**Plaistow, NH**

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**Municipal Office Hours**  
Selectmen: Monday to Thursday, 8-4;  
Town Clerk: Monday, 7-5, Tuesday to Thursday, 8-4, closed daily 12:30-2;  
Tax Collector: Monday to Wednesday, 9-4  

**County**  
Rockingham  

**Labor Market Area**  
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NHNECTA Division  

**Tourism Region**  
Seacoast  

**Planning Commission**  
Rockingham  

**Regional Development**  
Regional Economic Development Corp.  

**Election Districts**  
District 1  
District 3  
District 22  
Rockingham County Districts 20, 36  

**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 3,117 over 50 years, from 4,712 in 1970 to 7,829 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 30 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town’s population increased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,862 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 741.0 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, 2021: $11,856,290
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021: $20,491,262
Zoning Ordinance: 1956/21
Master Plan: 2019
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)
- Merrimack Valley Campus - Holy Family: 7 miles (Staffed Beds: 122)
- Hospital, Haverhill MA: 15 miles (Staffed Beds: 50)
- Exeter Hospital, Exeter: 16 miles (Staffed Beds: 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)

- 2022 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $19.01
- 2022 Equalization Ratio: 78.0
- 2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $14.68

- 2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 72.3%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 24.8%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.9%

**Housing** (ACS 2017-2021)

- Total Housing Units: 3,324
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 2,532
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 402
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 328
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 62

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)** (US Census Bureau)

- Total Population: Community 2022: 7,862, County 2022: 319,424
- 2020: 7,830, 314,176
- 2010: 7,609, 295,223
- 2000: 7,763, 278,748
- 1990: 7,284, 246,744
- 1980: 5,609, 190,345

**Demographics**

American Community Survey (ACS) 2017-2021

- Population by Gender
  - Male: 3,793, Female: 4,019

- Population by Age Group
  - Under age 5: 365
  - Age 5 to 9: 1,365
  - Age 20 to 34: 1,248
  - Age 35 to 54: 2,327
  - Age 55 to 64: 1,167
  - Age 65 and over: 1,340
  - Median Age: 44.3 years

- Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 5,644
  - High school graduate or higher: 97.5%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 31.4%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $** (ACS 2017-2021)

- Per capita income: $45,384
- Median family income: $121,848
- Median household income: $90,508

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $77,626
  - Female: $62,321

- Individuals below the poverty level: 3.8%

**Labor Force** (NHES—ELMI)

- Annual Average: 2012: 190,345, 2022: 278,748
- Civilian labor force: 2012: 121,848, 2022: 190,345
- Unemployed: 2012: 1,087, 2022: 934

**Employment & Wages** (NHES—ELMI)

- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Weekly Wage: 2012: $1,019, 2022: $1,405
- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 2012: 3,115, 2022: 3,910

- Total Private Industry

- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 2012: 1,065, 2022: 1,934
  - Average Weekly Wage: 2012: $848, 2022: $1,087

- Total, Private Industry plus Government

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.
**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

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<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>469</td>
<td>735</td>
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Nearest Community College: Nashua; Great Bay  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Rivier; University of NH; Northern Essex (MA)

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 6  
Total Capacity: 359

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>Business Name</th>
<th>Product/Service</th>
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<td>Timberlane Regional School District</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>784</td>
<td>1963</td>
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<td>Market Basket</td>
<td>Supermarket</td>
<td>342</td>
<td>1978</td>
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<td>Wal-Mart</td>
<td>Retail store</td>
<td>200</td>
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<td>Kohl's</td>
<td>Department store</td>
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<td>2003</td>
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<td>Home Depot</td>
<td>Home improvement center</td>
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<td>Shaw's</td>
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<td>Scandia Plastics</td>
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<td>Methuen Construction</td>
<td>Industrial construction</td>
<td>133</td>
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<td>CVS</td>
<td>Pharmacy</td>
<td>25</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
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Nearest Interstate, Exit: I-495 (MA), Exit 51  
Distance: 3 miles

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<th>Railroad</th>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
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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

**COMMITTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over  
- Drove alone, car/truck/van: 80.8%
- Carpooled, car/truck/van: 4.9%
- Public transportation: 2.2%
- Walked: 0.0%
- Other means: 1.2%
- Worked at home: 10.9%

Mean Travel Time to Work: 28.4 minutes

Percent of Working Residents  
- Working in community of residence: 24.7%
- Commuting to another NH community: 23.8%
- Commuting out-of-state: 51.5%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- Municipal Parks
- 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
- 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
- Youth Sports: Other:
  - Campgrounds
  - Fishing/Hunting
  - Boating/Marinas
  - Snowmobile Trails
  - Bicycle Trails
  - Cross Country Skiing
  - Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
  - Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)

Other: Hiking Trails; Band Concerts; Summer Concerts