

Atkinson, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area

Rockingham
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA
Division

Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Seacoast
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

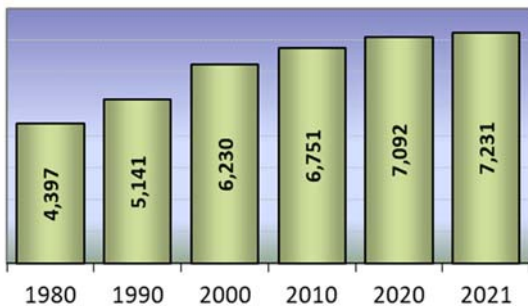
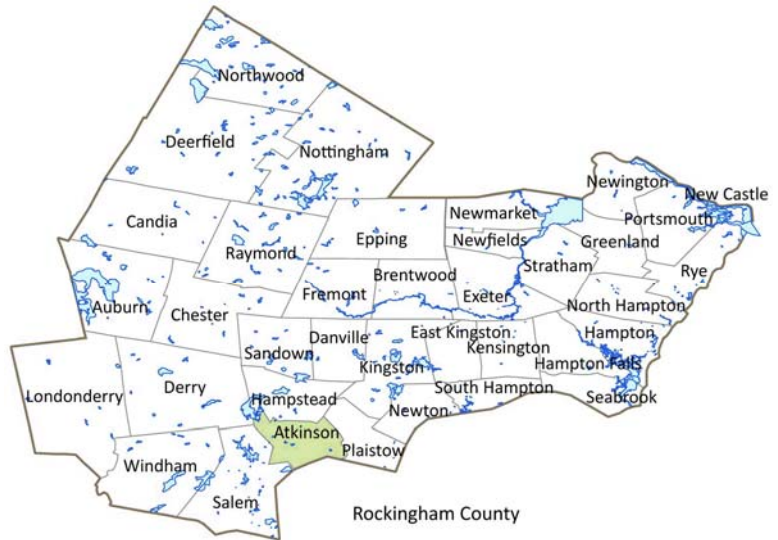
District 2
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District 22
Rockingham County District 18

Incorporated: 1767

Origin: Atkinson was named in 1767 for Colonel Theodore Atkinson, whose farm once covered nearly all of the several hundred acres set aside from Plaistow that became the town. Colonel Atkinson was a brother-in-law to Governor Benning Wentworth, served as secretary of the colony until the Revolution, and was one of the Masonian Proprietors who parceled out New Hampshire lands to over 30,000 settlers. Colonel Atkinson bequeathed funds to establish Atkinson Academy, incorporated in 1787. In 1809, the state granted 13,000 acres of land in Coös County to the Academy, an unincorporated place now known as Atkinson & Gilmanton Academy Grant.

Villages and Place Names: Atkinson Heights, Conleys Grove, Westville, Atkinson Depot

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 479 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Atkinson totaled 2,834 over 41 years, from 4,397 in 1980 to 7,231 in 2021. The largest decennial percent changes were a 21 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Atkinson was 7,231 residents, which ranked 46th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 646.8 persons per square mile of land area. Atkinson contains 11.2 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$6,735,731
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Zoning Ordinance	1940/12
Master Plan	2015
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Budget**
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation**

Public Library **Kimball**

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

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	11 miles	58

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Unitil; Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
Water Supplier	Hampstead Water Company & private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

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)	\$12.36
2021 Equalization Ratio	99.5
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$12.25

2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	3,029
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,578
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	390
Five or More Units in Structure	61
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	7,231	316,947	
2020	7,095	314,430	
2010	6,751	295,223	
2000	6,230	278,748	
1990	5,141	246,744	
1980	4,397	190,345	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020

Population by Gender			
Male	3,507	Female	3,507

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	257
Age 5 to 19	1,020
Age 20 to 34	1,008
Age 35 to 54	1,818
Age 55 to 64	1,398
Age 65 and over	1,513
Median Age	51.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	98.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	42.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2016-2020)

Per capita income	\$54,905
Median family income	\$123,750
Median household income	\$112,009

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$97,865
Female	\$66,070

Individuals below the poverty level	2.1%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)

Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	3,743	4,013
Employed	3,510	3,872
Unemployed	233	141
Unemployment rate	6.2%	3.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	286	372
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,090	\$1,354
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	608	808
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 820	\$1,016
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	893	1,180
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 906	\$1,122
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	65	66
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 561	\$ 861
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	958	1,245
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 883	\$1,109

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Timberlane Regional (Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown)** District: **SAU 55**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Pinkerton Academy Center for CTE**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	336			

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay; Manchester; Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; New England**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **157**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Atkinson Concessions	Country club	227	2002
Palmer Gas Company	Propane gas	109	1969
Lewis Builders, Inc.	Builder	94	1953
GEX	Graphics, printing	80	1990
Busby Construction	Contractor	70	1979

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality***TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	111, 121
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-495 (MA), Exit 51
	Distance	4 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lawrence (MA) Municipal	Runway	5,000 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	27 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		29 miles
Portland, Maine		84 miles
Boston, Mass.		40 miles
New York City, NY		239 miles
Montreal, Quebec		283 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.1%
Public transportation	1.2%
Walked	.0%
Other means	.0%
Worked at home	10.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	47.3%
Commuting to another NH community	6.3%
Commuting out-of-state	46.4%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	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
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)
	Other: NH Cultural & Scenic By-Way