,257
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$99,301
Female			\$68,668
Individuals below the poverty level			2.0%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	3,772		4,124
Employed	3,556		4,004
Unemployed	216		120
Unemployment rate	5.7%		2.9%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	404		350
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 994		\$1,404
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	641		844
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 800		\$1,077
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,046		1,194
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 875		\$1,172
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	66		68
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 591		\$ 889
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,112		1,263
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 858		\$1,157
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Timberlane Regional (Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown)** District: **SAU 55**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	354			

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Rivier; Northern Essex Community (MA); Merrimack (MA); UMass Lowell (MA)**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **99**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Lewis Builders, Inc.	Builder	94	1953
Busby Construction	Contractor	70	1979
GEX	Graphics, printing	80	1990
Palmer Gas Company	Propane gas	109	1969
Atkinson Concessions	Country club	227	2002

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)				RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
Road Access	US Routes			X	Municipal Parks
	State Routes	111, 121		X	YMCA/YWCA
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-495 (MA), Exit 51			Boys Club/Girls Club
	Distance	4 miles		X	Golf Courses
Railroad		Boston & Maine			Swimming: Indoor Facility
Public Transportation		No			Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation					Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
Lawrence (MA) Municipal	Runway	5,000 ft. asphalt		X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes			Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service					Bowling Facilities
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	27 miles			Museums
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4			Cinemas
Driving distance to select cities:				X	Performing Arts Facilities
Manchester, NH		29 miles			Tourist Attractions
Portland, Maine		84 miles		X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
Boston, Mass.		40 miles		X	Youth Sports: Baseball
New York City, NY		239 miles		X	Youth Sports: Soccer
Montreal, Quebec		283 miles		X	Youth Sports: Football
				X	Youth Sports: Basketball
					Youth Sports: Hockey
					Campgrounds
				X	Fishing/Hunting
					Boating/Marinas
					Snowmobile Trails
					Bicycle Trails
				X	Cross Country Skiing
					Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
					Overnight or Day Camps
					Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)
					Other: NH Cultural & Scenic By-Way
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)					
Workers 16 years and over					
Drove alone, car/truck/van		82.8%			
Carpooled, car/truck/van		4.1%			
Public transportation		1.2%			
Walked		.0%			
Other means		.0%			
Worked at home		11.9%			
Mean Travel Time to Work		30.1 minutes			
Percent of Working Residents					
Working in community of residence		22.6%			
Commuting to another NH community		34.7%			
Commuting out-of-state		42.7%			