

Plaistow, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area

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

Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

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

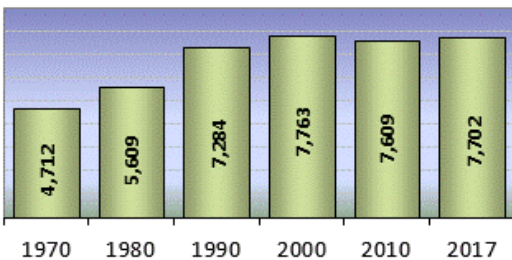
Incorporated: 1749

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 4,787 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
Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019	\$71,870,607
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 2012-2016)

Total Housing Units	3,014
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,410
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	431
Five or More Units in Structure	160
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	13

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

	Community	County
Total Population		
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) 2012-2016

Population by Gender			
Male	3,607	Female	4,013

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	373
Age 5 to 19	1,386
Age 20 to 34	1,484
Age 35 to 54	2,022
Age 55 to 64	1,341
Age 65 and over	1,014
Median Age	39.8 years

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

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)

Per capita income	\$34,774
Median family income	\$82,217
Median household income	\$81,216

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$60,160
Female	\$50,088

Individuals below the poverty level	4.7%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)

	2007	2017
Annual Average		
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)

	2006	2016
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	545	588
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 916	\$1,133
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	3,556	3,244
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 551	\$ 586
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	4,102	3,831
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 600	\$ 670
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,028	1,026
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 771	\$ 922
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	5,129	4,857
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 634	\$ 723

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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	89.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.0%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	4.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	32.8 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016

Working in community of residence	18.4
Commuting to another NH community	23.5
Commuting out-of-state	58.1

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