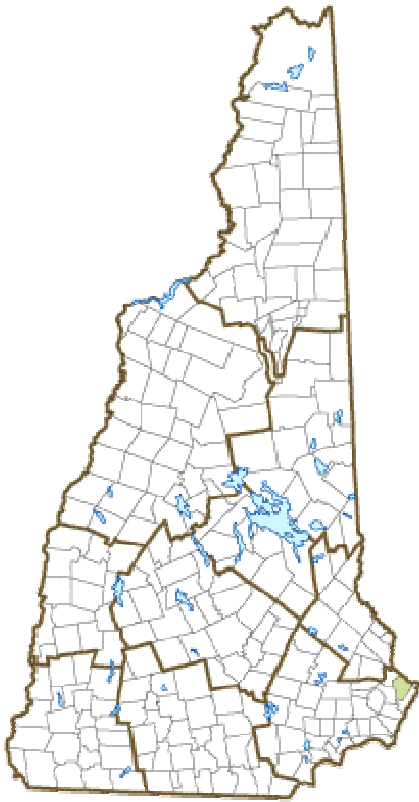


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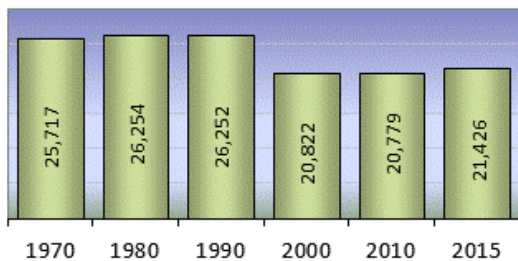
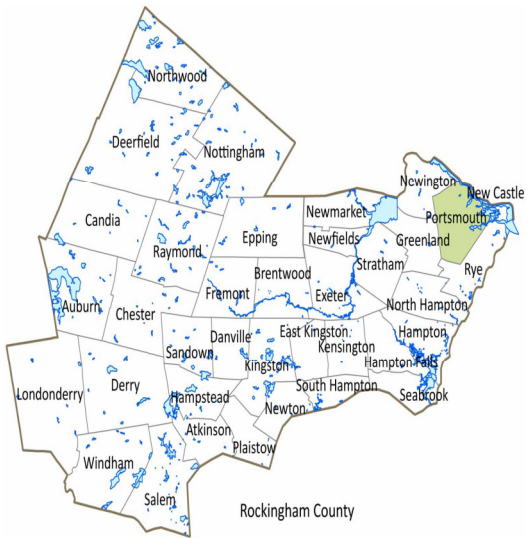
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Web Site	http://cityofportsmouth.com
Municipal Office Hours	Monday, 8 am - 6 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 8 am - 1 pm
County	Rockingham
Labor Market Area	Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Seacoast
Planning 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 5,474 over 55 years, from 26,900 in 1960 down to 21,426 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 2 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; population declined by 21 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2015 Census estimate for Portsmouth was 21,426 residents, which ranked 13th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 1,366.5 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 2011-2015)*

Total Housing Units	10,782
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	5,326
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,066
Five or More Units in Structure	2,318
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	292

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2015	21,426	299,006
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) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	10,532	Female	10,894
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,119
Age 5 to 19			2,600
Age 20 to 34			5,568
Age 35 to 54			5,495
Age 55 to 64			2,955
Age 65 and over			3,689
Median Age			41.2 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			95.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher			57.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Per capita income	\$45,062
Median family income	\$96,858
Median household income	\$71,392
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$62,050
Female	\$50,021
Individuals below the poverty level	6.6%

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	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,715	2,651
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 978	\$1,387
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	24,264	27,233
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 911	\$1,176
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	26,979	29,884
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 918	\$1,194
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,808	1,850
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 876	\$1,050
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	28,787	31,735
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 915	\$1,186

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

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

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)	
Workers 16 years and over	
	Drove alone, car/truck/van 74.9%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van 7.6%
	Public transportation 1.4%
	Walked 5.5%
	Other means 1.4%
	Worked at home 9.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	20.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
	Working in community of residence 49.9
	Commuting to another NH community 35.6
	Commuting out-of-state 14.5