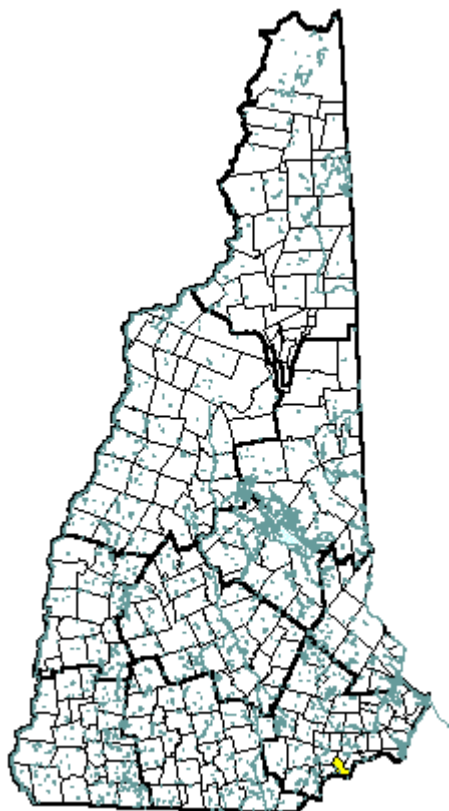


Plaistow, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

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

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 22
Rockingham County District 8

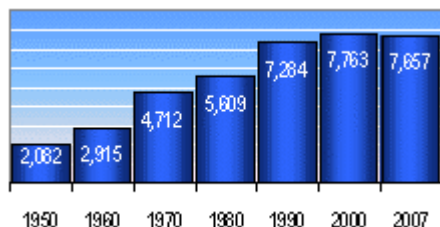
Incorporated: 1749

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 5,681 over 50 years, from 2,082 in 1950 to 7,763 in 2000. 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 2007 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,657 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 723.0 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, 2008	\$7,667,131
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008	\$59,708,070
Zoning Ordinance	1956/06
Master Plan	2005
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**

Public Library **Plaistow Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time & on call
Town Fire Insurance Rating	4/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Merrimack Valley, Haverhill, MA	7 miles 129
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	15 miles 86
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	16 miles 100

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Unitil
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities; Bay State Gas
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	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)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.00
2007 Equalization Ratio	95.5
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.07
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	72.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	24.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.3%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	3,000
2007 Single-Family Units	1,851
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	1
2007 Multi-Family Units	1,132
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	17

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	7,657	296,543
2000	7,763	278,748
1990	7,284	246,744
1980	5,609	190,345
1970	4,712	138,951

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	3,788	Female	3,959
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			527
Age 5 to 19			1,639
Age 20 to 34			1,356
Age 35 to 54			2,709
Age 55 to 64			735
Age 65 and over			781
Median Age			37.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	91.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.1%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$25,255
Median 4-person family income	\$66,852
Median household income	\$61,707
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$45,756
Female	\$31,657
Families below the poverty level	2.1%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	4,721	4,350
Employed	4,462	4,125
Unemployed	259	225
Unemployment rate	5.5%	5.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	596	530
Average Weekly Wage	\$694	\$929
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	3,317	3,491
Average Weekly Wage	\$382	\$530
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	3,913	4,020
Average Weekly Wage	\$430	\$582
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	758	1,078
Average Weekly Wage	\$525	\$779
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	4,671	5,099
Average Weekly Wage	\$445	\$624

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades 1-12 are part of Timberlane Regional (Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown)	District: SAU 55		
Career Technology Center(s):	Pinkerton Academy, Derry; Salem High School Vocational Center	Region: 17		
Educational Facilities	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	602	1,114	1,546	
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008:	Total Facilities: 7	Total Capacity: 363		
Nearest Community College:	Great Bay			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	Chester College of New England; Northern Essex (MA); University of NH			

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberlane Regional School District	Education	740	1963
Market Basket	Supermarket	300	1978
Wal-Mart	Retail store	275	1993
Kohl's	Department store	147	2003
Home Depot	Home improvement center	140	2004
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	125	1992
Scandia Plastics	Custom plastic extrusions	56	1971
T J Maxx	Department store	55	1992
State Line Pet Store	Pet food & supplies	28	1992
Rite Aid	Pharmacy	24	2002

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		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 36 miles
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	8
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	35 miles
	Portland, Maine	83 miles
	Boston, Mass.	39 miles
	New York City, NY	242 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	292 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.9%
Public transportation	2.1%
Walked	1.9%
Other means	0.6%
Worked at home	3.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	20%
Commuting to another NH community	22%
Commuting out-of-state	58%

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
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
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