South Hampton, NH

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County
Rockingham

Labor Market Area
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Division
Seacoast
Rockingham
Coastal Economic Development Corp.

Tourism Region
Seacoast Planning Commission
Rockingham Regional Development Corp.

Election Districts
District 1
District 3
District 24
Rockingham County Districts 16, 35

Incorporated: 1742

Origin: This town was one of the first granted by Governor Benning Wentworth. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts border was established in 1741, territory that was in Amesbury and Salisbury, Massachusetts, became part of New Hampshire. South Hampton was chartered in 1742 from that territory. Much of the area was already settled when the boundary line was changed, and some residents petitioned to become part of a town closer to them. The east end was annexed to Hampton Falls in 1742 and the west side was separated to form Newton in 1748. At one time, the town was home to over twelve different religious sects.

Villages and Place Names: Smith Corner, Towles Corner, Jewell Town, Currierville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 448 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for South Hampton totaled 269 over 49 years, from 558 in 1970 to 827 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 28 percent between 1980 and 1990; the smallest, a one percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 Census estimate for South Hampton was 827 residents, which ranked 194th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 104.6 persons per square mile of land area. South Hampton contains 7.9 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

- **Type of Government**: Selectmen
- **Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018**: $969,828
- **Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019**: $2,265,843
- **Zoning Ordinance**: 1972/14
- **Master Plan**: 1990
- **Capital Improvement Plan**: Yes
- **Industrial Plans Reviewed By**: Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**
- **Elected**: Selectmen; Budget; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Checklist
- **Appointed**: Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic District; Aging

**Public Library**: South Hampton Public

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

- **Police Department**: Full & part-time
- **Fire Department**: Volunteer
- **Emergency Medical Service**: Volunteer
- **Nearest Hospital(s)**
  - **Anna Jacques, Newburyport MA**: Distance 8 miles, Staffed Beds 123
  - **Exeter Hospital, Exeter**: Distance 10 miles, Staffed Beds 99

**UTILITIES**

- **Electric Supplier**: Unitil
- **Natural Gas Supplier**: None
- **Water Supplier**: Private wells
- **Sanitation**: Private septic
- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**: No
- **Solid Waste Disposal**: Mandatory
- **Curbside Trash Pickup**: Municipal
- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**: Yes
- **Recycling Program**: Mandatory
- **Telephone Company**: Fairpoint
- **Cellular Telephone Access**: Yes
- **Cable Television Access**: Yes
- **Public Access Television Station**: No
- **High Speed Internet Service**: Residential

**PROPERTY TAXES**

- **(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)**
  - **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $17.85
  - **2019 Equalization Ratio**: 98.6
  - **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $17.32
  - **2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
    - Residential Land and Buildings: 90.2%
    - Commercial Land and Buildings: 7.1%
    - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 2.7%

**HOUSING**

- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - **Total Housing Units**: 375
  - **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 314
  - **Units in Multiple-Family Structures**: 48
    - Two to Four Units in Structure: 13
    - Five or More Units in Structure: 0
  - **Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units**: 48

**POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)**

- **(US Census Bureau)**
  - **Total Population**: Community 827, County 309,769
  - **2019**: Community 827, County 309,769
  - **2010**: Community 814, County 295,223
  - **2000**: Community 848, County 278,748
  - **1990**: Community 843, County 246,744
  - **1980**: Community 660, County 190,345
  - **1970**: Community 558, County 138,951

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

- **AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019**
  - **Population by Gender**
    - Male: 373, Female: 402
  - **Population by Age Group**
    - Under age 5: 19
    - Age 5 to 19: 132
    - Age 20 to 34: 107
    - Age 35 to 54: 213
    - Age 55 to 64: 115
    - Age 65 and over: 189
    - Median Age: 47.4 years
  - **Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
    - High school graduate or higher: 96.8%
    - Bachelor's degree or higher: 39.9%

**INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $**

- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - **Per capita income**: $49,448
  - **Median family income**: $122,188
  - **Median household income**: $104,000
  - **Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**
    - Male: $71,705
    - Female: $64,167
  - **Individuals below the poverty level**: 3.4%

**LABOR FORCE**

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - **Annual Average**: 2009 2019
    - **Civilian labor force**: 484 524
    - **Employed**: 447 509
    - **Unemployed**: 37 15
    - **Unemployment rate**: 7.6% 2.9%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - **Annual Average Covered Employment**: 2009 2019
    - **Goods Producing Industries**
      - Average Employment: 25 43
      - Average Weekly Wage: $725 $920
    - **Service Providing Industries**
      - Average Employment: n 62
      - Average Weekly Wage: n $854
  - **Total Private Industry**
    - Average Employment: 101 105
    - Average Weekly Wage: $867 $881
  - **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
    - Average Employment: 37 44
    - Average Weekly Wage: $489 $600
    - **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
      - Average Employment: 138 149
      - Average Weekly Wage: $765 $798

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: South Hampton operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Amesbury MA
Career Technology Center(s): No Career Technical Center

Number of Schools: 1
Grade Levels: K-8
Total Enrollment: 82

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: 0  Total Capacity: 0

LARGEST BUSINESSES

Not Available

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access
US Routes 107A, 150
State Routes

Nearest Interstate, Exit I-495 (MA), Exit 54
Distance 3 miles

Railroad
No
Public Transportation
No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Plum Island, Newburyport MA
Runway 2,105 ft. asphalt
Lights? No
Navigation Aids? Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional
Distance 38 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 4

Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH 35 miles
Portland, Maine 72 miles
Boston, Mass. 42 miles
New York City, NY 250 miles
Montreal, Quebec 290 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over
Drove alone, car/truck/van 75.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van 8.3%
Public transportation 2.2%
Walked 0.5%
Other means 13.6%
Worked at home 55.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work 34.4 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019
Working in community of residence 16.3
Commuting to another NH community 28.6
Commuting out-of-state 55.1

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
YMCA/YWCA
Boys Club/Girls Club
Golf Courses
Swimming: Indoor Facility
Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility

X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Bowling Facilities
Museums
Performing Arts Facilities
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

X Campgrounds
X Fishing/Hunting
Boating/Marinas
Snowmobile Trails
Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock

Other: