

Rye, 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
Executive Council	District 3
State Senate	District 24
State Representative	Rockingham County Districts 24, 38

Incorporated: 1726

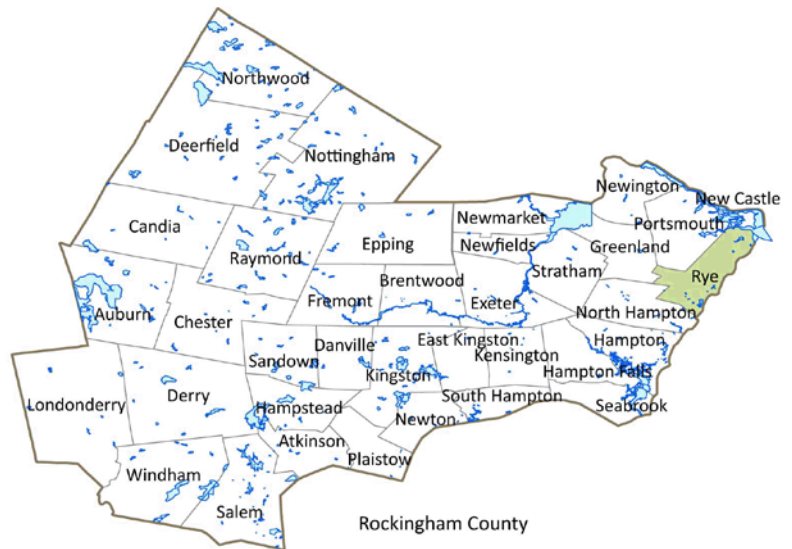
Origin: Rye was the site of the first New Hampshire settlement, established by David Thompson in 1623 at Odiorne's Point and named Pannaway. Originally a part of Portsmouth called Sandy Beach, it was incorporated as a parish of New Castle in 1693 when that town separated from Portsmouth. In 1726, it was separated from New Castle, and incorporated as Rye, after the borough of Rye, on the English Channel. 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 1,457 over 50 years, from 4,083 in 1970 to 5,540 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 16 percent increase from 1990 to 2000. The town's population increased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2021 Census estimate for Rye was 5,554 residents, which ranked 66th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 439.4 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.



Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, April 2023. Community Response Received **8/11/2022**

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$11,897,834
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$15,879,867
Zoning Ordinance	1953/18
Master Plan	2016
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Zoning; Sewer
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	188

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; Consolidated	
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes	
Cable Television Access	Yes	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$10.22
2021 Equalization Ratio	69.1
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 7.03
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)

Total Housing Units	3,059
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,613
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	170
Five or More Units in Structure	127
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	149

POPULATION (Decennial Census/ACS 2017-2021)

Total Population	Community	County
2021	5,511	312,771
2020	5,543	314,176
2010	5,298	295,223
2000	5,197	278,748
1990	4,461	246,744

DEMOGRAPHICS (ACS 2017-2021)

Population by Gender		
Male	2,826	Female 2,685
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		257
Age 5 to 19		727
Age 20 to 34		456
Age 35 to 54		1,207
Age 55 to 64		1,092
Age 65 and over		1,772
Median Age		55.9 years
Educational Attainment		
Population age 25 or older		4,391
High school graduate or higher		96.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher		62.7%

INCOME, INFLATION-ADJUSTED (ACS 2017-2021)

Per capita income	\$86,232
Median family income	\$171,728
Median household income	\$116,332
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$116,250
Female	\$65,772
Percent of individuals below poverty level	4.8%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	3,206	3,418
Employed	3,068	3,334
Unemployed	138	84
Unemployment rate	4.3%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,239	1,261
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 710	\$1,311
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,019	1,066
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 681	\$1,342
Goods-Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	17
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$2,228
Service-Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	1,049
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$1,327
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	220	195
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 842	\$1,145

n = data do not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Department of Education)*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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1		1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8		3-12
Total Enrollment	208	168		120

Nearest NH Community College: **Great Bay**Nearest Colleges or Universities *(with a physical campus)*: **University of NH**NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2021 *(DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)* Total Facilities: **1** Capacity: **99**

BUSINESSES <i>(provided by municipality)</i>	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Town of Rye	Municipal services	83	1726
Abenaqui Country Club	Golf course		
Benchmark at Rye	Assisted Living		
Partners Bank	Banking services		
Petey's Restaurant	Seasonal restaurant		
Rye Public Schools	Education		
Sagamore Veterinary Clinic	Animal health care services		
Webster at Rye	Rehabilitation & assisted living		
Wentworth by the Sea Country Club	Golf course		

TRANSPORTATION *(distance 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 Commercial Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	43 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, New Hampshire		40 miles
Portland, Maine		59 miles
Boston, Massachusetts		57 miles
New York City, New York		268 miles
Montreal, Quebec, Canada		294 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(ACS 2017-2021)*

Workers 16 years of age and over:	2,671
Drove alone, car/truck/van	76.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	1.0%
Used public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.9%
Traveled by other means	0.6%
Worked at home	20.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents Who:	
Work in community of residence	32.8%
Commute to other NH community	55.0%
Commute out-of-state	12.2%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, 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