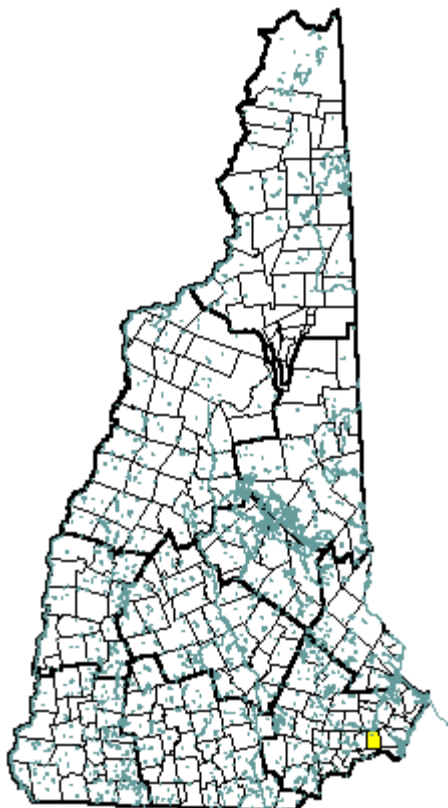


Kensington, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Rockingham
Haverhill MA-NH NECTA Division, NH Portion
Seacoast
Rockingham
Coastal Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 23
Rockingham County District 14

Incorporated: 1737

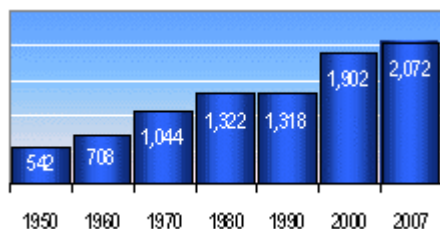
Origin: This town was once a parish of Hampton, and was incorporated in 1737 by Governor Jonathan Belcher of Massachusetts when New Hampshire was still part of that province. Of the 27 towns granted by Governor Belcher, only three were given names: Arlington, Peterborough, and Kensington, which was named for Edward Rich, Earl of Holland and Baron Kensington. England's Kensington, now a suburb of London, is the location of Kensington Palace, known for its beautiful public gardens. The palace was the birthplace of Queen Victoria, and the London home of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Villages and Place Names: Austin Corners, Brick School Corner, Eastman Corners, Five Corners, Lamprey Corners, Prescott Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 800 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Kensington was 1,360 over 50

years, from 542 in 1950 to 1,902 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 47 percent increase between 1960 and 1970; the second largest was a 44 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2007 Census estimate for Kensington was 2,072 residents, which ranked 137th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 174.3 persons per square mile of land area. Kensington contains 12.0 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	\$1,375,988
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008	\$2,643,838
Zoning Ordinance	1959/06
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Commission

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation

Public Library **Kensington Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	4 miles 100

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Unitil
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint, Comcast
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.54
2007 Equalization Ratio	91
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.73
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.7%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	777
2007 Single-Family Units	707
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	8
2007 Multi-Family Units	41
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	29

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	2,072	296,543
2000	1,902	278,748
1990	1,318	246,744
1980	1,322	190,345
1970	1,044	138,951

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	935	Female	958
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			144
Age 5 to 19			415
Age 20 to 34			256
Age 35 to 54			738
Age 55 to 64			154
Age 65 and over			186
Median Age			38.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	94.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	36.1%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$29,265
Median 4-person family income	\$72,679
Median household income	\$67,344
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$56,023
Female	\$35,278
Families below the poverty level	3.4%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	972	1,137
Employed	934	1,095
Unemployed	38	42
Unemployment rate	3.9%	3.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	58	29
Average Weekly Wage	\$404	\$558
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	131	167
Average Weekly Wage	\$583	\$917
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	190	196
Average Weekly Wage	\$528	\$864
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	23	64
Average Weekly Wage	\$150	\$576
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	212	260
Average Weekly Wage	\$487	\$793

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Kensington operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are part of Exeter Region Cooperative (Brentwood, East Kingston, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham, Exeter)** District: **SAU 16**

Career Technology Center(s): **Seacoast School of Technology, Exeter** Region: **18**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	214			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 1 Total Capacity: 8

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Exeter & Hampton Electric	Electric utility services	40	
James R. Rosencrantz & Son	Farm, garden equipment	15+	

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	84, 150
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 1
	Distance	5 miles
Railroad		Yes
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hampton Airfield	Runway	2,100 ft. turf
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	40 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		34 miles
Portland, Maine		70 miles
Boston, Mass.		47 miles
New York City, NY		258 miles
Montreal, Quebec		289 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.7%
Public transportation	1.1%
Walked	1.4%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	8.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	13%
Commuting to another NH community	47%
Commuting out-of-state	40%

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
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
	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: