

Plaistow, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm;
Town Clerk: Monday, 7 am - 5 pm, Tuesday through
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Wednesday, 8:30 am - 4 pm

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

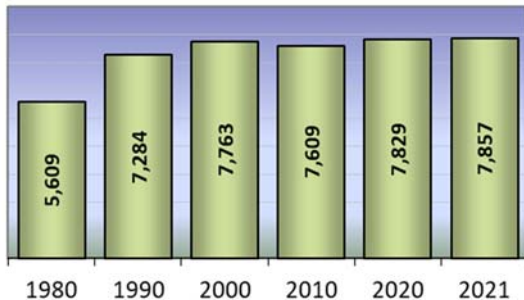
District 1
District 3
District 22
Rockingham County Districts 20, 36

Incorporated: 1749

Origin: This territory was part of the 1642 land purchase that was Haverhill, Massachusetts. When the New Hampshire-Massachusetts boundary was established in 1741, the portion north of the border became the Haverhill District. The town was incorporated as Plastow in 1749, and included Atkinson, which was separated in 1767. The spelling was changed later. The name may have come from the English "plaistowe," meaning "an open space or greenwood, near the center of a village where the maypole stood and where sports at holiday times were carried on."

Villages and Place Names: Westville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 521 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Plaistow totaled 2,248 over 41 years, from 5,609 in 1980 to 7,857 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 30 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,857 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 740.5 persons per square mile of land area. Plaistow contains 10.6 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen/Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$11,856,290
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/21
Master Plan	2019
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget; Trust Funds
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning; Cable; Recreation; Elder
Public Library	Plaistow Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department	Full & part-time	
Fire Department	Full, part-time, volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service	Full, part-time, volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Merrimack Valley Campus - Holy Family Hospital, Haverhill MA	7 miles	385
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	15 miles	58
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	16 miles	99

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Unitil
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil; Northern Utilities
Water Supplier	Pennichuck; 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	Earthlink Business; Xfinity, Wirefly; 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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.96
2021 Equalization Ratio	95.0
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.82
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	73.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.8%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Total Housing Units	3,382
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,720
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	284
Five or More Units in Structure	314
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	64

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	7,857	316,947	
2020	7,830	314,430	
2010	7,609	295,223	
2000	7,763	278,748	
1990	7,284	246,744	
1980	5,609	190,345	

DEMOGRAPHICS			<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>	
Population by Gender				
Male	3,782	Female	3,942	
Population by Age Group				
Under age 5	345			
Age 5 to 19	1,265			
Age 20 to 34	1,432			
Age 35 to 54	1,976			
Age 55 to 64	1,224			
Age 65 and over	1,482			
Median Age	44.2 years			
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over				
High school graduate or higher	97.6%			
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.7%			

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Per capita income	\$43,473		
Median family income	\$101,176		
Median household income	\$85,263		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$59,712		
Female	\$55,438		
Individuals below the poverty level	3.5%		

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES - ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2011	2021		
Civilian labor force	4,012	4,184		
Employed	3,748	3,972		
Unemployed	264	212		
Unemployment rate	6.6%	5.1%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			<i>(NHES - ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	478	598		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 969	\$1,426		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	3,064	3,288		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 537	\$ 753		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	3,542	3,887		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 595	\$ 857		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	1,073	947		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 837	\$1,075		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	4,615	4,834		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 651	\$ 899		

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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	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	431	776	1,047	

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England; Northern Essex (MA); University of NH**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **337**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberlane Regional School District	Education	784	1963
Market Basket	Supermarket	342	1978
Wal-Mart	Retail store	200	1993
Home Depot	Home improvement center	185	2004
Methuen Construction	Industrial construction	133	2016
Shaw's	Supermarket	120	1992
Kohl's	Department store	90	2003
T J Maxx	Department store	70	1992
Scandia Plastics	Custom plastic extrusions	47	1971
CVS	Pharmacy	25	1990

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	108, 121A, 125
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-495 (MA), Exit 51
	Distance	3 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		CART
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	36 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		38 miles
Portland, Maine		83 miles
Boston, Mass.		39 miles
New York City, NY		241 miles
Montreal, Quebec		291 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	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
X	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
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)
	Other: Hiking Trails; Band Concerts; Summer Concerts

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.6%
Public transportation	1.6%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	7.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	36.4%
Commuting to another NH community	4.2%
Commuting out-of-state	59.4%