

Kensington, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Administrator: Monday to Thursday, 8:30-1:30; Town Clerk: Wednesday, 4-8, Thursday, 9-5, Friday, 9-1; Tax Collector: Monday and Thursday, 9-1, Wednesday, 9-1 and 6:30-8

County
Labor Market Area

Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

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

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 23
Rockingham County Districts 19, 36

Incorporated: 1737

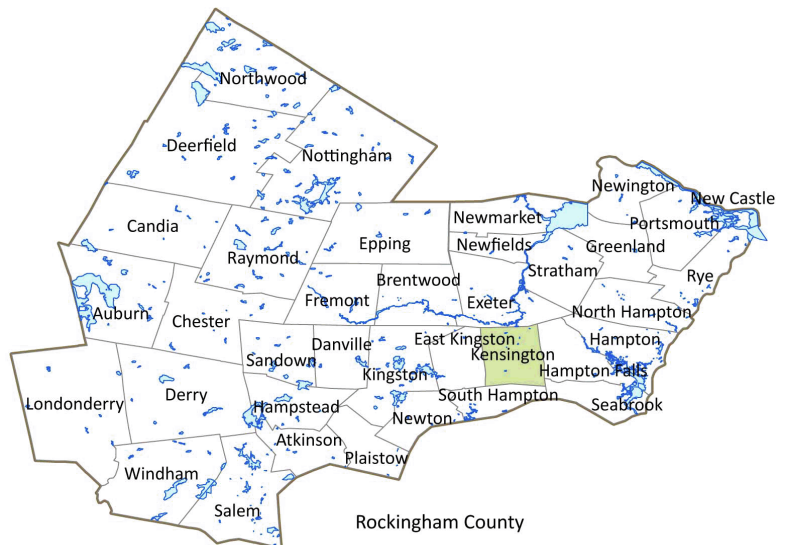
Origin: This town was once a parish of Hampton, and was incorporated in 1737 by Governor Jonathan Belcher of Massachusetts when New Hampshire was still part of that province. Of the 27 towns granted by Governor Belcher, only three were given names: Arlington, Peterborough, and Kensington, which was named for Edward Rich, Earl of Holland and Baron Kensington. England's Kensington, now a suburb of London, is the location of Kensington Palace, known for its beautiful public gardens. The palace was the birthplace of Queen Victoria, and the London home of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Villages and Place Names: Austin Corners, Brick School Corner, Eastman Corners, Five Corners, Lamprey Corners, Prescott Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 800 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Kensington totaled 1,053 over 50 years, from 1,044 in 1970 to 2,097 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 44 percent increase from 1990 to 2000. The town's population decreased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Kensington was 2,093 residents, which ranked 137th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 174.7 persons per square mile of land area. Kensington contains 12.0 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022		\$2,327,010	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022		\$3,570,952	
Zoning Ordinance		1959/21	
Master Plan		2011	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		GKG Planning LLC	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Checklist; Trust Funds; Cemetery; Grange Hall; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Sawyer/Kensington Trust		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation; Building Safety; Heritage Commission; Energy Committee		
Public Library	Kensington Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Part-time & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Exeter Hospital, Exeter		4 miles	99
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Unitil	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil	
Water Supplier		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; Comcast		
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$19.86	
2022 Equalization Ratio		68.2	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.36	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		91.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		3.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		4.7%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		762	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		705	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		34	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		23	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	2,093		319,424
2020	2,095		314,176
2010	2,124		295,223
2000	1,902		278,748
1990	1,318		246,744
1980	1,332		190,345
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	877	Female	1,076
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			103
Age 5 to 19			321
Age 20 to 34			237
Age 35 to 54			561
Age 55 to 64			345
Age 65 and over			386
Median Age			48.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		1,452	
High school graduate or higher			98.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher			49.0%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$53,484
Median family income			\$120,000
Median household income			\$115,625
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$97,500
Female			\$58,958
Individuals below the poverty level			1.5%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		1,255	1,292
Employed		1,196	1,256
Unemployed		59	36
Unemployment rate		4.7%	2.8%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		41	12
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 787	\$1,509
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		190	268
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 842	\$2,027
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		231	280
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 832	\$2,004
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		66	67
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 650	\$ 902
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		297	347
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 792	\$1,791
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Kensington 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	1				
Grade Levels	K 1-5				
Total Enrollment	136				

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: **1** Total Capacity: **20**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
James R. Rosencrantz & Son	Farm, garden equipment		
CP Building Supply, Inc.	Building supplies & equipment		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	84, 150
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 1
	Distance	5 miles
Railroad		Yes
Public Transportation		No
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	36 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		36 miles
Portland, Maine		68 miles
Boston, Mass.		44 miles
New York City, NY		255 miles
Montreal, Quebec		294 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.1%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	1.0%
Worked at home	11.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	17.5%
Commuting to another NH community	59.9%
Commuting out-of-state	22.6%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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