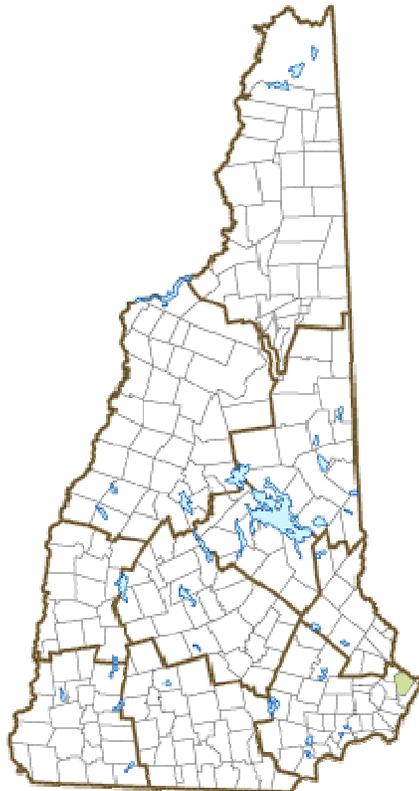


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County

Rockingham

Labor Market Area

Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA

Tourism Region

Seacoast

Planning Commission

Rockingham

Regional Development

Coastal Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress

District 1 (All Wards)

Executive Council

District 3 (All Wards)

State Senate

District 21 (All Wards)

State Representative

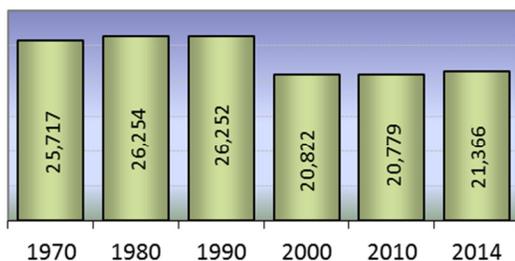
**Rockingham County Districts 25, 30 (Ward 1) 26, 30 (Ward 2)
 27, 31 (Ward 3) 28, 30 (Ward 4) 29,30 (Ward 5)**

Incorporated: 1631

Origin: This territory was a part of the original land grant to John Mason and Francisco Gorges in 1622. A township grant was issued by the council of Plymouth (MA) in 1631 which covered what is now Portsmouth and the harbor, Greenland, Rye, New Castle, and Newington. First called Piscataqua, the settlement became known as Strawberry Banke because of the wild strawberries that were found there. The name Portsmouth was adopted in 1653 to honor John Mason, Captain of the Port in Portsmouth, England, and because it was a good harbor situated at the river's mouth. Already an important center of trade and shipping, Portsmouth became capitol of the province of New Hampshire in 1679, and was incorporated as a city in 1849.

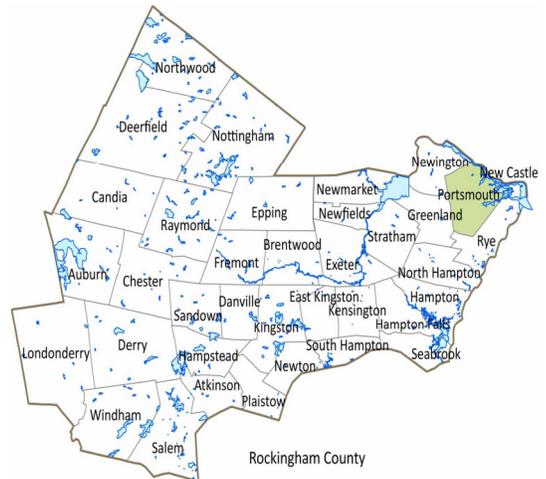
Villages and Place Names: Atlantic Heights, Christian Shore, Creek Area, Elwyn Park, Meadowbrook, Pannaway Manor, Portsmouth Plains, Haymarket Square, Sagamore Hill, Strawberry Banke, the Woodlands

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 4,720 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change decreased for Portsmouth by 5,534 over 54 years, from 26,900 in 1960 down to 21,366 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 2 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; population declined by 21 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2014 Census estimate for Portsmouth was 21,366 residents, which ranked 13th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 1,362.6 persons per square mile of land area, the third highest among the cities and towns. Portsmouth contains 15.7 square miles of land area and 1.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	City Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$60,282,959
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017	\$44,684,084
Zoning Ordinance	1927/05
Master Plan	Update in Progress
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Department

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	City Council; School; Police; Fire
Appointed:	Please visit http://cityofportsmouth.com, for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.

Public Library **Portsmouth Athenaeum; Portsmouth Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Full & part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	Local 165

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
Water Supplier	Portsmouth Water Department
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.79
2015 Equalization Ratio	93.0
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.28
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	53.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	42.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.6%

HOUSING *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Total Housing Units	11,072
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	5,323
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,205
Five or More Units in Structure	3,210
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	334

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2014	21,366	297,702
2010	20,779	295,223
2000	20,822	278,748
1990	26,252	246,744
1980	26,254	190,345
1970	25,717	138,951

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender			
Male	10,517	Female	10,849

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	1,063
Age 5 to 19	2,698
Age 20 to 34	5,071
Age 35 to 54	6,156
Age 55 to 64	2,825
Age 65 and over	3,553
Median Age	41.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	95.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	55.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Per capita income	\$42,724
Median family income	\$90,208
Median household income	\$67,679

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$58,441
Female	\$45,683

Individuals below the poverty level	7.6%
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LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	13,228	13,155
Employed	12,783	12,699
Unemployed	445	456
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,746	2,447
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 995	\$1,308
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	23,489	26,047
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 886	\$1,161
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	26,234	28,493
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 897	\$1,174
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,787	1,876
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 859	\$1,007
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	28,021	30,369
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 895	\$1,163

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Portsmouth operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 52**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Portsmouth Career Technical Center #19** Region: **19**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	4	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-8
Total Enrollment	1,035	529	1,110	110

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **20** Total Capacity: **1,302**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Portsmouth Consular Center, US Dept of State	Passport, visa services	1,459	
Liberty Mutual Insurance	Insurance services	1,013	1969
HCA Portsmouth Regional Hospital	Health care services	980	1987
City of Portsmouth	Municipal services	975	
Lonza Biologies	Contract pharmaceuticals	792	
John Hancock	Financial services	400	
Bottomline Technologies	Finance software	365	
Newmarket International	Event software	305	
Thermo Fisher	Analytical instruments & laboratory equipment	274	
Teledyne D.G. O'Brien	High Pressure connector/transmitted systems	260	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	1, 4
	State Routes	1A, 1B, 16, 33, 1 Bypass
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exits 3 - 7
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		Guilford Rail Service
Public Transportation		COAST; Wildcat Transit
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Pease International	Runway	11,321 ft. asphalt/conc
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	48 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		46 miles
Portland, Maine		52 miles
Boston, Mass.		57 miles
New York City, NY		268 miles
Montreal, Quebec		302 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	74.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.2%
Public transportation	1.5%
Walked	6.5%
Other means	1.9%
Worked at home	8.4%
Mean Travel Time to Work	19.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014	
Working in community of residence	50.4
Commuting to another NH community	34.6
Commuting out-of-state	15.0

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	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
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
	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
	Other: Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Strawberry Banke; Harbor & Isles of Shoals Cruises; Historic Homes; Fish Pier; Trolley; Sailing; Kayaking; Music Festival; Shopping