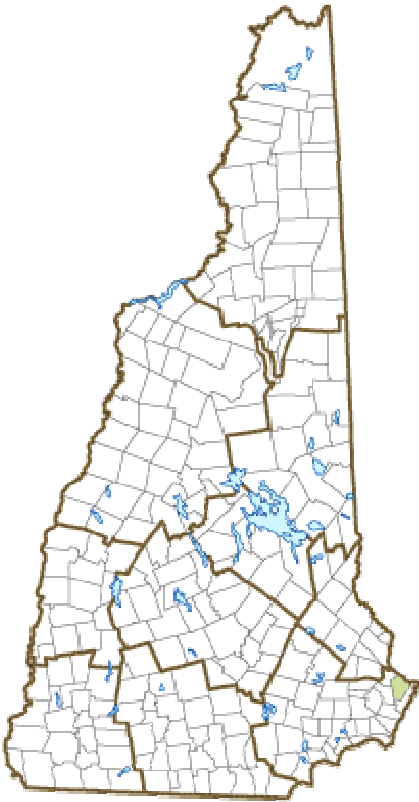


# Portsmouth, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, 8 am - 6 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 8 am - 1 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Rockingham**  
**Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA**  
**Seacoast**  
**Rockingham**  
**Coastal Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

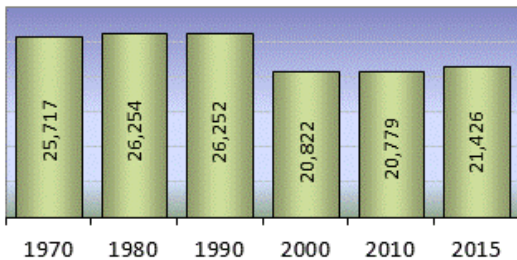
**District 1 (All Wards)**  
**District 3 (All Wards)**  
**District 21 (All Wards)**  
**Rockingham County Districts 25, 30 (Ward 1) 26, 30 (Ward 2) 27, 31 (Ward 3) 28, 30 (Ward 4) 29,30 (Ward 5)**

## Incorporated: 1631

**Origin:** This territory was a part of the original land grant to John Mason and Francisco Gorges in 1622. A township grant was issued by the council of Plymouth (MA) in 1631 which covered what is now Portsmouth and the harbor, Greenland, Rye, New Castle, and Newington. First called Piscataqua, the settlement became known as Strawberry Banke because of the wild strawberries that were found there. The name Portsmouth was adopted in 1653 to honor John Mason, Captain of the Port in Portsmouth, England, and because it was a good harbor situated at the river's mouth. Already an important center of trade and shipping, Portsmouth became capitol of the province of New Hampshire in 1679, and was incorporated as a city in 1849.

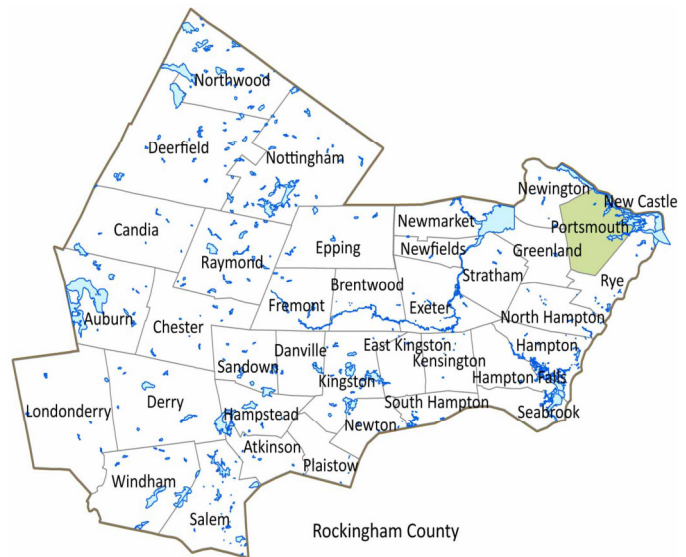
**Villages and Place Names:** Atlantic Heights, Christian Shore, Creek Area, Elwyn Park, Meadowbrook, Pannaway Manor, Portsmouth Plains, Haymarket Square, Sagamore Hill, Strawberry Banke, the Woodlands

## Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 4,720 residents in 1790



**Population Trends:** Population change decreased for Portsmouth by 5,474 over 55 years, from 26,900 in 1960 down to 21,426 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 2 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; population declined by 21 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2015 Census estimate for Portsmouth was 21,426 residents, which ranked 13th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 1,366.5 persons per square mile of land area, the third highest among the cities and towns. Portsmouth contains 15.7 square miles of land area and 1.1 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>City Manager &amp; Council</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	<b>\$62,977,200</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2018	<b>\$46,471,405</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1927/05</b>
Master Plan	<b>Update in Progress</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Department</b>

#### Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>City Council; School; Police; Fire</b>
Appointed:	<b>Please visit <a href="http://cityofportsmouth.com">http://cityofportsmouth.com</a>, for a list of boards &amp; committees to which citizens may be appointed.</b>

Public Library **Portsmouth Athenaeum; Portsmouth Public**

#### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Municipal</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Full &amp; part-time</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth</b>	<b>Local 165</b>

#### **UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Unitil</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Portsmouth Water Department</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>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 Residential
	<b>Yes Yes</b>

#### **PROPERTY TAXES** *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.04</b>
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>84.9</b>
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$14.15</b>
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>53.5%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>42.1%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.4%</b>

#### **HOUSING** *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Total Housing Units	<b>10,782</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>5,326</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>2,066</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>3,098</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>292</b>

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS** *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2015	<b>21,426</b>	<b>299,006</b>
2010	<b>20,779</b>	<b>295,223</b>
2000	<b>20,822</b>	<b>278,748</b>
1990	<b>26,252</b>	<b>246,744</b>
1980	<b>26,254</b>	<b>190,345</b>
1970	<b>25,717</b>	<b>138,951</b>

#### **Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>10,532</b>	Female	<b>10,894</b>

#### Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>1,119</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>2,600</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>5,568</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>5,495</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>2,955</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>3,689</b>
Median Age	<b>41.2 years</b>

#### Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>95.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>57.7%</b>

#### **INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$** *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Per capita income	<b>\$45,062</b>
Median family income	<b>\$96,858</b>
Median household income	<b>\$71,392</b>

#### Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male	<b>\$62,050</b>
Female	<b>\$50,021</b>

Individuals below the poverty level **6.6%**

#### **LABOR FORCE** *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	<b>13,230</b>	<b>13,755</b>
Employed	<b>12,852</b>	<b>13,476</b>
Unemployed	<b>378</b>	<b>279</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

#### **EMPLOYMENT & WAGES** *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>2,738</b>	<b>2,706</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,043</b>	<b>\$1,429</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>24,220</b>	<b>27,809</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 950</b>	<b>\$1,193</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>26,958</b>	<b>30,515</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 959</b>	<b>\$1,214</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>1,810</b>	<b>1,881</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 896</b>	<b>\$1,050</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>28,768</b>	<b>32,396</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 955</b>	<b>\$1,204</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Portsmouth operates grades K-12</b>				District: <b>SAU 52</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Portsmouth Career Technical Center #19</b>				Region: <b>19</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	<b>4</b>	<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>	<b>P K 1-8</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>990</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>97</b>	

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **20** Total Capacity: **1,291**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Portsmouth Consular Center, US Dept of State	Passport, visa services	1,633	
HCA Portsmouth Regional Hospital	Health care services	1,100	1987
Liberty Mutual Insurance	Insurance services	1,015	1969
Lonza Biologies	Biopharma	879	
Bottomline Technologies	Finance software	454	
John Hancock	Financial services	400	
High Liner Foods	Seafood production	324	
Amadeus	Hospitality/Event software	304	
Service Credit Union	Banking services	287	
Thermo Fisher	Analytical instruments & laboratory equipment	285	
Employer Information Supplied by Municipality			

<b>TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)</b>			
Road Access	US Routes		<b>1, 4</b>
	State Routes	<b>1A, 1B, 16, 33, 1 Bypass</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-95, Exits 3 - 7</b>	
	Distance	<b>Local access</b>	
Railroad		<b>Guilford Rail Service</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>COAST; Wildcat Transit</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
	<b>Pease International</b>	Runway	<b>11,321 ft. asphalt/conc</b>
	Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
	<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>48 miles</b>
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:			
	Manchester, NH		<b>46 miles</b>
	Portland, Maine		<b>52 miles</b>
	Boston, Mass.		<b>57 miles</b>
	New York City, NY		<b>268 miles</b>
	Montreal, Quebec		<b>302 miles</b>

<b>COMMUTING TO WORK</b>	<b>(ACS 2011-2015)</b>
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>74.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.4%</b>
Walked	<b>5.5%</b>
Other means	<b>1.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>9.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>20.3 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>49.9</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>35.6</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>14.5</b>

<b>RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS</b>	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
<b>X</b>	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
<b>X</b>	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Outdoor Ice Skating Rink; Strawberry Banke; Harbor &amp; Isles of Shoals Cruises; Historic Homes; Fish Pier; Trolley; Sailing; Kayaking; Music Festival; Shopping; History Tours; Market Square Day; First Night; Seafood, Chili, and NH Film Festivals</b>