Rye, NH

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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

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US Congress	**District 1**
Executive Council	**District 3**
State Senate	**District 24**
State Representative	**Rockingham County District 24**

Incorporated: 1726

Origin: Rye was the site of the first settlement in New Hampshire, established by David Thompson in 1623 at Odiorne's Point, which he called Pannaway. This township was originally part of Portsmouth called Sandy Beach, and it was incorporated as a parish of New Castle in 1693 when that town separated form Portsmouth. In 1726 it was separated from New Castle, and incorporated as Rye, after the borough of Rye, a flourishing English Channel town. Rye's eight-mile length of coastline is dotted with old names such as Wallis Sands, Jenness Beach, Locke's Neck, Ragged Neck, Rye Harbor, and Odiorne Point. In 1876, the thriving village of Gosport on Star Island in the Isles of Shoals was annexed to the town. Rye is the only New Hampshire town with Atlantic islands, having annexed four of the Isles of Shoals; the remaining five islands belong to Maine.

Villages and Place Names: Jenness Beach, Odiorne Point, Foyes Corner, Langs Corner, Rye Beach, Rye Harbor, Rye North Beach, Wallis Sands, West Rye, Foss Beach

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 958 residents in 1790
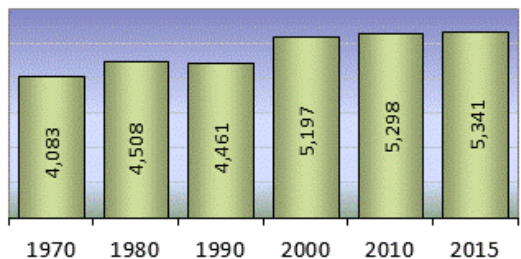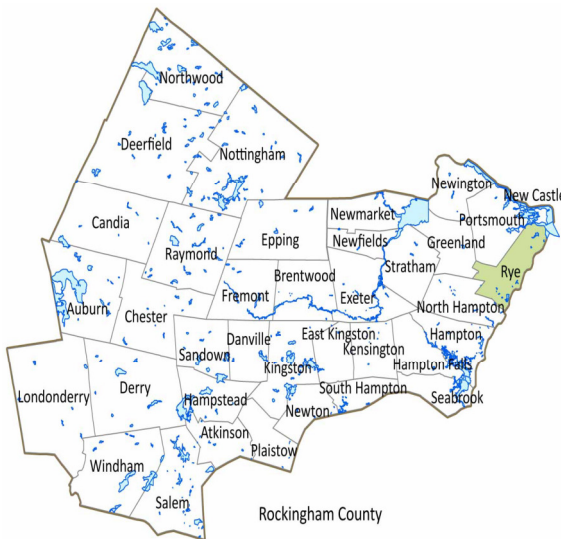
Population Trends: Population change for Rye totaled 2,097 over 55 years, from 3,244 in 1960 to 5,341 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 26 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the smallest, a two percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2015 Census estimate for Rye was 5,341 residents, which ranked 64th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (*US Census Bureau*)**:** 422.5 persons per square mile of land area. Rye contains 12.6 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

Population bar chart:

1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2015
4,083	4,508	4,461	5,197	5,298	5,341

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	**Selectmen**
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	**$9,053,248**
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	**$12,742,464**
Zoning Ordinance	**1953/13**
Master Plan	**2016**
Capital Improvement Plan	**Yes**
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	**Planning Board**

Boards and Commissions
Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Zoning**
Appointed: **Conservation; Historic District; Mosquito; Heritage; Recreation**

Public Library **Rye Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	**Full & part-time**
Fire Department	**Municipal**
Emergency Medical Service	**Municipal**

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	**6 miles**	**165**

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	**Eversource Energy**
Natural Gas Supplier	**None**
Water Supplier	**Rye Water District; Aquarion Water**
Sanitation	**Rye Sewer Commission & private septic**
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	**No**

Solid Waste Disposal
Curbside Trash Pickup	**None**
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	**No**
Recycling Program	**Mandatory**

Telephone Company	**Bay Ring; Fairpoint**
Cellular Telephone Access	**Yes**
Cable Television Access	**Yes**
Public Access Television Station	**No**
High Speed Internet Service: Business	**Yes**
Residential	**Yes**

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

2015 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$10.90**
2015 Equalization Ratio	**90.0**
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$ 9.76**

2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
Residential Land and Buildings	**95.5%**
Commercial Land and Buildings	**4.2%**
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	**0.3%**

HOUSING *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Total Housing Units	**2,977**
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	**2,440**

Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure	**100**
Five or More Units in Structure	**167**
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	**266**

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2015	**5,341**	**299,006**
2010	**5,298**	**295,223**
2000	**5,197**	**278,748**
1990	**4,461**	**246,744**
1980	**4,508**	**190,345**
1970	**4,083**	**138,951**

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender
Male	**2,637**	Female	**2,704**

Population by Age Group
Under age 5	**101**
Age 5 to 19	**653**
Age 20 to 34	**466**
Age 35 to 54	**1,514**
Age 55 to 64	**1,083**
Age 65 and over	**1,524**
Median Age	**54.5 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
High school graduate or higher	**95.4%**
Bachelor's degree or higher	**47.0%**

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

Per capita income	**$61,697**
Median family income	**$127,008**
Median household income	**$94,757**

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over
Male	**$64,637**
Female	**$52,714**
Individuals below the poverty level	**4.8%**

LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	**2,680**	**3,237**
Employed	**2,587**	**3,120**
Unemployed	**93**	**117**
Unemployment rate	**3.5%**	**3.6%**

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	**n**	**22**
Average Weekly Wage	**n**	**$1,373**
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	**n**	**1,057**
Average Weekly Wage	**n**	**$ 776**
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	**n**	**1,079**
Average Weekly Wage	**n**	**$ 789**
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	**238**	**204**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 625**	**$ 980**
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	**n**	**1,283**
Average Weekly Wage	**n**	**$ 819**

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Rye operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Portsmouth**   District: **SAU 50**
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	**1**	**1**		**1**
Grade Levels	**K 1-5**	**6-8**		**3-12**
Total Enrollment	**276**	**166**		**52**

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: **2**   Total Capacity: **159**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Rye	Municipal services	61	1726
Abenaqui Country Club	Golf course		
Petey's Restaurant	Seasonal restaurant		
Rye Airfield	Skate park & BMX bikes		
Rye Public Schools	Education		
Sagamore Veterinary Clinic	Animal health care services		
Sanctuary Care	Memory care		
TD Bank	Banking services		
Webster at Rye	Rehabilitation & assisted living		
Wentworth by the Sea Country Club	Golf course		
Employer Information Supplied by Municipality			

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

Road Access	US Routes	**1**
	State Routes	**1A**
Nearest Interstate, Exit		**I-95, Exit 3**
	Distance	**5 miles**
Railroad		**No**
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   **43 miles**
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport   **4**

Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH	**40 miles**
Portland, Maine	**59 miles**
Boston, Mass.	**57 miles**
New York City, NY	**268 miles**
Montreal, Quebec	**294 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK   *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Workers 16 years and over
Drove alone, car/truck/van	**79.4%**
Carpooled, car/truck/van	**5.0%**
Public transportation	**1.9%**
Walked	**1.6%**
Other means	**0.7%**
Worked at home	**11.3%**
Mean Travel Time to Work	**26.3 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015
Working in community of residence	**26.1**
Commuting to another NH community	**62.6**
Commuting out-of-state	**11.3**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

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

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

Other: **Whale Watches, Odiorne Point; Wallis Sands; Jenness & Rye State Parks; State Harbor**