

Exeter, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Manager: Monday to Friday, 8-4:30; Town Clerk:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8-4, Tuesday, 8-7, Friday, 8-
12:30; Tax Collector: Monday to Friday, 8:15-4

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Rockingham
Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Seacoast
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 24
Rockingham County Districts 11, 33

Incorporated: 1638

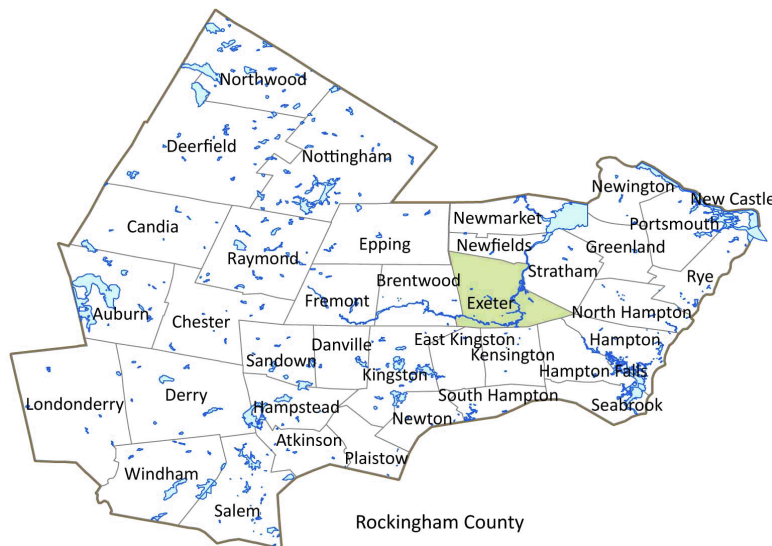
Origin: Exeter was one of the four original towns established in New Hampshire, and was first settled in 1638 as Squamscott; the Squamscott people were part of the Algonquin tribe. It was given the name Exeter by the settlement's managers, known as the Exeter Combination. The riverside location made it a shipbuilding center and West Indies trading port. Exeter's charter included the present-day towns of Epping, Newmarket, Newfields, and Brentwood. Exeter was the birthplace of Daniel Chester French, sculptor of the figure of Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial. The Phillips Exeter Academy, endowed by Colonel John Phillips in 1781, and the American Independence Museum are located in Exeter.

Villages and Place Names: Dows Corner, Gooch Corner, Haynes Corner, Jady Hill, Perkins Hill

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,722 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Exeter totaled 7,138 over 50 years, from 8,892 in 1970 to 16,030 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by 12 percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Exeter was 16,178 residents, which ranked 18th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 818.7 persons per square mile of land area. Exeter contains 19.8 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022		\$32,022,345	
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Zoning Ordinance		1973/22	
Master Plan		2018	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectboard; Library; Swasey; Trust Funds		
Appointed:	Please visit http://exeternh.gov for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.		
Public Library	Exeter Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Exeter Hospital, Exeter		Local	99
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Unitil	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil	
Water Supplier		Town of Exeter/private wells	
Sanitation		Municipal/private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal		Municipal/Contract	
Curbside Trash Pickup		Municipal/Contract	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes	
Recycling Program		Yes	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications; Comcast	
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)		\$24.75	
2022 Equalization Ratio		65.5	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$15.44	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		75.5%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		22.6%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.0%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		7,380	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		3,349	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		1,028	
Five or More Units in Structure		2,025	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		978	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	16,178		319,424
2020	16,049		314,176
2010	14,306		295,223
2000	14,098		278,748
1990	12,654		246,744
1980	11,024		190,345
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	7,087	Female	8,760
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		519	
Age 5 to 19		2,882	
Age 20 to 34		2,281	
Age 35 to 54		4,450	
Age 55 to 64		2,126	
Age 65 and over		3,589	
Median Age		46.5 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 11,659			
High school graduate or higher		96.3%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		53.7%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$55,454	
Median family income		\$118,833	
Median household income		\$77,298	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$76,425	
Female		\$60,081	
Individuals below the poverty level		6.3%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		8,014	8,854
Employed		7,593	8,649
Unemployed		421	205
Unemployment rate		5.3%	2.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		1,466	1,366
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,491	\$1,552
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		7,417	9,088
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 959	\$1,454
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		8,883	10,454
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,047	\$1,467
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		949	859
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 873	\$1,209
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		9,832	11,312
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,030	\$1,447
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Exeter operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are part of Exeter Region Cooperative (Brentwood, East Kingston, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham, Exeter)** District: **SAU 16**

Career Technology Center(s): **Seacoast School of Technology**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	2	3	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12 PG
Total Enrollment	887	156	1,984	1,140

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

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

Total Facilities: **9** Total Capacity: **858**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Exeter Hospital	Health care services	900	1897
Philips Exeter Academy	Education	520	1781
Osram Sylvania	Electronics	318	1965
Town of Exeter	Municipal services	150	1638
Riverwoods at Exeter	Elderly housing, health care	500	1994
Sigarms	Handguns	200	1989
Cobham	Electronics	370	1988
Vapotherm	Medical device manufacturer	121	1999

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	27, 85, 88, 101, 108, 111, 111A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 2
	Distance	6 miles
Railroad		Amtrak Downeaster
Public Transportation		COAST
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hampton Airfield	Runway	2,100 ft. turf
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	33 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		31 miles
Portland, Maine		68 miles
Boston, Mass.		52 miles
New York City, NY		263 miles
Montreal, Quebec		285 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.6%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	3.2%
Other means	1.1%
Worked at home	13.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	44.0%
Commuting to another NH community	43.5%
Commuting out-of-state	12.5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**