

# Plaistow, NH



## Community Contact

## Town of Plaistow

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 7 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 7 am - 11 am; Town Clerk: Monday, 8 am - 7 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 7 am - 11 am; Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

## 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

**District 1**

US Congress

**District 3**

Executive Council

**District 22**

State Senate

State Representative

**Rockingham County Districts 14, 34**

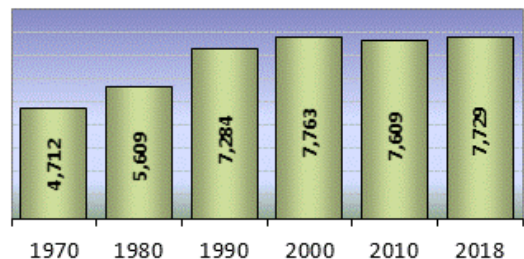
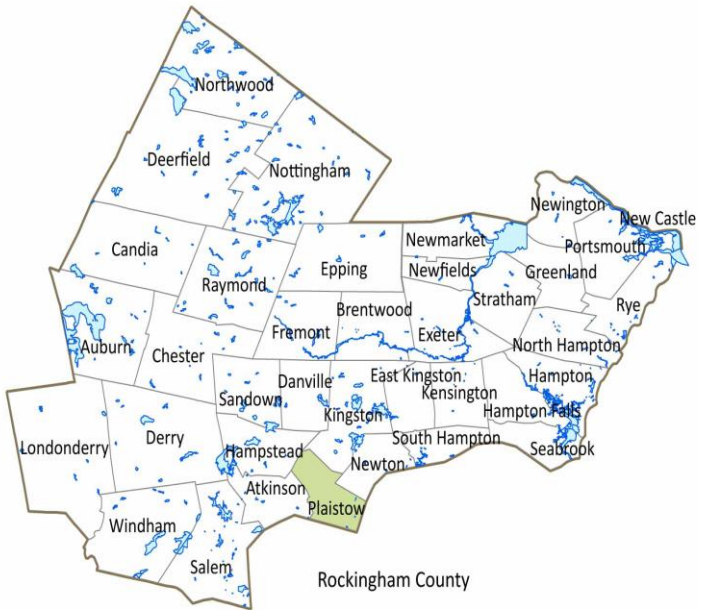
**Incorporated:** 1749

**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 4,814 over 58 years, from 2,915 in 1960 to 7,729 in 2019. 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 2018 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,729 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau):** 728.5 persons per square mile of land area. Plaistow contains 10.6 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.

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

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

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Unitil</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Unitil; Northern Utilities</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Pennichuck; 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>Earthlink Business; Xfinity, Wirefly; Consolidated Communications</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:		
Business	<b>Yes</b>	
Residential	<b>Yes</b>	

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2018 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.96</b>	
2018 Equalization Ratio	<b>88.7</b>	
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.14</b>	
2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>68.2%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>30.0%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.9%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		(ACS 2014-2018)
Total Housing Units	<b>3,235</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>2,471</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>398</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>314</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>52</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2018	<b>7,729</b>	<b>309,176</b>
2010	<b>7,609</b>	<b>295,223</b>
2000	<b>7,763</b>	<b>278,748</b>
1990	<b>7,284</b>	<b>246,744</b>
1980	<b>5,609</b>	<b>190,345</b>
1970	<b>4,712</b>	<b>138,951</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2014-2018
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>3,613</b>	Female	<b>4,064</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>298</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>1,262</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>1,582</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>2,195</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>1,212</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>1,128</b>		
Median Age	<b>41.3 years</b>		

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>96.2%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>23.0%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2014-2018)
Per capita income	<b>\$38,504</b>	
Median family income	<b>\$93,568</b>	
Median household income	<b>\$82,904</b>	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	<b>\$54,966</b>	
Female	<b>\$50,594</b>	
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>3.9%</b>	

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average	2008	2018	
Civilian labor force	<b>4,263</b>	<b>4,225</b>	
Employed	<b>4,017</b>	<b>4,064</b>	
Unemployed	<b>246</b>	<b>161</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2008	2018	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>517</b>	<b>636</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 919</b>	<b>\$1,227</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,271</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 571</b>	<b>\$ 637</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>3,767</b>	<b>3,906</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 618</b>	<b>\$ 733</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,020</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 813</b>	<b>\$ 953</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>4,836</b>	<b>4,926</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 661</b>	<b>\$ 779</b>	

**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	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>471</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>1,100</b>	

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **322**

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	<b>108, 121A, 125</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-495 (MA), Exit 51</b>
	Distance	<b>3 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>
Public Transportation		<b>CART</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Lawrence (MA) Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,000 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest 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, NH		<b>38 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>83 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>39 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>241 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>291 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2014-2018)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>87.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>0.7%</b>
Other means	<b>6.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>31.0 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018**

Working in community of residence	<b>19.1</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>22.0</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>58.9</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
<b>X</b>	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Bradford (MA)</b>
	Other: <b>Hiking Trails; Band Concerts; Summer Concerts</b>