

Atkinson, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area

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

Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Merrimack Valley
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 4
District 22
Rockingham County Districts 14, 34

Incorporated: 1767

Origin: Atkinson was named in 1767 for Colonel Theodore Atkinson, whose farm once covered nearly all of the several hundred acres set aside from Plaistow that became the town. Colonel Atkinson was a brother-in-law to Governor Benning Wentworth, served as secretary of the colony until the Revolution, and was one of the Masonian Proprietors who parceled out New Hampshire lands to over 30,000 settlers. Colonel Atkinson bequested funds to establish Atkinson Academy, incorporated in 1787. In 1809, the state granted 13,000 acres of land in Coos County to the Academy, an unincorporated place now known as Atkinson & Gilmanton Academy Grant.

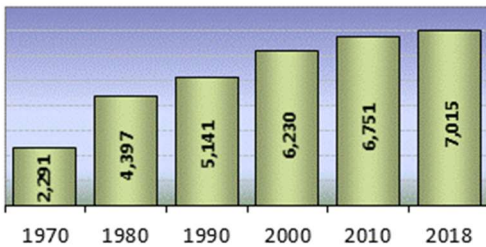
Villages and Place Names: Atkinson Heights, Conleys Grove, Westville, Atkinson Depot

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 479 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Atkinson totaled 5,998 over 58 years, from 1,017 in 1960 to 7,015 in 2018. The largest decennial percent



change was a 125 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, followed by a 92 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2018 Census estimate for Atkinson was 7,015 residents, which ranked 47th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 627.5 persons per square mile of land area. Atkinson contains 11.2 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	\$5,248,842
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Zoning Ordinance	1940/12
Master Plan	2015
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Budget**
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation**

Public Library **Kimball**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Municipal & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	11 miles	86

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Unitil; Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
Water Supplier	Hampstead Water Company & 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	Fairpoint
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)	
2018 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.30
2018 Equalization Ratio	92.9
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.86

2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	5.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.9%

HOUSING (ACS 2014-2018)	
Total Housing Units	2,888
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,664
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	126
Five or More Units in Structure	98
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	0

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2018	7,015	309,176	
2010	6,751	295,223	
2000	6,230	278,748	
1990	5,141	246,744	
1980	4,397	190,345	
1970	2,291	138,951	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2014-2018

Population by Gender			
Male	3,437	Female	3,460

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	192
Age 5 to 19	1,362
Age 20 to 34	800
Age 35 to 54	1,901
Age 55 to 64	1,276
Age 65 and over	1,366
Median Age	49.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	97.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	51.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2014-2018)

Per capita income	\$51,869
Median family income	\$128,182
Median household income	\$113,322

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$100,417
Female	\$63,156

Individuals below the poverty level	1.7%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)

Annual Average	2008	2018
Civilian labor force	3,740	3,964
Employed	3,549	3,833
Unemployed	191	131
Unemployment rate	5.1%	3.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2008	2018
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	253	386
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,140	\$1,256
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	686	783
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 846	\$ 887
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	939	1,169
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 925	\$1,009
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	64	68
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 572	\$ 733
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,002	1,237
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 903	\$ 994

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				Region: 17
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	P K 1-5				
Total Enrollment	339				

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay; Manchester; Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; New England**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **157**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Atkinson Concessions	Country club	227	2002
Palmer Gas Company	Propane gas	109	1969
Lewis Builders, Inc.	Builder	94	1953
GEX	Graphics, printing	80	1990
Busby Construction	Contractor	70	1979

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	111, 121
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-495 (MA), Exit 51
	Distance	4 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		No
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	27 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		29 miles
Portland, Maine		84 miles
Boston, Mass.		40 miles
New York City, NY		239 miles
Montreal, Quebec		283 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2014-2018)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.2%
Public transportation	2.5%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	8.5%
Worked at home	8.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.7 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018

Working in community of residence	17.0
Commuting to another NH community	43.8
Commuting out-of-state	39.2

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
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	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
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)
	Other: NH Cultural & Scenic By-Way