

New Castle, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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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 24
Rockingham County District 24

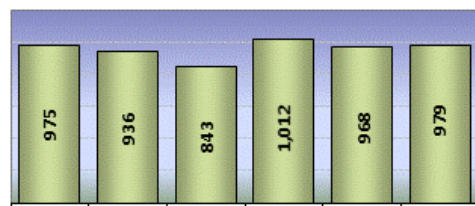
Incorporated: 1693

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

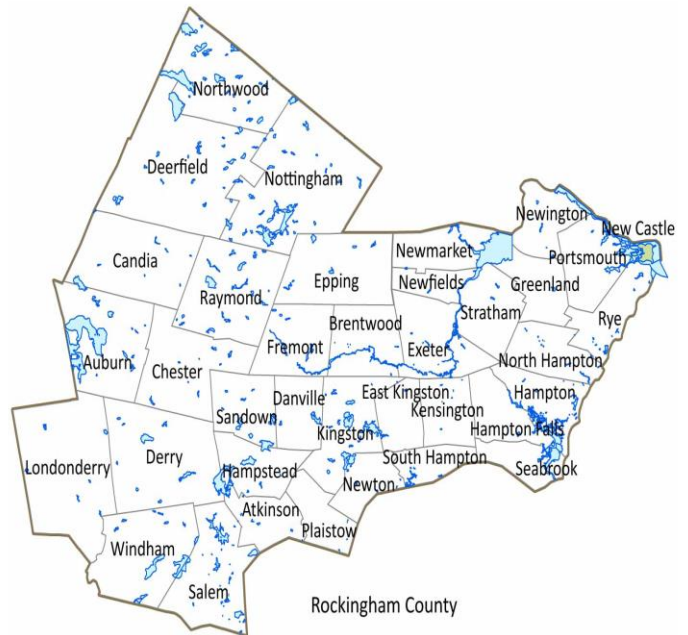
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 534 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for New Castle totaled four over 49 years, from 975 in 1970 to 979 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 20 percent increase between 1990 and 2000, which



followed a ten percent decrease over the previous decade. The 2019 Census estimate for New Castle was 979 residents, which ranked 186th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 1,208.6 persons per square mile of land area, the fifth highest among the cities and towns. 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, 2020-2021	\$3,549,651
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$2,246,916
Zoning Ordinance	1954/16
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	209

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	City of Portsmouth; New Castle Water Works

	City of Portsmouth
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; Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 6.19
2019 Equalization Ratio	91.2
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 5.64
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	89.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.2%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	567
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	493
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	53
Five or More Units in Structure	5
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	16

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	979	309,769	
2010	968	295,223	
2000	1,012	278,748	
1990	843	246,744	
1980	936	190,345	
1970	975	138,951	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	379	Female	456
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			18
Age 5 to 19			117
Age 20 to 34			54
Age 35 to 54			97
Age 55 to 64			220
Age 65 and over			329
Median Age			61.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	99.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	65.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	\$134,049
Median family income	\$230,987
Median household income	\$136,000
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$122,188
Female	n/a
Individuals below the poverty level	1.0%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	522	561
Employed	500	551
Unemployed	22	10
Unemployment rate	4.2%	1.8%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	0	0
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	\$0
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	278	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 574	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	278	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 574	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	47	50
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 556	\$ 650
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	325	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 572	n

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

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 50 & 52**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Portsmouth Career Technical Center #19** Region: **19**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	45			

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

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 2015-2019)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	0.5%
Public transportation	1.0%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	20.6%
Worked at home	18.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	20.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	26.0
Commuting to another NH community	55.2
Commuting out-of-state	18.8

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