

Kensington, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Administration, Assessor: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm; Town Clerk: Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 2 pm, extended hours Tuesday, 3 pm - 7 pm ; Tax Collector: Monday, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon, Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

County
Labor Market Area

**Rockingham
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA
Division
Seacoast
Rockingham
Coastal Economic Development Corp.**

Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

**District 1
District 3
District 24
Rockingham County Districts 16, 35**

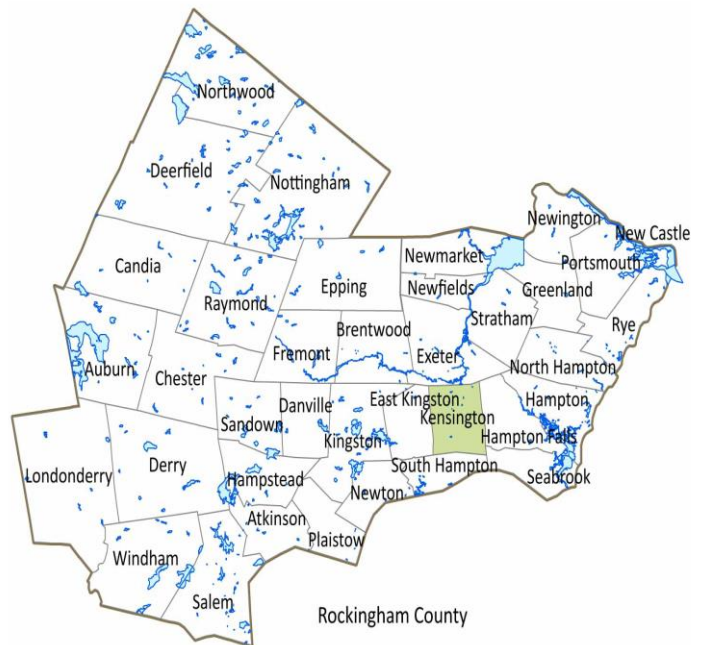
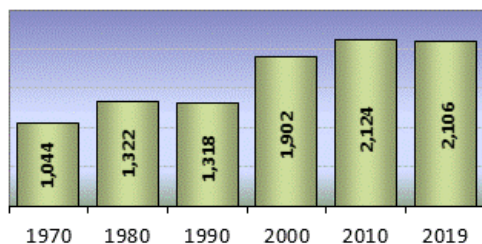
Incorporated: 1737

Origin: This town was once a parish of Hampton, and was incorporated in 1737 by Governor Jonathan Belcher of Massachusetts when New Hampshire was still part of that province. Of the 27 towns granted by Governor Belcher, only three were given names: Arlington, Peterborough, and Kensington, which was named for Edward Rich, Earl of Holland and Baron Kensington. England's Kensington, now a suburb of London, is the location of Kensington Palace, known for its beautiful public gardens. The palace was the birthplace of Queen Victoria, and the London home of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Villages and Place Names: Austin Corners, Brick School Corner, Eastman Corners, Five Corners, Lamprey Corners, Prescott Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 800 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Kensington was 1,062 over 49 years, from 1,044 in 1970 to 2,106 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 44 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 Census estimate for Kensington was 2,106 residents, which ranked 137th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 175.8 persons per square mile of land area. Kensington contains 12.0 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Selectmen		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$1,958,164		
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Zoning Ordinance	1959/14		
Master Plan	2011		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Commission		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Checklist; Trust Funds; Cemetery; Grange Hall; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Sawyer/Kensington Trust		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation; Building Safety		
Public Library	Kensington Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Volunteer		
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	4 miles	99	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Unitil		
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil		
Water Supplier	Private wells		
Sanitation	Private septic		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal	Private septic		
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Voluntary		
Telephone Company	Fairpoint; Comcast		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.46		
2019 Equalization Ratio	95.1		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.27		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	92.3%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.7%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.9%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Total Housing Units	903		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	873		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	3		
Five or More Units in Structure	0		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	27		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	2,106	309,769	
2010	2,124	295,223	
2000	1,902	278,748	
1990	1,318	246,744	
1980	1,332	190,345	
1970	1,044	138,951	
DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,165	Female	1,126
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			160
Age 5 to 19			361
Age 20 to 34			336
Age 35 to 54			569
Age 55 to 64			414
Age 65 and over			451
Median Age			48.2 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			96.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher			49.9%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Per capita income			\$50,343
Median family income			\$122,500
Median household income			\$107,583
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$77,222
Female			\$65,625
Individuals below the poverty level			2.2%
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	1,141	1,318	
Employed	1,067	1,281	
Unemployed	74	37	
Unemployment rate	6.5%	2.8%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	33	23	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 672	\$1,120	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	194	230	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 866	\$1,096	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	226	253	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 838	\$1,098	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	71	65	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 619	\$ 687	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	297	317	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 786	\$1,014	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Kensington 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	1				
Grade Levels	K 1-5				
Total Enrollment	118				

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: **1** Total Capacity: **20**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Exeter & Hampton Electric	Electric utility services	40	
James R. Rosencrantz & Son	Farm, garden equipment		
CP Building Supply, Inc.	Building supplies & equipment		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	84, 150	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 1	
	Distance	5 miles	
Railroad		Yes	
Public Transportation		No	
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	36 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		36 miles	
Portland, Maine		68 miles	
Boston, Mass.		44 miles	
New York City, NY		255 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		294 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2015-2019*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.4%
Public transportation	0.6%
Walked	0.6%
Other means	10.4%
Worked at home	27.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	15.8
Commuting to another NH community	56.3
Commuting out-of-state	27.9

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	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
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: