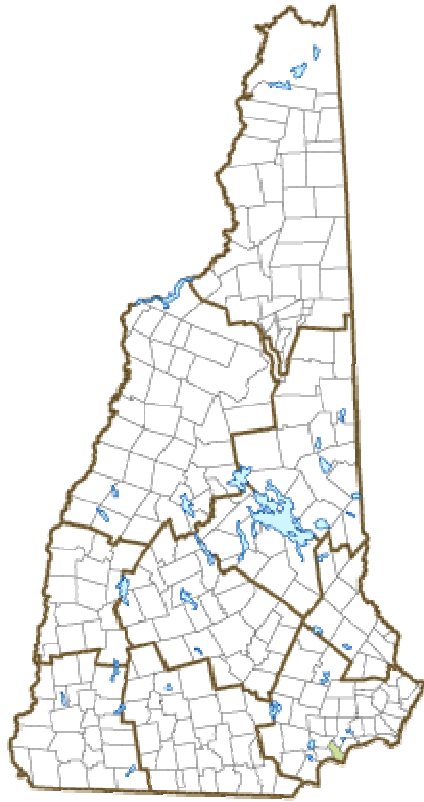


# Plaistow, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, 8 am - 7 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 7 am - 12 noon**

County  
 Labor Market Area

**Rockingham**  
**Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Division**  
**Seacoast**  
**Rockingham**  
**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**

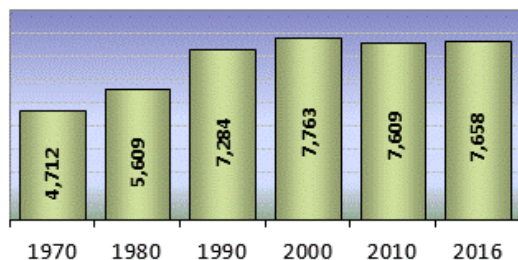
**Incorporated:** 1749

**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

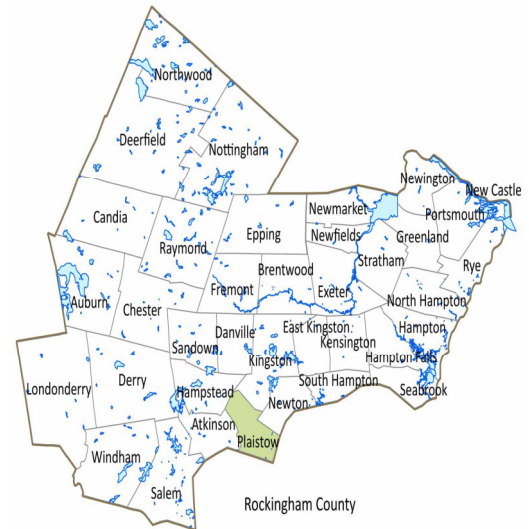
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 521 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Plaistow totaled 4,743 over 56 years, from 2,915 in 1960 to 7,658 in 2016.



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 2016 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,658 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau):** 721.8 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, 2017	<b>\$9,029,751</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	<b>\$70,464,585</b>
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: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget; Trust Funds; Conflict of Interest**  
 Appointed: **Conservation; Zoning; Cable; Recreation; Elder Affairs; Renewable Energy**

Public Library **Plaistow Public**

<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>82</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; Fairpoint</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> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.50</b>
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>95.2</b>
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.24</b>
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>68.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>29.2%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.8%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>3,014</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>2,410</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>431</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>160</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>13</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2016	<b>7,658</b>	<b>303,251</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, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY</b> <i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>3,607</b>	Female	<b>4,013</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>373</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>1,386</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>1,484</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>2,022</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>1,341</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>1,014</b>
Median Age			<b>39.8 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>94.0%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>24.2%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$34,774</b>
Median family income	<b>\$82,217</b>
Median household income	<b>\$81,216</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	<b>\$60,160</b>
Female	<b>\$50,088</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>4.7%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES - ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	<b>4,274</b>	<b>4,168</b>
Employed	<b>4,073</b>	<b>3,991</b>
Unemployed	<b>201</b>	<b>177</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES - ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>545</b>	<b>588</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 916</b>	<b>\$1,133</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>3,556</b>	<b>3,244</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 551</b>	<b>\$ 586</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>4,102</b>	<b>3,831</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 600</b>	<b>\$ 670</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>1,028</b>	<b>1,026</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 771</b>	<b>\$ 922</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>5,129</b>	<b>4,857</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 634</b>	<b>\$ 723</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Timberlane Regional (Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown)</b>			District: <b>SAU 55</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE</b>			Region: <b>17</b>
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>469</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>1,172</b>	

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**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Timberlane Regional School District	Education	1,177	1963
Market Basket	Supermarket	401	1978
Wal-Mart	Retail store	190	1993
Home Depot	Home improvement center	165	2004
Shaw's	Supermarket	125	1992
Kohl's	Department store	115	2003
T J Maxx	Department store	55	1992
Scandia Plastics	Custom plastic extrusions	47	1971
CVS	Pharmacy	35	1990
Rite Aid	Pharmacy	25	2002

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>

**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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Bradford (MA)</b>
	Other: <b>Hiking Trails; Band Concerts</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>89.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>5.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.4%</b>
Walked	<b>0.8%</b>
Other means	<b>0.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>32.8 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>18.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>23.5</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>58.1</b>