

Portsmouth, NH

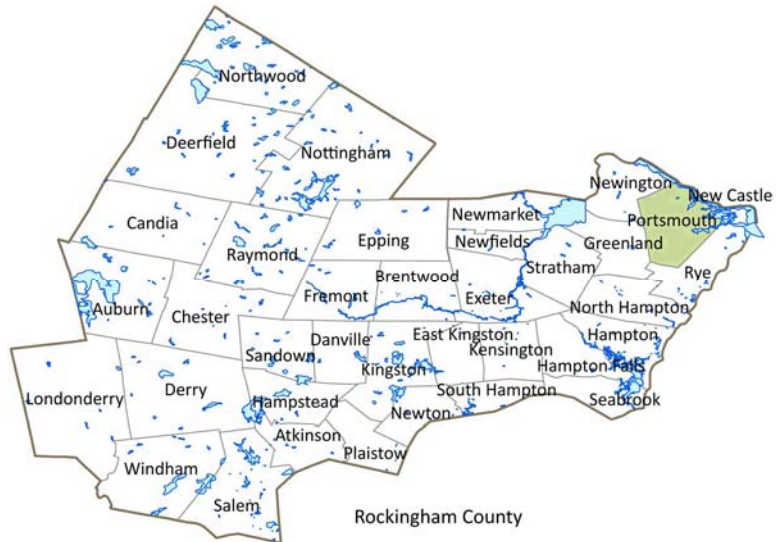


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County	Rockingham
Labor Market Area	Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Seacoast
Planning Commission	Rockingham
Regional Development	Coastal Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1 (All Wards)
Executive Council	District 3 (All Wards)
State Senate	District 21 (All Wards)
State Representative	Rockingham County Districts 21 (Ward 1), 22 (Ward 5), 26 (Ward 3), 27 (Ward 4), 28 (Ward 2), 37 (Wards 1, 5), 39 (Wards 2, 3, 4)

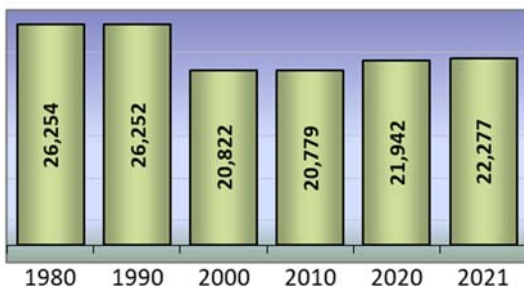
Incorporated: 1631

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 for Portsmouth decreased by 3,977 over 41 years, from 26,254 in 1980 down to 22,277 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 21 percent decline between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Portsmouth was 22,277 residents, which ranked 13th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 1,420.7 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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	City Manager & Council		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021-2022	\$131,775,911		
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Zoning Ordinance	1927/05		
Master Plan	0		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Department		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	City Council; School; Police; Fire		
Appointed:	Please visit http://cityofportsmouth.com, for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.		
Public Library	Portsmouth Athenaeum; Portsmouth Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Municipal		
Emergency Medical Service	Full & part-time		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	Local	188	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy		
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil		
Water Supplier	Portsmouth Water Department		
Sanitation	Municipal		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes		
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	No		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Mandatory		
Recycling Program	Mandatory		
Telephone Company	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)			
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.03		
2021 Equalization Ratio	79.5		
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$11.73		
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	57.7%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	39.3%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.0%		
HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)			
Total Housing Units	10,676		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	5,030		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,182		
Five or More Units in Structure	3,197		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	267		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	22,277	316,947	
2020	21,963	314,430	
2010	20,779	295,223	
2000	20,822	278,748	
1990	26,252	246,744	
1980	26,254	190,345	
DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020			
Population by Gender			
Male	10,335	Female	11,083
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	761		
Age 5 to 19	2,838		
Age 20 to 34	5,042		
Age 35 to 54	5,832		
Age 55 to 64	2,784		
Age 65 and over	4,161		
Median Age	41.5 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	96.4%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	61.4%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2016-2020)			
Per capita income	\$54,967		
Median family income	\$109,565		
Median household income	\$78,712		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$74,223		
Female	\$59,712		
Individuals below the poverty level	6.6%		
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	13,053	13,705	
Employed	12,456	13,300	
Unemployed	597	405	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	3.0%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	2,286	3,211	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,287	\$1,664	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	24,316	27,116	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,034	\$1,577	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	26,602	30,326	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,056	\$1,587	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,966	2,026	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 938	\$1,279	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	28,568	32,352	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,048	\$1,567	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Portsmouth operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 52**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Portsmouth Career Technical Center #19**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	4	1	1	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-8
Total Enrollment	924	525	1,078	261

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **14** Total Capacity: **1,227**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Portsmouth Consular Center, US Dept of State	Passport, visa services	1,300	
Lonza Biologies	Biopharma	1,100	
HCA Portsmouth Regional Hospital	Health care services	1,000	1987
Liberty Mutual Insurance	Insurance services	1,000	1969
City of Portsmouth	Municipal services	817	
Bottomline Technologies	Finance software	638	
John Hancock	Financial services	400	
Service Credit Union	Banking services	378	
Amadeus	Hospitality/Event software	375	
High Liner Foods	Seafood production	330	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		1, 4
	State Routes	1A, 1B, 16, 33, 1 Bypass	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exits 3 - 7	
	Distance		Local access
Railroad		Guilford Rail Service	
Public Transportation		COAST; Wildcat Transit	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Pease International	Runway		11,321 ft.
asphalt/concrete			
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance		48 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			46 miles
Portland, Maine			52 miles
Boston, Mass.			57 miles
New York City, NY			268 miles
Montreal, Quebec			302 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			73.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			6.9%
Public transportation			1.1%
Walked			5.3%
Other means			1.9%
Worked at home			11.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work			23.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence			73.8%
Commuting to another NH community			13.4%
Commuting out-of-state			12.8%

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