

# Atkinson, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Administrator: Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm**

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

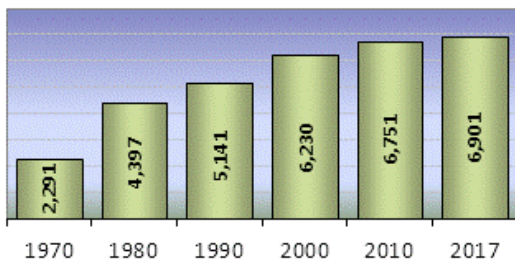
**District 2**  
**District 4**  
**District 22**  
**Rockingham County Districts 14, 34**

**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 5,884 over 57 years, from 1,017 in 1960 to 6,901 in 2017. 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 2017 Census estimate for Atkinson was 6,901 residents, which ranked 47th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau):** 617.3 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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	<b>\$5,926,951</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	<b>\$14,165,097</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1940/12</b>
Master Plan	<b>2015</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

#### 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
<b>Parkland Medical Center, Derry</b>	<b>11 miles</b>	<b>86</b>

#### **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 **Municipal**  
 Curbside Trash Pickup **No**  
 Pay-As-You-Throw Program **Voluntary**  
 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)

2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.30</b>
2017 Equalization Ratio	<b>92.9</b>
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$16.86</b>

#### 2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	<b>94.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>5.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>0.9%</b>

#### **HOUSING** (ACS 2012-2016)

Total Housing Units	<b>2,828</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>2,460</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>191</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>177</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>0</b>

#### **POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)** (US Census Bureau)

	Community	County
Total Population		
2017	<b>6,901</b>	<b>306,363</b>
2010	<b>6,751</b>	<b>295,223</b>
2000	<b>6,230</b>	<b>278,748</b>
1990	<b>5,141</b>	<b>246,744</b>
1980	<b>4,397</b>	<b>190,345</b>
1970	<b>2,291</b>	<b>138,951</b>

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY** (ACS) 2012-2016

Population by Gender  
 Male **3,156** Female **3,673**

Population by Age Group  
 Under age 5 **250**  
 Age 5 to 19 **1,378**  
 Age 20 to 34 **758**  
 Age 35 to 54 **1,781**  
 Age 55 to 64 **1,370**  
 Age 65 and over **1,292**  
 Median Age **48.6 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over  
 High school graduate or higher **96.7%**  
 Bachelor's degree or higher **45.0%**

#### **INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** (ACS 2012-2016)

Per capita income	<b>\$49,142</b>
Median family income	<b>\$121,906</b>
Median household income	<b>\$105,357</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over  
 Male **\$88,529**  
 Female **\$53,738**

Individuals below the poverty level **1.8%**

#### **LABOR FORCE** (NHES – ELMI)

	2007	2017
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	<b>3,763</b>	<b>3,876</b>
Employed	<b>3,598</b>	<b>3,752</b>
Unemployed	<b>165</b>	<b>124</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

#### **EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** (NHES – ELMI)

	2006	2016
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>318</b>	<b>386</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 943</b>	<b>\$1,194</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>636</b>	<b>742</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 646</b>	<b>\$ 889</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>954</b>	<b>1,128</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 745</b>	<b>\$ 993</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>60</b>	<b>66</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 496</b>	<b>\$ 674</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>1,014</b>	<b>1,194</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 731</b>	<b>\$ 976</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Timberlane Regional (Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown)</b>				District: <b>SAU 55</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE</b>				Region: <b>17</b>
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	348				
Nearest Community College: <b>Great Bay; Manchester; Nashua</b>					
Nearest Colleges or Universities: <b>University of NH; New England</b>					

2017 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		<b>I-495 (MA), Exit 51</b>
	Distance	<b>4 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Lawrence (MA) Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,000 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>27 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>29 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>84 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>40 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>239 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>283 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>87.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>3.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.9%</b>
Walked	<b>0.6%</b>
Other means	<b>0.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.4%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>28.5 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016**

Working in community of residence	<b>16.9</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>36.3</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>46.8</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Bradford (MA)</b>
	Other: <b>NH Cultural &amp; Scenic By-Way</b>