Kingston, NH

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County
Rockingham
Labor Market Area
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Division
Tourism Region
Seacoast
Planning Commission
Rockingham
Regional Development
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress
District 1
Executive Council
District 3
State Senate
District 23
State Representative
Rockingham County Districts 13, 34

Incorporated: 1694

Origin: Kingston was the fifth town to be established in New Hampshire, and its charter was issued in 1694. The establishment of settlements was made possible by peace treaties with the Indians following the King's War, during the reign of William and Mary. This settlement, set off from Hampton, was chartered as Kingstown, so named in honor of the King of England. Use of the title instead of the King's name was common at the time. Kingston was home to Dr. Josiah Bartlett, "president" of the state from 1790 to 1794, delegate to the Continental Congress, first signer of the Declaration of Independence, and founder of the New Hampshire Medical Society.

Villages and Place Names: South Kingston, West Kingston, Carriage Towne

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 906 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Kingston was 3,564 over 49 years, from 2,882 in 1970 to 6,446 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 43 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 35 percent increase, over the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Kingston was 6,446 residents, which ranked 53rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 324.7 persons per square mile of land area. Kingston contains 19.9 square miles of land area and 1.2 square miles of inland water area.
**Municipal Services**

Type of Government  Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018  $5,688,748
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Zoning Ordinance  1955/17
Master Plan  2013
Capital Improvement Plan  Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By  Planning Board/Bldg Inspector

Boards and Commissions
Elected: Budget; Selectmen; Planning; Library; Checklist; Trust Funds; Zoning
Appointed: Conservation; Highway Safety; Historic District; Historical Museum; Kingston Days; Recreation; Heritage

Public Library  Nichols Memorial

**Emergency Services**

Police Department  Full-time
Fire Department  Part-time
Emergency Medical Service  Part-time

Nearest Hospital(s)  Exeter Hospital, Exeter

Distance  8 miles
Staffed Beds  99

**Utilities**

Electric Supplier  Unitil; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier  None
Water Supplier  Private wells
Sanitation  Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant  No
Solid Waste Disposal  Curbside Trash Pickup
Pay-As-You-Throw Program  No
Recycling Program  Voluntary
Telephone Company  Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access  Yes
Cable Television Access  Yes
Public Access Television Station  Yes
High Speed Internet Service:  Business
Residential

**Property Taxes** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)  $22.00
- 2019 Equalization Ratio  92.6
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)  $20.18
- 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
  - Residential Land and Buildings  83.9%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings  10.8%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other  5.3%

**Housing** (ACS 2015-2019)

- Total Housing Units  2,763
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached  2,472
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure  62
  - Five or More Units in Structure  157
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units  72

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)** (US Census Bureau)

- Total Population  2019
  - Community  6,446  County  309,769
  - 2010  6,025  295,223
  - 2000  5,905  278,748
  - 1990  5,563  246,744
  - 1980  4,111  190,345
  - 1970  2,882  138,951

**Demographics** (American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019)

- Population by Gender
  - Male  3,315  Female  2,945
- Population by Age Group
  - Under age 5  220
  - Age 5 to 19  997
  - Age 20 to 34  1,388
  - Age 35 to 54  1,752
  - Age 55 to 64  827
  - Age 65 and over  1,076
    - Median Age  45.5 years
- Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
  - High school graduate or higher  93.0%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher  35.6%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $** (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income  $45,291
- Median family income  $110,750
- Median household income  $94,473

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male  $65,430
  - Female  $57,821

- Individuals below the poverty level  8.1%

**Labor Force** (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average 2009  2019
  - Civilian labor force  3,478  3,785
  - Employed  3,213  3,662
  - Unemployed  265  123
  - Unemployment rate  7.6%  3.2%

**Employment & Wages** (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average Covered Employment 2009  2019
  - Goods Producing Industries
    - Average Employment  94  147
    - Average Weekly Wage  $849  $995
  - Service Providing Industries
    - Average Employment  1,035  1,170
    - Average Weekly Wage  $539  $779
  - Total Private Industry
    - Average Employment  1,130  1,317
    - Average Weekly Wage  $565  $803
  - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
    - Average Employment  313  324
    - Average Weekly Wage  $754  $908
  - Total, Private Industry plus Government
    - Average Employment  1,443  1,642
    - Average Weekly Wage  $606  $824

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Sanborn Regional (Kingston, Newton)  
Career Technology Center(s): Seacoast School of Technology  
Number of Schools: 1  
Grade Levels: PK 1-5  
Total Enrollment: 342  

Nearest Community College: Great Bay  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: New England; University of NH; Northern Essex (MA)

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<td>Town of Kingston</td>
<td>Municipal services</td>
<td>148</td>
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<td>Safeway Transportation Co Inc</td>
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<td>Sears Logistics</td>
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<td>1686 Kingston House Restaurant</td>
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<td>Landscapers Depot</td>
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<td>Northland Forest</td>
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<td>TD Bank</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
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| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation | Hampton Airfield | Runway | 2,100 ft. turf |
| Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service | Manchester-Boston Regional | Distance | 30 miles |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport | 4 | |

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<th>Driving distance to select cities:</th>
<th>Manchester, NH</th>
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**COMMITTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)**

Workers 16 years and over:  
- Drove alone, car/truck/van: 82.8%  
- Carpooled, car/truck/van: 3.9%  
- Public transportation: 1.3%  
- Walked: 0.7%  
- Other means: 11.3%  
- Worked at home: 27.7%  
Mean Travel Time to Work: 35.6 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

- Working in community of residence: 24.5%  
- Commuting to another NH community: 47.8%  
- Commuting out-of-state: 27.7%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- 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
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- 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): McIntyre

Other: Historical Buildings; Kingston State Beach; Kingston Days; Town Forests; Renaissance Fair; Craft Fairs; Farmers' Market