

Rye, NH



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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
District 3
District 24
Rockingham County District 24

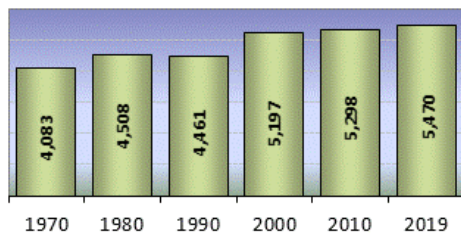
Incorporated: 1726

Origin: Rye was the site of the first settlement in New Hampshire, established by David Thompson in 1623 at Odiorne's Point, which he called Pannaway. This township was originally part of Portsmouth called Sandy Beach, and it was incorporated as a parish of New Castle in 1693 when that town separated from Portsmouth. In 1726 it was separated from New Castle, and incorporated as Rye, after the borough of Rye, a flourishing English Channel town. Rye's eight-mile length of coastline is dotted with old names such as Wallis Sands, Jenness Beach, Locke's Neck, Ragged Neck, Rye Harbor, and Odiorne Point. In 1876, the thriving village of Gosport on Star Island in the Isles of Shoals was annexed to the town. Rye is the only New Hampshire town with Atlantic islands, having annexed four of the Isles of Shoals; the remaining five islands belong to Maine.

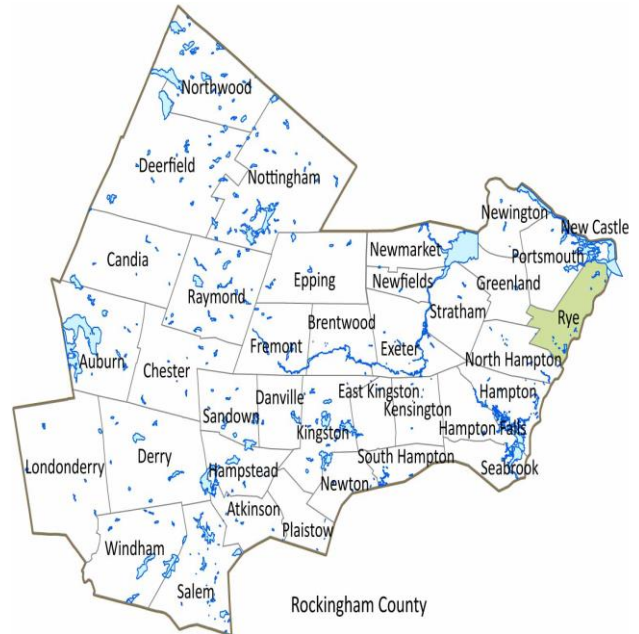
Villages and Place Names: Jenness Beach, Odiorne Point, Foyes Corner, Langs Corner, Rye Beach, Rye Harbor, Rye North Beach, Wallis Sands, West Rye, Foss Beach

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 958 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Rye totaled 1,387 over 49 years, from 4,083 in 1970 to 5,470 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a percent increase between 1990 and 2000; the smallest, a two percent increase between 2000 and 2010. The 2019 Census estimate for Rye was 5,470 residents, which ranked 63rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 432.8 persons per square mile of land area. Rye contains 12.6 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$13,530,966
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Zoning Ordinance	1953/13
Master Plan	2016
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Zoning**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Historic District; Mosquito; Heritage; Recreation**

Public Library **Rye Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Municipal
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	6 miles	209

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Rye Water District; Aquarion Water

Sanitation	Rye Sewer Commission & private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Bay Ring; Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$10.22
2019 Equalization Ratio	85.3
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 8.68

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	3,059
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,585
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	176
Five or More Units in Structure	122
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	176

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	5,470	309,769	
2010	5,298	295,223	
2000	5,197	278,748	
1990	4,461	246,744	
1980	4,508	190,345	
1970	4,083	138,951	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019

Population by Gender			
Male	2,888	Female	2,578

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	174
Age 5 to 19	661
Age 20 to 34	523
Age 35 to 54	1,314
Age 55 to 64	1,240
Age 65 and over	1,554
Median Age	55.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	98.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	62.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)

Per capita income	\$86,541
Median family income	\$143,341
Median household income	\$112,054

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$94,453
Female	\$63,659

Individuals below the poverty level	4.4%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)

Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	2,693	3,478
Employed	2,548	3,408
Unemployed	145	70
Unemployment rate	5.4%	2.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	44	23
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 675	\$1,559
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	925	1,132
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 589	\$ 949
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	969	1,154
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 593	\$ 961
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	252	208
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 732	\$1,036
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,221	1,362
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 622	\$ 973

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Rye operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Portsmouth** District: **SAU 50**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Portsmouth Career Technical Center #19** Region: **19**

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		3-12
Total Enrollment	272	127		60

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **99**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Rye	Municipal services	61	1726
Petey's Restaurant	Seasonal restaurant		
Rye Airfield	Skate park & BMX bikes		
Wentworth by the Sea Country Club	Golf course		
Sanctuary Care	Memory care		
TD Bank	Banking services		
Rye Public Schools	Education		
Sagamore Veterinary Clinic	Animal health care services		
Abenaqui Country Club	Golf course		
Webster at Rye	Rehabilitation & assisted living		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	1
	State Routes	1A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 3
	Distance	5 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hampton Airfield	Runway	2,100 ft. turf
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	43 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		40 miles
Portland, Maine		59 miles
Boston, Mass.		57 miles
New York City, NY		268 miles
Montreal, Quebec		294 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	74.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.5%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.5%
Other means	19.3%
Worked at home	12.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

Working in community of residence	30.6
Commuting to another NH community	57.2
Commuting out-of-state	12.2

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	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
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre, Gunstock
	Other: Whale Watches, Odiorne Point; Wallis Sands; Jenness & Rye State Parks; State Harbor