

Exeter, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Rockingham
Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Seacoast
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 23
Rockingham County Districts 18, 36

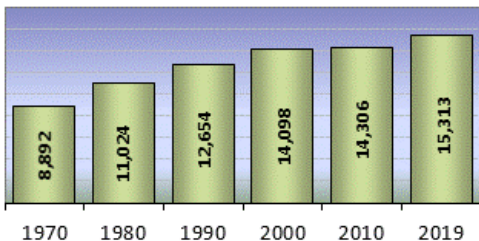
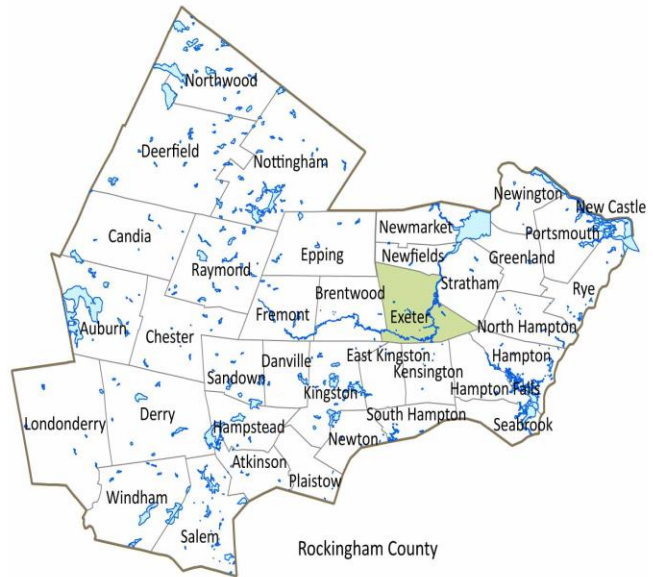
Incorporated: 1638

Origin: Exeter was one of the four original towns established in New Hampshire, and was first settled in 1638 as Squamscott. It was given the name Exeter by the settlement's managers, known as the Exeter Combination. The riverside location of the town made it a shipbuilding center and West Indies trading port. Exeter's charter included the present-day towns of Epping, Newmarket, Newfields, and Brentwood. Exeter was the birthplace of Daniel Chester French, sculptor of the figure of Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial. Both the Phillips Exeter Academy, endowed by Colonel John Phillips in 1781, and the American Independence Museum are located in Exeter.

Villages and Place Names: Dows Corner, Gooch Corner, Haynes Corner, Jady Hill, Perkins Hill

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,722 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Exeter totaled 6,421 over 49 years, from 8,892 in 1970 to 15,313 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 24 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, following a 23 percent increase the previous decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Exeter was 15,313 residents, which ranked 19th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 774.9 persons per square mile of land area. Exeter contains 19.8 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$27,468,809
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Zoning Ordinance	1973/18
Master Plan	2018
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Swasey; Trust Funds**
 Appointed: **Please visit <http://exeternh.gov> for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.**

Public Library **Exeter Public**

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

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	Local	99

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Unitil
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
Water Supplier	Town of Exeter/private wells

Sanitation	Municipal/private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal/Contract
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Yes

Telephone Company	Fairpoint; Comcast
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)	\$23.27
2019 Equalization Ratio	93.1
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.89

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	75.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	23.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.8%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	7,013
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	3,467
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	723
Five or More Units in Structure	1,850
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	973

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	15,313	309,769	
2010	14,306	295,223	
2000	14,098	278,748	
1990	12,654	246,744	
1980	11,024	190,345	
1970	8,892	138,951	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	6,903	Female	8,174
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	645		
Age 5 to 19	2,526		
Age 20 to 34	2,295		
Age 35 to 54	4,044		
Age 55 to 64	2,118		
Age 65 and over	3,449		
Median Age	47.3 years		

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	94.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	48.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	\$50,642
Median family income	\$104,573
Median household income	\$77,120

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$70,839
Female	\$53,871
Individuals below the poverty level	5.7%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	7,947	8,877
Employed	7,447	8,668
Unemployed	500	209
Unemployment rate	6.3%	2.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,189	1,273
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,114	\$1,360
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	7,369	8,815
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 855	\$1,218
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	8,558	10,088
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 891	\$1,236
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	907	981
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 856	\$1,029
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	9,465	11,069
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 888	\$1,218

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Exeter operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are part of Exeter Region Cooperative (Brentwood, East Kingston, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham, Exeter)** District: **SAU 16**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Seacoast School of Technology** Region: **18**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	2	2	3	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12 PG
Total Enrollment	974	81	2,011	1,207

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **10** Total Capacity: **693**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Exeter Hospital	Health care services	900	1897
Philips Exeter Academy	Education	520	1781
Riverwoods at Exeter	Elderly housing, health care	500	1994
Cobham	Electronics	370	1988
Osram Sylvania	Electronics	318	1965
Sigarms	Handguns	200	1989
Town of Exeter	Municipal services	150	1638
Vapotherm	Medical device manufacturer	121	1999

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	27, 85, 88, 101, 108, 111, 111A	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 2	
	Distance	6 miles	
Railroad		Amtrak Downeaster	
Public Transportation		COAST	
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	33 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		31 miles	
Portland, Maine		68 miles	
Boston, Mass.		52 miles	
New York City, NY		263 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		285 miles	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	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
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Walking Trails

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.5%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	3.9%
Other means	8.5%
Worked at home	15.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	33.5
Commuting to another NH community	51.3
Commuting out-of-state	15.2