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Municipal Office Hours **Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 7 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 7 am - 11 am; Town Clerk: Monday, 8 am - 7 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 7 am - 11 am; Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm**

County **Rockingham**  
 Labor Market Area **Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Division**  
 Tourism Region **Seacoast**  
 Planning Commission **Rockingham**  
 Regional Development **Regional Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts  
 US Congress **District 1**  
 Executive Council **District 3**  
 State Senate **District 22**  
 State Representative **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 4,787 over 57 years, from 2,915 in 1960 to 7,702 in 2017. 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 2017 Census estimate for Plaistow was 7,702 residents, which ranked 40th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau):** 725.9 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		Population	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen/Manager</b>	(US Census Bureau)	
Budget: Municipal	<b>\$9,555,795</b>	(1-year Estimates/Decennial)	
Appropriations, 2018		Total Population	Community County
Budget: School	<b>\$71,870,607</b>	2017	7,702 306,363
Appropriations, 2018-2019		2010	7,609 295,223
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1956/16</b>	2000	7,763 278,748
Master Plan	<b>2013</b>	1990	7,284 246,744
Capitol Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>	1980	5,609 190,345
Industrial Plans	<b>Planning Board</b>	1970	4,712 138,951
Reviewed By Boards and Commissions		Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS)	
Electd:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget; Trust Funds; Conflict of Interest</b>	2012-2016	
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Zoning; Cable;</b>	Population by Gender	
		Male: 3,607	Female: 4,013
		Population by Age Group	
		Under age 5	373
		Age 5 to 19	1,386

