Atkinson, NH

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County
Rockingham

Labor Market Area
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Division

Tourism Region
Merrimack Valley

Planning Commission
Rockingham

Regional Development
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
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 4,854 over 49 years, from 2,291 in 1970 to 7,145 in 2019. The largest decennial percent changes were a 92 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, and a 21 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 Census estimate for Atkinson was 7,145 residents, which ranked 46th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 639.1 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) 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)
2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) $17.67
2019 Equalization Ratio 83.8
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) $14.69
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
Residential Land and Buildings 93.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings 5.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other 0.9%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)
Total Housing Units 2,899
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached 2,693
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure 142
Five or More Units in Structure 64
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units 0

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)
Total Population Community County
2019 7,145 309,769
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 2015-2019)
Population by Gender
Male 3,495 Female 3,457
Population by Age Group
Under age 5 275
Age 5 to 19 1,257
Age 20 to 34 868
Age 35 to 54 1,976
Age 55 to 64 1,201
Age 65 and over 1,375
Median Age 48.6 years

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $ (ACS 2015-2019)
Per capita income $53,300
Median family income $132,500
Median household income $118,712
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
Male $93,724
Female $64,217

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, population 25 years and over
High school graduate or higher 97.7%
Bachelor’s degree or higher 49.0%

LITERACY RATES: ADULTS 25 YEARS AND OLDER (NHES – ELMI)
Reading Proficiency: 2019 2009
4th Grade Reading 76% 66%
5th Grade Reading 77% 69%
High School Graduation Rate 96% 95%
College Attainment Rate 49% 48%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment 2009 2019
Goods Producing Industries
Average Employment 221 374
Average Weekly Wage $1,101 $1,213
Service Providing Industries
Average Employment 636 823
Average Weekly Wage $ 791  $ 910
Total Private Industry
Average Employment 856 1,197
Average Weekly Wage $ 870  $1,005
Government (Federal, State, and Local)
Average Employment 66 68
Average Weekly Wage $ 555  $ 779
Total, Private Industry plus Government
Average Employment 922 1,265
Average Weekly Wage $ 848  $ 992

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)

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<tr>
<th>Number of Schools</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>P K 1-5</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>339</td>
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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)

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<tr>
<th>Total Facilities</th>
<th>Total Capacity</th>
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<td>2</td>
<td>157</td>
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LARGEST BUSINESSES

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<tr>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Atkinson Concessions</td>
<td>227</td>
<td>2002</td>
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<tr>
<td>Palmer Gas Company</td>
<td>109</td>
<td>1969</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lewis Builders, Inc.</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>1953</td>
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<td>GEX</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>1990</td>
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<td>Busby Construction</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>1979</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
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<td>111, 121</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-495 (MA), Exit 51</td>
<td>Distance</td>
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<td></td>
<td>4 miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Railroad</td>
<td>Boston &amp; Maine</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
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Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

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<th>Lawrence (MA) Municipal</th>
<th>Runway</th>
<th>5,000 ft. asphalt</th>
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<td>Lighted?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Navigation Aids?</td>
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Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

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<tr>
<th>Manchester-Boston Regional</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>27 miles</th>
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<td>Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport</td>
<td>4</td>
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Driving distance to select cities:

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<th>City</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<td>Manchester, NH</td>
<td>29 miles</td>
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<td>Portland, Maine</td>
<td>84 miles</td>
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<td>Boston, Mass.</td>
<td>40 miles</td>
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<td>New York City, NY</td>
<td>239 miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Montreal, Quebec</td>
<td>283 miles</td>
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COMMITTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

| Workers 16 years and over | Drove alone, car/truck/van | 86.0% |
|                           | Carpoled, car/truck/van    | 4.5%  |
|                           | Public transportation      | 2.3%  |
|                           | Walked                      | 0.0%  |
|                           | Other means                 | 7.1%  |
|                           | Worked at home              | 46.5% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work  | 31.7 minutes                |

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

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<td>Working in community of residence</td>
<td>14.3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Commuting to another NH community</td>
<td>39.2</td>
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<td>Commuting out-of-state</td>
<td>46.5</td>
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RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
   - YMCA/YWCA
   - Boys Club/Girls Club
   - Boston & Maine

X Golf Courses
   - Swimming: Indoor Facility
   - Swimming: Outdoor Facility
   - Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
   - Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility

X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
   - Boys Club/Girls Club

X Youth Sports: Baseball
   - Baseball

X Youth Sports: Soccer
   - Soccer

X Youth Sports: Football
   - Football

X Youth Sports: Basketball
   - Basketball

X Youth Sports: Hockey
   - Hockey

X Campgrounds
   - Campgrounds

X Fishing/Hunting
   - Fishing/Hunting

X Boating/Marinas
   - Boating/Marinas

X Snowmobile Trails
   - Snowmobile Trails

X Cross Country Skiing
   - Cross Country Skiing

X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
   - Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

X Overnight or Day Camps
   - Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)

Other: NH Cultural & Scenic By-Way