

Plaistow, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
Labor Market Area

Rockingham
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Division

Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Seacoast
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 22
Rockingham County Districts 20, 36

Incorporated: 1749

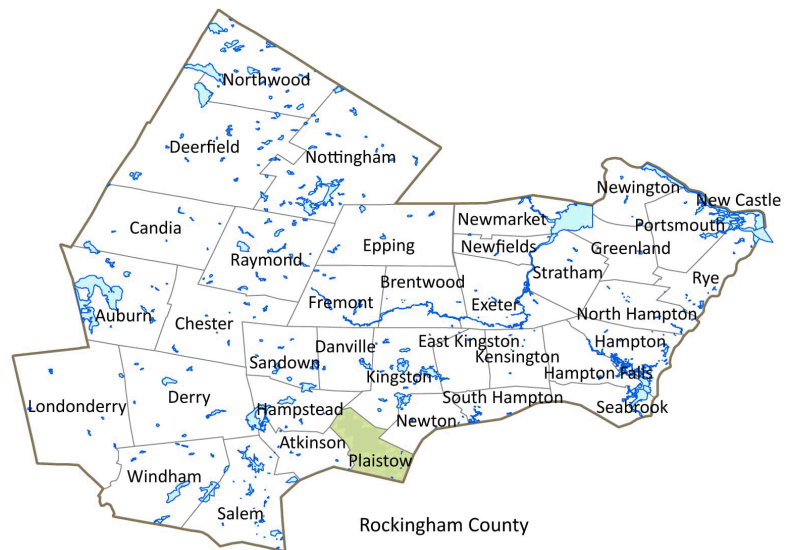
Origin: This territory was part of the 1642 land purchase that was Haverhill, Massachusetts. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts boundary was established in 1741, the portion north of the border became the Haverhill District. The town was incorporated as Plaistow in 1749, and included Atkinson, which was separated in 1767. The spelling was changed later. The name may have come from the English "plaistowe," meaning "an open space or greenwood, near the center of a village where the maypole stood and where sports at holiday times were carried on."

Villages and Place Names: Westville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 521 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Plaistow totaled 3,117 over 50 years, from 4,712 in 1970 to 7,829 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 30 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,862 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 741.0 persons per square mile of land area. Plaistow contains 10.6 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen/Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$11,856,290	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$20,491,262	
Zoning Ordinance		1956/21	
Master Plan		2019	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget; Trust Funds; Conflict of Interest		
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning; Cable; Recreation; Elder Affairs; Energy		
Public Library	Plaistow Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full & part-time	
Fire Department		Full, part-time, volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Full, part-time, volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Merrimack Valley Campus - Holy Family Hospital, Haverhill MA		7 miles	122
Parkland Medical Center, Derry		15 miles	50
Exeter Hospital, Exeter		16 miles	99
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Unitil	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil; Northern Utilities	
Water Supplier		Pennichuck; 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		Earthlink Business; Xfinity, Wirefly; 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)		\$19.01	
2022 Equalization Ratio		78.0	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.68	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		72.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		24.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.9%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		3,324	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,532	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		402	
Five or More Units in Structure		328	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		62	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	7,862		319,424
2020	7,830		314,176
2010	7,609		295,223
2000	7,763		278,748
1990	7,284		246,744
1980	5,609		190,345
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	3,793	Female	4,019
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			365
Age 5 to 19			1,365
Age 20 to 34			1,248
Age 35 to 54			2,327
Age 55 to 64			1,167
Age 65 and over			1,340
Median Age			44.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		5,644	
High school graduate or higher			97.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher			31.4%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$45,384
Median family income			\$121,848
Median household income			\$90,508
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$77,626
Female			\$62,321
Individuals below the poverty level			3.8%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force	4,090		4,260
Employed	3,785		4,107
Unemployed	305		153
Unemployment rate	7.5%		3.6%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	487		550
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,019		\$1,405
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	3,115		3,360
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 561		\$ 840
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	3,602		3,910
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 623		\$ 919
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,065		934
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 848		\$1,087
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	4,667		4,844
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 674		\$ 951
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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	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	469	735	995	

Nearest Community College: **Nashua; Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Rivier; University of NH; Northern Essex (MA)**

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

Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **359**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberlane Regional School District	Education	784	1963
Market Basket	Supermarket	342	1978
Wal-Mart	Retail store	200	1993
Kohl's	Department store	90	2003
Home Depot	Home improvement center	185	2004
Shaw's	Supermarket	120	1992
Scandia Plastics	Custom plastic extrusions	47	1971
T J Maxx	Department store	70	1992
Methuen Construction	Industrial construction	133	2016
CVS	Pharmacy	25	1990

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	108, 121A, 125
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-495 (MA), Exit 51
	Distance	3 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		CART
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lawrence (MA) Municipal	Runway	5,000 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
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		38 miles
Portland, Maine		83 miles
Boston, Mass.		39 miles
New York City, NY		241 miles
Montreal, Quebec		291 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.9%
Public transportation	2.2%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	1.2%
Worked at home	10.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	24.7%
Commuting to another NH community	23.8%
Commuting out-of-state	51.5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Bradford (MA)**

Other: **Hiking Trails; Band Concerts; Summer Concerts**