

Sandown, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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Monday, 8-12 and 1-7, Tuesday to Thursday, 8-4, closed Friday

County
Labor Market Area

Rockingham
Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA
Division
Seacoast
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 23
Rockingham County District 9

Incorporated: 1756

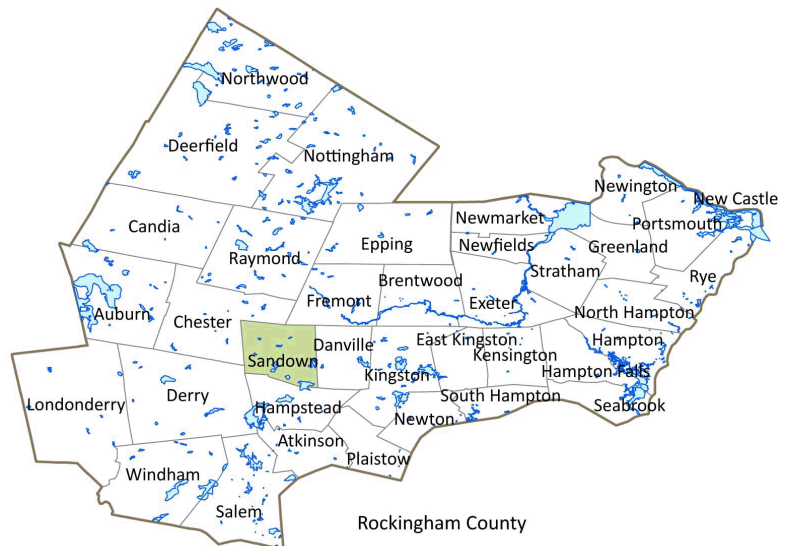
Origin: This territory was part of the original Kingston grant of 1694. As the western portion of Kingston became more heavily populated, residents felt that they could support a meetinghouse of their own, and petitioned Governor Benning Wentworth for separation. Sandown was incorporated as a separate parish in 1756. It was named for picturesque Sandown on the Isle of Wight. The first minister of Sandown, Reverend Joseph Cotton, built the Sandown Church in 1773. The church had an eleven-foot high pulpit and marble columns supporting the gallery, and is an excellent example of early New England church architecture.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 561 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Sandown totaled 5,811 over 50 years, from 741 in 1970 to 6,552 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was 178 percent from 1970 to 1980, more than doubling the population. The town's population increased by nine percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Sandown was 6,621 residents, which ranked 50th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 473.3 persons per square mile of land area. Sandown contains 14.0 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022		\$4,924,225	
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Zoning Ordinance		1956/21	
Master Plan		2013	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Budget; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds; Fire Engineers		
Appointed:	Conservation; Zoning; Cable; Recreation; Ballot Clerks; Old Home Day; Senior Affairs Transportation; Heritage; Joint Loss Mgmnt; Old Home Day; Senior Affairs Transportation		
Public Library	Sandown Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time Chief, per diem & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Parkland Medical Center, Derry		10 miles	50
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Voluntary	
Telephone Company		Granite State	
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)		\$28.37	
2022 Equalization Ratio		60.2	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.88	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		97.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		1.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,287	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,003	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		246	
Five or More Units in Structure		19	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		19	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2022	6,621	319,424
2020	6,548	314,176
2010	5,986	295,223
2000	5,171	278,748
1990	4,069	246,744
1980	2,057	190,345

DEMOGRAPHICS	AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender		
Male	3,223	Female 3,275
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		424
Age 5 to 19		1,241
Age 20 to 34		1,109
Age 35 to 54		1,910
Age 55 to 64		1,030
Age 65 and over		784
Median Age		38.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:	4,530
High school graduate or higher	93.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	31.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)
Per capita income		\$39,998
Median family income		\$118,259
Median household income		\$116,048
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$69,139
Female		\$65,066
Individuals below the poverty level		9.8%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	3,895		4,300
Employed	3,674		4,193
Unemployed	221		107
Unemployment rate	5.7%		2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012			2022
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	51			86
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 560			\$ 898
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	148			195
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 660			\$ 987
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	199			282
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 634			\$ 960
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	67			66
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 471			\$ 674
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	266			348
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 593			\$ 906
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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	2			
Grade Levels	P K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	466			

Nearest Community College: **Manchester; Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; UNH Manchester; Franklin Pierce-Manchester; Southern NH University; MCPHS**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **102**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Compliance Worldwide, Inc	EMC Test Lab	7	1999
Fox Den Retirement Community	Assisted living facility	20	1994
Playmates Learning Center	Childcare center	14	1988
Sue Padden Real Estate	Real estate agency	13	2004
All Japanese Import Auto, Inc.	Automotive repair/service	4	1997
Zorvino Vineyards	Vineyard & function facility		
Chickadee Hill Cakes	specialty cake shop		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	121, 121A
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 4
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		CART
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Runway	9,250 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	22 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		20 miles
Portland, Maine		87 miles
Boston, Mass.		48 miles
New York City, NY		248 miles
Montreal, Quebec		274 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.2%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	14.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	20.9%
Commuting to another NH community	50.5%
Commuting out-of-state	28.6%

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
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	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
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock, Pat's Peak
	Other: Old Meeting House; Train Depot Museum