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
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 4,814 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.
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

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

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
Number of Schools: 1  
Grade Levels: PK 1-5  
Total Enrollment: 471

Career Tech

Technology Center(s): 
Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE  
Region: 17

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  
Number of 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 2014-2018)**

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

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018  
Working in community of residence  
19.1  
Commuting to another NH community  
22.0  
Commuting out-of-state  
58.9

**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  
Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility  
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility  
Bowling Facilities

X Museums  
Cinemas  
Performing Arts Facilities  
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  
Fishing/Hunting  
Boating/Marinas  
Snowmobile Trails  
Bicycle Trails  
Cross Country Skiing  
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
Overnight or Day Camps  
X Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)  
Other: Hiking Trails; Band Concerts; Summer Concerts