**Recreation; Elder Affairs; Energy**  
**Public Library** **Plaistow Public**

**Emergency Services**

**Police Department** **Full &**

**Fire Department** **part-time**

**Emergency Medical Service** **Full, part-time, volunteer**

**Nearest Hospital(s)** **Distance** **Staffed**

**Merrimack Valley Campus - Holy** **7 miles** **385**

**Family Hospital, Haverhill MA**

**Parkland Medical Center, Derry** **15 miles** **86**

**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** **No**

**Treatment Plant**

**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** **Yes**

**Station**

**High Speed Internet Service:**

**Business** **Yes**

**Residential** **Yes**

**Property Taxes** *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

**2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of value)** **\$23.96**

**2017 Equalization Ratio** **88.7**

**2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of value)** **\$21.14**

**2017 Percent of Local Assessed Value by Property Type**

**Residential Land and Buildings** **68.2%**

**Commercial Land and Buildings** **30.0%**

**Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other** **2.9%**

**Housing** *(ACS 2012-2016)*

**Total Housing Units** **3,014**

**Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached** **2,410**

**Units in Multiple-Family Structures:**

**Two to Four Units in Structure** **431**

**Five or More Units in Structure** **160**

**Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units** **13**

**Education and Child Care**

**Schools students attend:** **Grades K-12 are part of Timberlane Regional (Atkinson, SAU 55**

**Age 20 to 34** **1,484**

**Age 35 to 54** **2,022**

**Age 55 to 64** **1,341**

**Age 65 and over** **1,014**

**Median Age** **39.8 years**

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

**High school graduate or higher** **94.0%**

**Bachelor's degree or higher** **24.2%**

**Income, Inflation Adjusted \$** *(ACS 2012-2016)*

**Per capita income** **\$34,774**

**Median family income** **\$82,217**

**Median household income** **\$81,216**

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years ad**

**over**

**Male** **\$60,160**

**Female** **\$50,088**

**Individuals below the poverty level** **4.7%**

**Labor Force** *(NHES - ELMI)*

**Annual Average** **2007** **2017**

**Civilian Labor Force** **4,304** **4,146**

**Employed** **4,086** **3,992**

**Unemployed** **218** **154**

**Unemployment Rate** **5.1%** **3.7%**

**Employment & Wages** *(NHES - ELMI)*

**Annual Average Covered Employment** **2006** **2016**

**Goods Producing Industries**

**Average Employment** **\$545** **\$588**

**Average Weekly Wage** **\$916** **\$1,133**

**Service Providing Industries**

**Average Employment** **\$3,556** **\$3,244**

**Average Weekly Wage** **\$551** **\$586**

**Total Private Industry**

**Average Employment** **\$4,102** **\$3,831**

**Average Weekly Wage** **\$600** **\$670**

**Government (Federal, State, and Local)**

**Average Employment** **\$1,028** **\$1,026**

**Average Weekly Wage** **\$771** **\$922**

**Total, Private plus Government**

**Average Employment** **\$5,129** **\$4,857**

**Average Weekly Wage** **\$634** **\$723**

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Career Technology Center(s):	Danville, Plaistow, Sandown)			Region: 17
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Pinkerton Academy	Center for CTE		Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	
Grade Levels	1	1	1	
Total Enrollment	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (Bureau of Child Care Licensing):	467	789	1,158	
Nearest Community/Technical College: Great Bay	Total Facilities: 6		Total Capacity: 305	
Nearest Colleges or Universities: New England; Northern Essex (MA); University of NH				

Largest Businesses	Product/Service	Employees	Established
<b>Timberlane Regional School District</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1963</b>
<b>Market Basket</b>	<b>Supermarket</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>1978</b>
<b>Wal-Mart</b>	<b>Retail store</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1993</b>
<b>Kohl's</b>	<b>Department store</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>2003</b>
<b>Home Depot</b>	<b>Home improvement center</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>2004</b>
<b>Shaw's</b>	<b>Supermarket</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>Scandia Plastics</b>	<b>Custom plastic extrusions</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1971</b>
<b>T J Maxx</b>	<b>Department store</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1992</b>
<b>Methuen Construction</b>	<b>Industrial construction</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>CVS</b>	<b>Pharmacy</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1990</b>

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

Transportation <i>(Distance estimated from city/town hall)</i>				Recreation, Attractions, and Events	
Road Access	US Routes			XMunicipal Parks	
	State Routes <b>108, 121A, 125</b>			XYMCA/YWCA	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-495 (MA), Exit 51</b>			Boys Club/Girls Club	
	Distance	<b>3 miles</b>		Golf Courses	
Railroad	<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>			Swimming: Indoor Facility	
	<b>CART</b>			Swimming: Outdoor Facility	
Public Transportation				Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation				XTennis Courts: Outdoor Facility	
<b>Lawrence (MA)</b>	Runway	<b>5,000 ft.</b>		Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility	
<b>Municipal</b>		<b>asphalt</b>		Bowling Facilities	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation	Yes	XMuseums	
		Aids?		Cinemas	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service				XPerforming Arts Facilities	
<b>Manchester-Boston</b>	Distance	<b>36 miles</b>		Tourists Attractions	
<b>Regional</b>				XYouth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	<b>4</b>			XYouth Sports: Baseball	
Driving distance to selected cities:				XYouth Sports: Soccer	
Manchester, NH	<b>38 miles</b>			XYouth Sports: Football	
Portland, ME	<b>83 miles</b>			XYouth Sports: Basketball	
Boston, MA	<b>39 miles</b>			Youth Sports: Hockey	
New York City, NY	<b>241 miles</b>			Campgrounds	
Montreal, Quebec	<b>291 miles</b>			XFishing/Hunting	
				Boating/Marinas	
				Snowmobile Trails	
				XBicycle Trails	
				Cross Country Skiing	
				Beach or Waterfront Recreational Area	
				XOvernight or Day Camps	
				Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Bradford (MA)</b>	
				Other: <b>Hiking Trails; Band Concerts;</b>	

Percent of Working Residents:	(ACS 2012-2016)
Working in community of residence	18.4%
Commuting to another NH community	23.5%
Commuting out-of-state	58.1%

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, December 2018. Community Response Received 6/11/18