



Atkinson, NH

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County	Rockingham
Labor Market Area	Haverhill-Newburyport-Amesbury Town, MA-NH NECTA Division
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Rockingham
Regional Development	Regional Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 3
State Senate	District 22
State Representative	Rockingham County Districts 14, 34

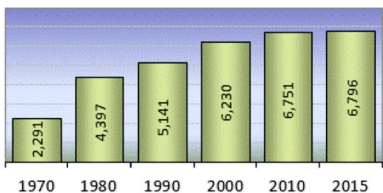
Incorporated: 1767

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 a 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 bequested 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 now known as Atkinson & 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 5,779 over 55 years, from 1,017 in 1960 to 6,796 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 125 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, followed by a 92 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2015 Census estimate for Atkinson was 6,796 residents, which ranked 48th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 607.9 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.



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MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$5,216,938
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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	Municipal & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	11 miles 82

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	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)	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.88
2016 Equalization Ratio	96.3
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.07
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	93.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	5.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.0%

HOUSING (ACS 2011-2015)	
Total Housing Units	2,757
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,416
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	227
Five or More Units in Structure	114
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	6,796	299,006
2010	6,751	295,223
2000	6,230	278,748
1990	5,141	246,744
1980	4,397	190,345
1970	2,291	138,951

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender		
Male	3,258	Female 3,538
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	201	
Age 5 to 19	1,383	
Age 20 to 34	849	
Age 35 to 54	1,728	
Age 55 to 64	1,396	
Age 65 and over	1,239	
Median Age	47.5 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher	97.0%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	44.0%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2011-2015)	
Per capita income	\$43,938
Median family income	\$111,383
Median household income	\$102,018

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$82,570
Female	\$54,335
Individuals below the poverty level	3.2%

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMJ)		
Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	3,715	3,877
Employed	3,580	3,744
Unemployed	135	133
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMJ)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	318	386
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 943	\$1,194
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	636	742
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 646	\$ 889
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	954	1,128
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 745	\$ 993
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	60	66
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 496	\$ 674
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,014	1,194
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 731	\$ 976

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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** Region: **17**

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	322			

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay; Manchester; Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; New England**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **157**

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

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 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	90.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	2.8%
Public transportation	1.0%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	1.0%
Worked at home	4.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
Working in community of residence	17.4
Commuting to another NH community	34.8
Commuting out-of-state	47.8

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	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
	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

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