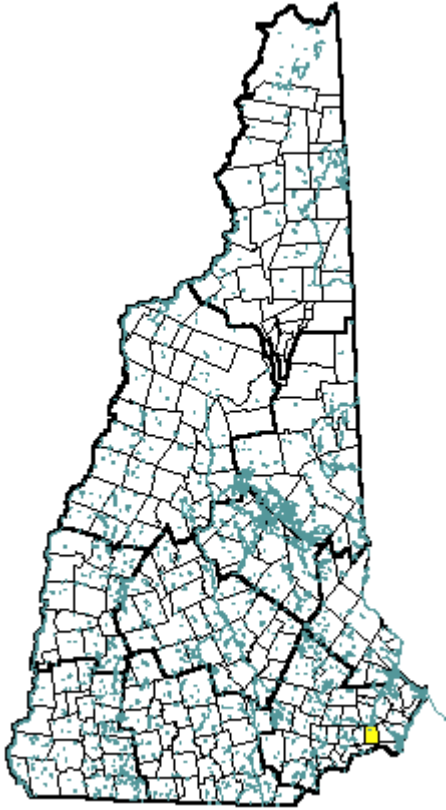


Kensington, NH



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County	Rockingham
Labor Market Area	Haverhill MA-NH NECTA Division, NH Portion
Tourism Region	Seacoast
Planning Commission	Rockingham
Regional Development	Seacoast Business Alliance Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 3
State Senate	District 23
State Representative	Rockingham County District 14

Incorporated: 1737

Origin: This town was once a parish of Hampton, and was granted in the 1730's by Governor Jonathan Belcher of Massachusetts when New Hampshire was still part of that state. Of the 27 towns granted by Governor Belcher, only three were given names: Arlington, Peterborough, and Kensington, named for Edward Rich, Earl of Holland and Baron Kensington, owner of Kensington Palace in London.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 800 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Kensington's population grew well above the statewide average over the last five decades, growing three and a half times larger. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 16 percent increase between 1990-2000 to 47 percent between 1960-1970. Kensington's population increased by a total of 1,351 residents, going from 542 in 1950 to 1,893 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Kensington was 2,035 residents, which ranked 135th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 169.9 persons per square mile of land area. Kensington contains 12.0 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: Austin Corners, Brick School Corner, Eastman Corners, Five Corners, Lamprey Corners, Prescott Corner



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2004	\$1,359,410
Budget: School Appropriations, 2003-2004	\$1,958,674
Zoning Ordinance	1959/04
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Commission

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library Trustees
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation

Public Library Kensington Social/Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Exeter Hospital, Exeter
Distance: 3 miles Staffed Beds: 88

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Unitil
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal
Curbside Trash Pickup	Yes
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Verizon, Comcast
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Yes
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.54
2004 Equalization Ratio	93.2
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.38
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	1.6%
Other Property including Utilities	2.9%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	736
2003 Single-Family Units	666
Building Permits Issued	19
2003 Multi-Family Units	41
Building Permits Issued	1
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	29

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	2,035	292,526
2000	1,902	278,748
1990	1,318	246,744
1980	1,322	190,345
1970	1,044	138,951

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	935	Female	958

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	144
Age 5 to 19	415
Age 20 to 34	256
Age 35 to 54	738
Age 55 to 64	154
Age 65 and over	186
Median Age	38.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	94.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	36.1%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$29,265
Median 4-person family income	\$72,679
Median household income	\$67,344

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$56,023
Female	\$35,278

Families below the poverty level

3.4%

LABOR FORCE

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,099	1,090
Employed	1,054	1,043
Unemployed	45	47
Unemployment rate	4.1%	4.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	36		n
Average Weekly Wage	\$330		n
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	132		n
Average Weekly Wage	\$460		n
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	168		n
Average Weekly Wage	\$432		n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	46		63
Average Weekly Wage	\$277		\$436
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	214		n
Average Weekly Wage	\$398		n

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Kensington operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are part of Exeter Region Cooperative (Brentwood, East Kingston, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham, Exeter)			District: SAU 16
Career Technology Center(s):	Seacoast School of Technology, Exeter			Region: 18
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	197			
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004:	Total Facilities: 1		Total Capacity: 8	
Nearest Community/Technical College:	Stratham			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	University of NH			

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Exeter & Hampton Electric	Electric service	40	
James R. Rosencrantz & Son	Farm, garden equipment	15+	

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	150
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-95, Exit 5	
Distance	5 miles	
Railroad		Yes
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport	Pease	
Runway	11,321 feet	
Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes	
Nearest Commercial Airport	Pease	
Distance	18 miles	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	34 miles	
Portland, Maine	70 miles	
Boston, Mass.	46 miles	
New York City, NY	254 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	290 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.7%
Public transportation	1.1%
Walked	1.4%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	8.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	13%
Commuting to another NH community	47%
Commuting out-of-state	40%

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
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: