

This newly formed New Hampshire component of the Boston Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA) is made up of two towns in the southeastern tip of Rockingham County; Seabrook and South Hampton. The Massachusetts portion of the PMSA is made up of a host of towns that are located within the Route I95 (formerly Route 128) and I495 beltways that fan out from the city of Boston. Table 2.1 summarizes the 1990 Census commuting in and commuting out patterns of the two New Hampshire towns. Seabrook, with

the larger population, had 3,207 estimated residents working. Of these, 2,009 workers commuted out to another town and 1,198 residents stayed in town to work. South Hampton had 90.2% of its 367 workers commuting out of town and a nonresidents commuting into town rate of 73.9% (102 workers). Based on those percentages, only 9.8% of its estimated resident workers stayed in town, and they made up 26.1% of the total South Hampton workforce. Both towns are accessible via Route US1, and Interstates 95 and 495, as well as rural and urban Routes NH51 and NH286.

Even though the two towns differed in population size, when it came to commuting out, particularly out-of-state, the two towns produced similar percentage rates. Seabrook sent 1.359 commuters to Massachusetts, almost 68 percent of the total workers who commuted out of town. South Hampton sent 235 workers to the Bay State, nearly a 71 percent out-of-state commuter rate for that town. Both commuter groups were distributed over the North Shore region and Boston along Interstate 95 and Route US1. For those that stayed in state, Table 2.2 indicates a combined total of 261 Seabrook commuters traveled to Hampton and Portsmouth, while 15 South Hampton commuters worked in Portsmouth.

Similarity of rates showed up again in Table 2.3, as nonresidents commuting into Seabrook and South Hampton claimed 73.0% and 73.9% shares of jobs in each town, respectively. Hampton NH and Shrewsbury MA provided the largest number of workers to Seabrook. On

a smaller scale for South Hampton, Rochester provided the greater number of in-state workers, while Amesbury MA and Gloucester MA furnished workers for South Hampton from out of state.

New Hampshire Commuting Patterns - 1990 U.S. Census

Table 2.1 Boston MA-NH PMSA (NH Portion) - 1990 Census

		RESIDENTS						NONRESIDENTS	
			Commuting to				Total Working		
			Another Town to		Working In Town		In Town		Percent of
		Estimated							Total
	Population	Residents	Number of		Number of		(Residents &	Number of	Working in
Resident City/Town	1990 Census	Working	Workers	Percent	Workers	Percent	Nonresidents)	Workers	Town
Seabrook	6,503	3,207	2,009	62.6%	1,198	37.4%	4,444	3,246	73.0%
South Hampton	740	367	331	90.2%	36	9.8%	138	102	73.9%

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Table 2.2 Commuting Out - Boston MA-NH PMSA (NH Portion) - 1990 Census

Towns:	Seabrook		South Hampt	on	
Estimated Residents Working:		3,207		367	
Commuting to Another Town:		2,009		331	
Commuting Rate:		62.6%		90.2%	
To Locations Within NH:	Hampton Portsmouth Exeter No.Hampton Salem Manchester Newington Nashua	148 113 69 57 34 24 24	Portsmouth	15	
Out Of State:	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	46 1,359 0	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	7 235 0 8	
Out Of State Locations:	Newb'port,MA Amesbury,MA Salisbury,MA Boston,MA	156 139 134 133	Amesbury,MA Newb'port,MA Boston,MA Salisbury,MA	58 41 27 23	

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Table 2.3 Commuting In - Boston MA-NH PMSA (NH Portion) - 1990 Census

Towns:	Seabrook		South Hampt	on		
Estimated Residents Working:	4,	,444		138		
Commuting to Another Town:	3,	,246		102		
Commuting Rate:	7:	3.0%		73.9%		
To Locations Within NH:	Hampton Exeter Portsmouth Dover Newmarket Rochester Stratham Hampton Falls	424 222 171 152 123 120 90 70	Rochester Barrington Greenland	14 11 11		
Out Of State:	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	149 769 0 44	Maine Massachusetts Vermont Other	0 19 0 0		
Out Of State Locations:	Shrewsbury,MA Amesbury,MA Newb'port,MA Haverhill,MA	252 171 48 27	Amesbury,MA Gloucester,MA	13 6		