

Plaistow, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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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
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 22
Rockingham County Districts 14, 34

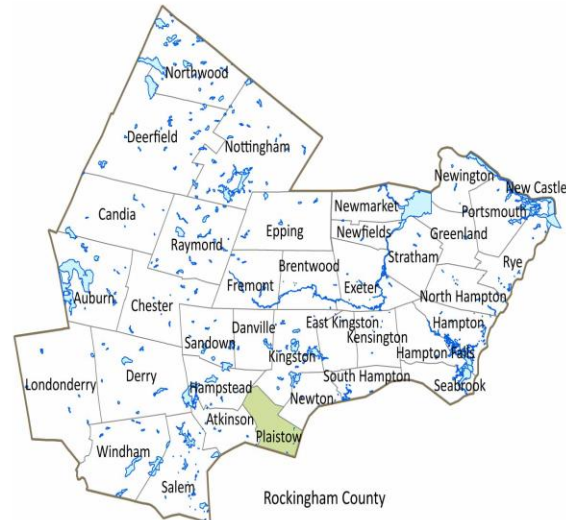
Incorporated: 1749

Origin: This territory was part of the 1642 land purchase that was Haverhill, Massachusetts. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts boundary was established in 1741, the portion north of the border became the Haverhill District. The town was incorporated as Plastow in 1749, and included Atkinson, which was separated in 1767. The spelling was changed later. The name may have come from the English "plaistowe," meaning "an open space or greenwood, near the center of a village where the maypole stood and where sports at holiday times were carried on."

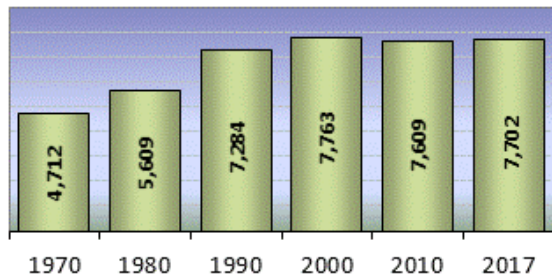
Villages and Place Names: Westville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 521 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Plaistow totaled 4,787 over 57 years, from 2,915 in 1960 to 7,702 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 62 percent increase between 1960



and 1970; the smallest, a seven percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2017 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,702 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 725.9 persons per square mile of land area. Plaistow contains 10.6 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES		
Type of Government	Selectmen/Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$9,555,795	
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/16	
Master Plan	2013	
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions		
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget; Trust Funds; Conflict of Interest	
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning; Cable; Recreation; Elder Affairs; Energy	
Public Library	Plaistow Public	

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department	Full & part-time	
Fire Department	Full, part-time, volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service	Full, part-time, volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Merrimack Valley Campus - Holy Family Hospital, Haverhill MA	7 miles	385
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	15 miles	86
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	16 miles	99

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Unitil	
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil; Northern Utilities	
Water Supplier	Pennichuck; Private wells	
Sanitation	Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No	
Recycling Program	Voluntary	
Telephone Company	Earthlink Business; Xfinity, Wirefly; Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes	
Cable Television Access	Yes	
Public Access Television Station	Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		
Business	Yes	
Residential	Yes	

PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.96	
2017 Equalization Ratio	88.7	
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.14	
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	68.2%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	30.0%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.9%	

HOUSING		(ACS 2013-2017)
Total Housing Units	3,132	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,533	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	425	
Five or More Units in Structure	174	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	0	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2017	7,702	306,363
2010	7,609	295,223
2000	7,763	278,748
1990	7,284	246,744
1980	5,609	190,345
1970	4,712	138,951

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017			
Population by Gender			
Male	3,537	Female	4,105
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	209		
Age 5 to 19	1,486		
Age 20 to 34	1,564		
Age 35 to 54	2,014		
Age 55 to 64	1,262		
Age 65 and over	1,077		
Median Age	39.7 years		

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	94.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.5%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2013-2017)
Per capita income	\$37,397	
Median family income	\$89,924	
Median household income	\$84,125	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	\$64,402	
Female	\$46,801	

Individuals below the poverty level	2.1%
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LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	4,304	4,146	
Employed	4,086	3,992	
Unemployed	218	154	
Unemployment rate	5.1%	3.7%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	530	600	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 929	\$1,215	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	3,491	3,210	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 530	\$ 602	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	4,020	3,810	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 582	\$ 699	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,078	1,032	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 779	\$ 930	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	5,099	4,842	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 624	\$ 748	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Timberlane Regional (Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown)** District: **SAU 55**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE** Region: **17**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	467	789	1,158	

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England; Northern Essex (MA); University of NH**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **305**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberlane Regional School District	Education	784	1963
Market Basket	Supermarket	342	1978
Wal-Mart	Retail store	200	1993
Home Depot	Home improvement center	185	2004
Methuen Construction	Industrial construction	133	2016
Shaw's	Supermarket	120	1992
Kohl's	Department store	90	2003
T J Maxx	Department store	70	1992
Scandia Plastics	Custom plastic extrusions	47	1971
CVS	Pharmacy	25	1990

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	108, 121A, 125
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-495 (MA), Exit 51
	Distance	3 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		CART
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lawrence (MA) Municipal	Runway	5,000 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	36 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		38 miles
Portland, Maine		83 miles
Boston, Mass.		39 miles
New York City, NY		241 miles
Montreal, Quebec		291 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	88.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.1%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	5.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	32.2 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017

Working in community of residence	18.2
Commuting to another NH community	23.8
Commuting out-of-state	58.0

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)
	Other: Hiking Trails; Band Concerts; Summer Concerts