

New Hampshire led New England in computer ownership and Internet usage in both 1998 and 2001.

A home computer has become almost common place in New Hampshire households as evidenced by a US Census ranking of third highest concentration nationally in 2001. Two-thirds of all households surveyed in the Granite State reported having a computer in 2001, up from just over half in 1998. Only Alaska and Utah had higher percentages of their households owning computers in 2001.

In New England, computer ownership in 2001 ranged from 58.6 percent of households in Rhode

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**Percent of Households Owning Computers
(Top 10 Plus New England States)**

Rank	State	1998	2001
	US	42.1%	55.5%
1	Alaska	62.4	68.7
2	Utah	60.1	67.7
3	New Hampshire	54.2	67.7
4	Washington	56.3	66.5
5	Oregon	51.3	65.8
6	Colorado	55.3	64.7
7	Minnesota	47.6	64.6
8	Maryland	46.3	64.1
9	Hawaii	42.3	63.1
10	Maine	43.4	62.8
14	Vermont	48.7	60.4
17	Massachusetts	43.4	59.1
19	Connecticut	43.8	58.7
20	Rhode Island	41.0	58.6

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Island to New Hampshire's 67.7 percent. Nationally, 55.5 percent of households owned computers.

Not only did more households in the state own computers in 2001, more were also travelling the "information super-highway". New Hampshire, with 61.6 percent of its households connected to the Internet in 2001, ranked second in the nation. Alaska ranked first with 64.1 percent. Nationally, 50.5 percent of households were using the Internet. The remaining New England States ranked in the top 20, ranging from Vermont in 14th place with 60.4 percent to Rhode Island in 17th place with 53.1 percent of its households using the Internet.

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Percent of Households Using Internet (Top 10 Plus New England States)

Rank	State	1998	2001
	US	26.2	50.5
1	Alaska	44.1	64.1
2	New Hampshire	37.1	61.6
3	Washington	36.6	60.4
4	Colorado	34.5	58.5
5	Oregon	32.7	58.2
6	Maryland	31.0	57.8
7	New Jersey	31.3	57.2
8	Minnesota	29.0	55.6
9	California	30.7	55.3
10	Hawaii	27.9	55.2
11	Connecticut	31.8	55.0
13	Massachusetts	28.1	54.7
15	Vermont	31.8	53.4
16	Maine	26.0	53.3
17	Rhode Island	27.1	53.1

Source: *A Nation Online: How Americans are Expanding Their Use of the Internet*. February 2002. US Department of Commerce. (based on US Census Bureau's September 2001 Current Population Survey) Accessed March 11, 2003 <www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/dn/index.html >

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