

New Castle, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

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

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 21
Rockingham County Districts 22, 37

Incorporated: 1693

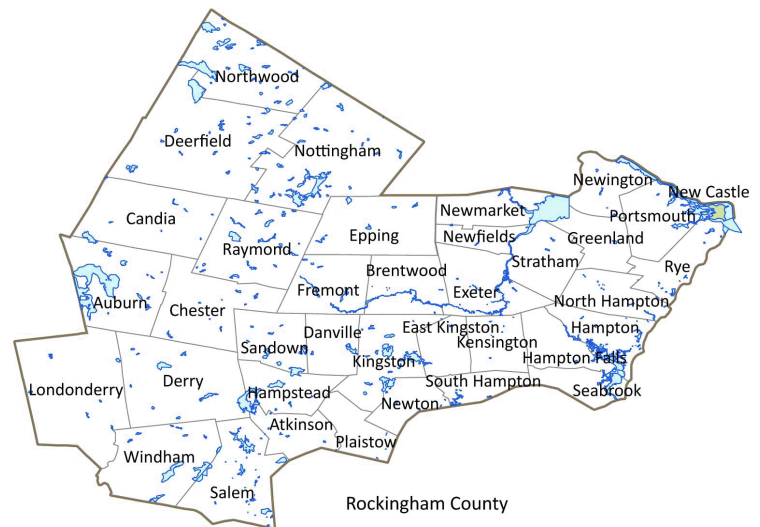
Origin: The largest of several islands at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, this town was originally known as Great Island. Chartered in 1679 as a parish of Portsmouth, it was incorporated in 1693 during the reign of William and Mary. For a number of years, this was the seat of government, where meetings of the governor and council were held. New Castle is unique in the state, being the only town made up entirely of islands, connected to the mainland by bridges. New Castle is home to the Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel, where delegates to the Russo-Japanese Peace Treaty of 1905 stayed during negotiations held at the nearby Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The treaty negotiation and signing, which elevated Japan to an international power at the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese War, was held in the Portsmouth area at the specific invitation of President Theodore Roosevelt.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 534 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for New Castle totaled 21 over 50 years, from 975 in 1970 to 996 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 20 percent increase from 1990 to 2000. The town's population increased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for New Castle was 1,001 residents, which ranked 187th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 1,235.8 persons per square mile of land area. New Castle contains 0.8 square miles of land area and 1.3 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$9,870,643
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$2,162,774
Zoning Ordinance	1954/21
Master Plan	2012
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectboard; Library; Cemetery; School; Budget; Trust Funds**
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Historic District; Zoning; Public Works**

Public Library **New Castle Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time & On-Call
Fire Department	Full & part-time
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	4 miles	173

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	City of Portsmouth; New Castle Water Works
Sanitation	City of Portsmouth
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Comcast; First Light; Consolidated
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>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 4.50
2022 Equalization Ratio	88.7
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 3.99
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	89.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	9.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	.2%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	533
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	456
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	61
Five or More Units in Structure	4
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	12

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	1,001	319,424	
2020	1,000	314,176	
2010	968	295,223	
2000	1,012	278,748	
1990	843	246,744	
1980	936	190,345	

DEMOGRAPHICS			<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>	
Population by Gender				
Male	412	Female	405	
Population by Age Group				
Under age 5	38			
Age 5 to 19	121			
Age 20 to 34	48			
Age 35 to 54	146			
Age 55 to 64	181			
Age 65 and over	283			
Median Age	57.4 years			
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 652				
High school graduate or higher	97.5%			
Bachelor's degree or higher	72.4%			

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income	\$130,336		
Median family income	\$246,181		
Median household income	\$150,875		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$181,389		
Female	\$86,563		
Individuals below the poverty level	3.2%		

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2012	2022		
Civilian labor force	529	557		
Employed	510	545		
Unemployed	19	12		
Unemployment rate	3.6%	2.2%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	n	0		
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$0		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	n	241		
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$1,000		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	272	241		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 572	\$1,000		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	45	68		
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,092	\$ 957		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	317	309		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 646	\$ 991		

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **New Castle operates grades K-6; grades 7 & 8 are tuitioned to Rye; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Portsmouth** District: **SAU**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Portsmouth Career Technical Center #19**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	26			

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

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wentworth Hotel	Hotel, spa	100	
Wentworth Marina	Marina	12	
UNH Marine Lab	School lab	12	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes		1B
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 7	
	Distance		4 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Pease International	Runway		11,321 ft.
asphalt/concrete			
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Boston-Logan International	Distance		58.4 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			44
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			48 miles
Portland, Maine			54 miles
Boston, Mass.			59 miles
New York City, NY			270 miles
Montreal, Quebec			302 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			63.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			0.0%
Public transportation			0.9%
Walked			0.9%
Other means			2.7%
Worked at home			32.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work			24.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence			39.3%
Commuting to another NH community			42.0%
Commuting out-of-state			18.7%

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