

Plaistow, 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 1
District 3
District 22
Rockingham County Districts 14, 34

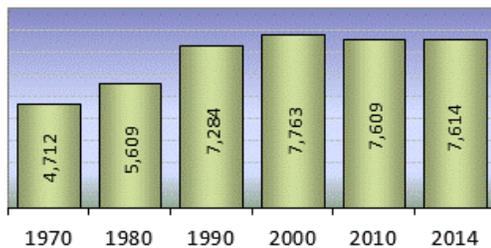
Incorporated: 1749

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 Plaistow 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

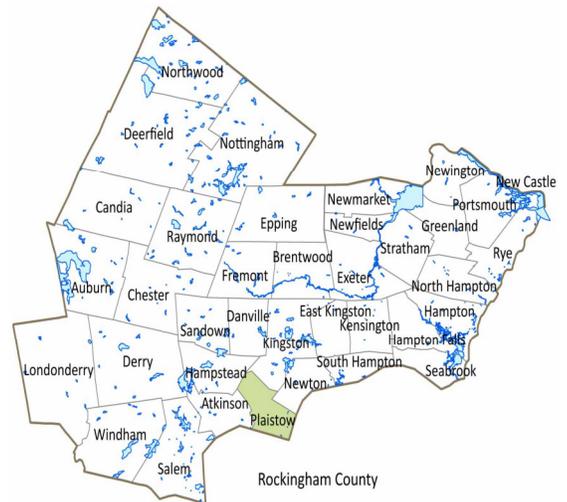
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 521 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Plaistow totaled 4,699 over 54 years, from 2,915 in 1960 to 7,614 in 2014.



The largest decennial percent change was a 62 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the smallest, a seven percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2014 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,614 residents, which ranked 39th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 717.6 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, 2015	\$8,117,508
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/14
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget; Trust Funds; Conflict of Interest
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning; Cable; Recreation; Elder Affairs
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
Holy Family Hospital at Merrimack Valley	7 miles	107
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	15 miles	82
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; Fairpoint	
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)
2014 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.13	
2014 Equalization Ratio	92.9	
2014 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.05	
2014 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	67.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	29.3%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.7%	

HOUSING		(ACS 2010-2014)
Total Housing Units	3,088	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,334	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	584	
Five or More Units in Structure	156	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	14	

DEMOGRAPHICS			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2014	7,614	297,702	
2010	7,609	295,223	
2000	7,763	278,748	
1990	7,284	246,744	
1980	5,609	190,345	
1970	4,712	138,951	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014			
Population by Gender			
Male	3,723	Female	3,891
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			406
Age 5 to 19			1,447
Age 20 to 34			1,153
Age 35 to 54			2,087
Age 55 to 64			1,485
Age 65 and over			1,036
Median Age			44.1 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			93.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher			22.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2010-2014)
Per capita income	\$32,150	
Median family income	\$72,035	
Median household income	\$70,264	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	\$60,669	
Female	\$53,234	
Individuals below the poverty level	3.3%	

LABOR FORCE				(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average	2004	2014		
Civilian labor force	4,317	4,129		
Employed	4,057	3,862		
Unemployed	260	267		
Unemployment rate	6.0%	6.5%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	579	521		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 946	\$ 965		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	3,485	3,144		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 525	\$ 559		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	4,064	3,665		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 585	\$ 617		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	976	1,078		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 724	\$ 857		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	5,039	4,743		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 612	\$ 671		

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** Region: **17**

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	533	882	1,300	

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

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

2015 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **8** Total Capacity: **442**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberlane Regional School District	Education	1,177	1963
Market Basket	Supermarket	401	1978
Wal-Mart	Retail store	190	1993
Home Depot	Home improvement center	165	2004
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	125	1992
Kohl's	Department store	115	2003
T J Maxx	Department store	55	1992
Scandia Plastics	Custom plastic extrusions	47	1971
CVS	Pharmacy	35	1990
Rite Aid	Pharmacy	25	2002

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		35 miles
Portland, Maine		83 miles
Boston, Mass.		39 miles
New York City, NY		243 miles
Montreal, Quebec		292 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	89.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.8%
Public transportation	1.2%
Walked	0.4%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	4.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014	
Working in community of residence	18.3
Commuting to another NH community	27.5
Commuting out-of-state	53.2

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
X	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
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)
	Other: Hiking Trails; Band Concerts