

Atkinson, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Administrator: Monday to Thursday, 8-4, Friday, 8-12;
Town Clerk: Monday, 8:30-7, Tuesday to Thursday, 8:30-5,
Friday, 8-12; Tax Collector: Jan-May, Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, 5-8, Wednesday, 9-1 and 5-8, Friday, 9-3; Jun-Dec,
Monday, 5-8, Tuesday-Th

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 2
District 3
District 22
Rockingham County District 18

Incorporated: 1767

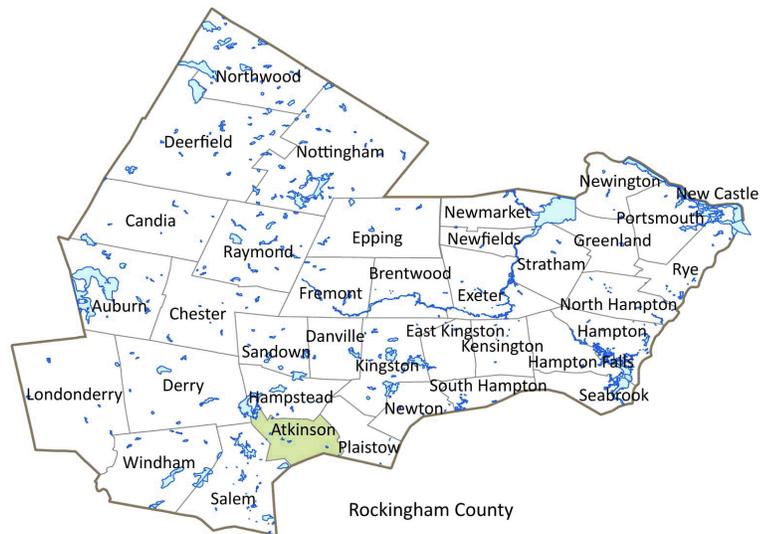
Origin: Atkinson was named in 1767 for Colonel Theodore Atkinson, whose farm once covered nearly all of the several hundred acres set aside from Plaistow that became the town. Colonel Atkinson was brother-in-law to Governor Benning Wentworth, served as secretary of the colony until the Revolution, and was one of the Masonian Proprietors who parceled out New Hampshire lands to over 30,000 settlers. Colonel Atkinson requested funds to establish Atkinson Academy, incorporated in 1787. In 1809, the state granted 13,000 acres of land in Coos County to the Academy, an unincorporated place known as Atkinson and Gilmanton Academy Grant.

Villages and Place Names: Atkinson Heights, Conleys Grove, Westville, Atkinson Depot

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 479 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Atkinson totaled 4,801 over 50 years, from 2,291 in 1970 to 7,092 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 92 percent increase from 1970 to 1980; the town's population more than doubled from 1950 to 1960, and from 1960 to 1970. The town's population increased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Atkinson was 7,321 residents, which ranked 47th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 654.8 persons per square mile of land area. Atkinson contains 11.2 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$6,735,731
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$15,455,908
Zoning Ordinance	1940/12
Master Plan	2015
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Budget**
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Recreation**

Public Library **Kimball**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Full, part-time, volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	11 miles	50

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Unitil; Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
Water Supplier	Hampstead Water Company & 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	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 (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$12.27
2022 Equalization Ratio	87.8
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$10.71

2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.2%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	2,966
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,538
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	362
Five or More Units in Structure	66
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	7,321	319,424	
2020	7,087	314,176	
2010	6,751	295,223	
2000	6,230	278,748	
1990	5,141	246,744	
1980	4,397	190,345	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021

Population by Gender		
Male	3,749	Female 3,337

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	279
Age 5 to 19	1,025
Age 20 to 34	1,073
Age 35 to 54	1,628
Age 55 to 64	1,541
Age 65 and over	1,540
Median Age	52.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 5,308	
High school graduate or higher	96.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	40.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2017-2021)

Per capita income	\$58,084
Median family income	\$135,729
Median household income	\$123,257

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$99,301
Female	\$68,668

Individuals below the poverty level	2.0%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)

	2012	2022
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	3,772	4,124
Employed	3,556	4,004
Unemployed	216	120
Unemployment rate	5.7%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)

	2012	2022
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	404	350
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 994	\$1,404
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	641	844
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 800	\$1,077
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,046	1,194
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 875	\$1,172
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	66	68
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 591	\$ 889
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,112	1,263
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 858	\$1,157

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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			
Grade Levels	P K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	354			

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Rivier; Northern Essex Community (MA); Merrimack (MA); UMass Lowell (MA)**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **99**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Lewis Builders, Inc.	Builder	94	1953
Busby Construction	Contractor	70	1979
GEX	Graphics, printing	80	1990
Palmer Gas Company	Propane gas	109	1969
Atkinson Concessions	Country club	227	2002

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	111, 121
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-495 (MA), Exit 51
	Distance	4 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	27 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		29 miles
Portland, Maine		84 miles
Boston, Mass.		40 miles
New York City, NY		239 miles
Montreal, Quebec		283 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.1%
Public transportation	1.2%
Walked	.0%
Other means	.0%
Worked at home	11.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	22.6%
Commuting to another NH community	34.7%
Commuting out-of-state	42.7%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
X	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	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
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Bradford (MA)
	Other: NH Cultural & Scenic By-Way