

# Kensington, NH



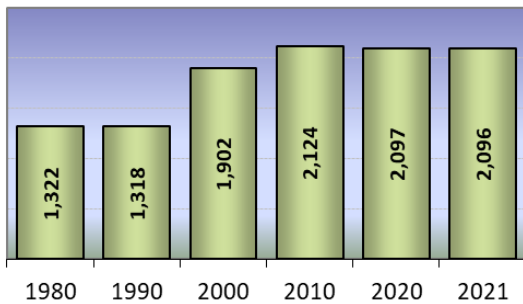
Community Contact	<b>Town of Kensington Board of Selectmen 95 Amesbury Road Kensington, NH 03833</b>
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Web Site	<b>www.town.kensington.nh.us</b>
Municipal Office Hours	<b>Administration, Assessor: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 1:30 pm; Town Clerk: Wednesday, 4 pm - 8 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm, Friday, 9 am - 1 pm; Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon, extended hours Wednesday, 6:30 pm - 8 pm; Planning: Monday, Thursday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm</b>
County	<b>Rockingham</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Division</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Seacoast</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Rockingham</b>
Regional Development	<b>Coastal Economic Development Corp.</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 1</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 3</b>
State Senate	<b>District 23</b>
State Representative	<b>Rockingham County Districts 19, 36</b>

**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.

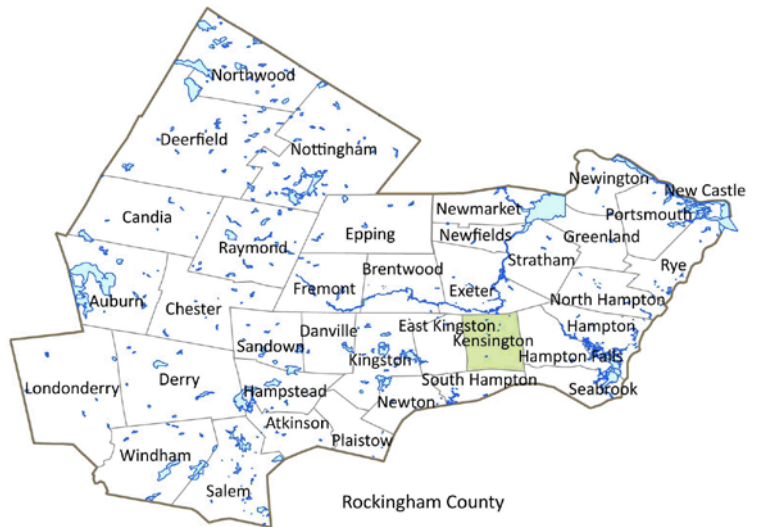
**Villages and Place Names:** Austin Corners, Brick School Corner, Eastman Corners, Five Corners, Lamprey Corners, Prescott Corner

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



**Population Trends:** Population change for Kensington was 774 over 41 years, from 1,322 in 1980 to 2,096 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 44 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Kensington was 2,096 residents, which ranked 135th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau):** 175.0 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	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	<b>\$2,327,010</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	<b>\$3,570,952</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1959/21</b>
Master Plan	<b>2011</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>GKG Planning LLC</b>

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Checklist; Trust Funds; Cemetery; Grange Hall; Town Clerk; Tax Collector; Sawyer/Kensington Trust</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation</b>
Public Library	<b>Kensington Public</b>

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Exeter Hospital, Exeter</b>	<b>4 miles</b>	<b>99</b>

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	<b>Unitil</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Unitil</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications; Comcast</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.72</b>	
2021 Equalization Ratio	<b>77.9</b>	
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$14.36</b>	
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>90.7%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>3.8%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>5.5%</b>	

HOUSING		(ACS 2016-2020)
Total Housing Units	<b>768</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>717</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>20</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>31</b>	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2021	<b>2,096</b>	<b>316,947</b>
2020	<b>2,094</b>	<b>314,430</b>
2010	<b>2,124</b>	<b>295,223</b>
2000	<b>1,902</b>	<b>278,748</b>
1990	<b>1,318</b>	<b>246,744</b>
1980	<b>1,332</b>	<b>190,345</b>

DEMOGRAPHICS			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>909</b>	Female	<b>1,102</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>144</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>308</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>223</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>613</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>323</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>400</b>
Median Age			<b>46.6 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>97.2%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>47.0%</b>

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2016-2020)
Per capita income		<b>\$48,085</b>
Median family income		<b>\$109,531</b>
Median household income		<b>\$100,750</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$76,635</b>
Female		<b>\$52,325</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>2.6%</b>

LABOR FORCE			(NHES - ELMII)
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,245</b>	<b>1,255</b>	
Employed	<b>1,184</b>	<b>1,214</b>	
Unemployed	<b>61</b>	<b>41</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES - ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 708</b>	<b>\$1,516</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>182</b>	<b>256</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 929</b>	<b>\$1,849</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>207</b>	<b>268</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 902</b>	<b>\$1,834</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 667</b>	<b>\$ 823</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>271</b>	<b>333</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 847</b>	<b>\$1,637</b>	

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Kensington operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are part of Exeter Region Cooperative (Brentwood, East Kingston, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham, Exeter)</b>				District: <b>SAU 16</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Seacoast School of Technology</b>				
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>				
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-5</b>				
Total Enrollment	<b>120</b>				

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)      Total Facilities: **1**    Total Capacity: **20**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
CP Building Supply, Inc.	Building supplies & equipment		
James R. Rosencrantz & Son	Farm, garden equipment		

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality*

<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	<b>84, 150</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-95, Exit 1</b>	
	Distance	<b>5 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>Yes</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Hampton Airfield</b>	Runway	<b>2,100 ft. turf</b>	
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>36 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>36 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>68 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>44 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>255 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>294 miles</b>	
<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b> (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		<b>85.7%</b>	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		<b>2.4%</b>	
Public transportation		<b>0.5%</b>	
Walked		<b>0.5%</b>	
Other means		<b>0.9%</b>	
Worked at home		<b>10.0%</b>	
Mean Travel Time to Work		<b>27.7 minutes</b>	
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020</b>			
Working in community of residence		<b>71.6%</b>	
Commuting to another NH community		<b>5.6%</b>	
Commuting out-of-state		<b>22.8%</b>	

<b>RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS</b>	
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	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): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: