

# Kensington, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Town Administrator: Monday to Thursday, 8:30-1:30; Town Clerk: Wednesday, 4-8, Thursday, 9-5, Friday, 9-1; Tax Collector: Monday and Thursday, 9-1, Wednesday, 9-1 and 6:30-8</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

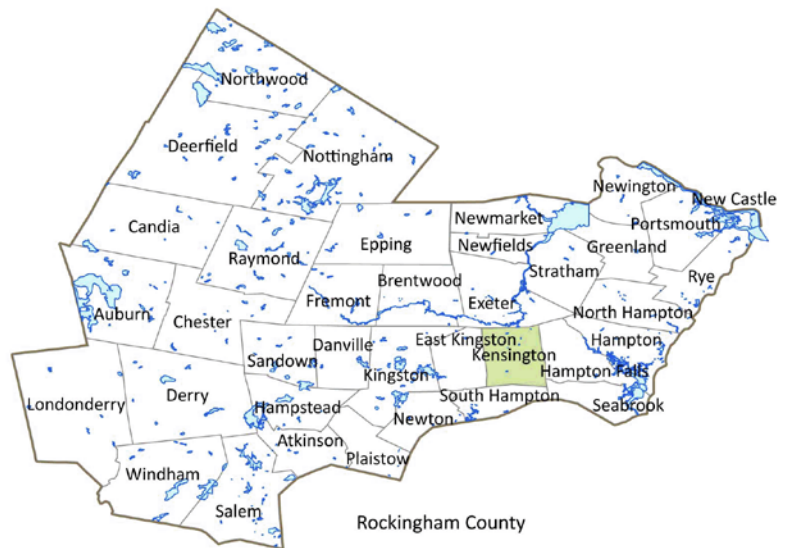
**Origin:** This town was once a parish of Hampton, and was incorporated in 1737 by Governor Jonathan Belcher of Massachusetts when New Hampshire was still part of that province. Of the 27 towns granted by Governor Belcher, only three were given names: Arlington, Peterborough, and Kensington, which was 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 totaled 1,053 over 50 years, from 1,044 in 1970 to 2,097 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 44 percent increase from 1990 to 2000. The town's population decreased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. 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: **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	<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 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:	Business Residential
	<b>Yes 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 2017-2021)

Total Housing Units	<b>762</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>705</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>34</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>23</b>

**POPULATION** (Decennial Census/ACS 2017-2021)

Total Population	Community	County
2021	<b>1,953</b>	<b>312,771</b>
2020	<b>2,095</b>	<b>314,176</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>

**DEMOGRAPHICS** (ACS 2017-2021)

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>877</b>	Female <b>1,076</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		<b>103</b>
Age 5 to 19		<b>321</b>
Age 20 to 34		<b>237</b>
Age 35 to 54		<b>561</b>
Age 55 to 64		<b>345</b>
Age 65 and over		<b>386</b>
Median Age		<b>48.3 years</b>
Educational Attainment		
Population age 25 or older		<b>1,452</b>
High school graduate or higher		<b>98.3%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher		<b>49.0%</b>

**INCOME, INFLATION-ADJUSTED** (ACS 2017-2021)

Per capita income	<b>\$53,484</b>
Median family income	<b>\$120,000</b>
Median household income	<b>\$115,625</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$97,500</b>
Female	<b>\$58,958</b>
Percent of individuals below poverty level	<b>1.5%</b>

**LABOR FORCE** (NHES – ELMI)

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 AND WAGES** (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>271</b>	<b>333</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 847</b>	<b>\$1,637</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>207</b>	<b>268</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 902</b>	<b>\$1,834</b>
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>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>64</b>	<b>65</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 667</b>	<b>\$ 823</b>

n = data do not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Department of Education)*

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**

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 NH Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities (*with a physical campus*): **University of NH**

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

**BUSINESSES** (*provided by municipality*)**PRODUCT OR SERVICE****EMPLOYEES****ESTABLISHED**

CP Building Supply, Inc.	Building supplies & equipment		
James R. Rosencrantz & Son	Farm, garden equipment		

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distance 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 Commercial 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, New Hampshire		<b>36 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>68 miles</b>
Boston, Massachusetts		<b>44 miles</b>
New York City, New York		<b>255 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec, Canada		<b>294 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years of age and over:	<b>1,111</b>
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.1%</b>
Used public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>0.5%</b>
Traveled by other means	<b>1.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>11.9%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>27.1 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents Who:	
Work in community of residence	<b>17.5%</b>
Commute to other NH community	<b>59.9%</b>
Commute out-of-state	<b>22.6%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS**

<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: