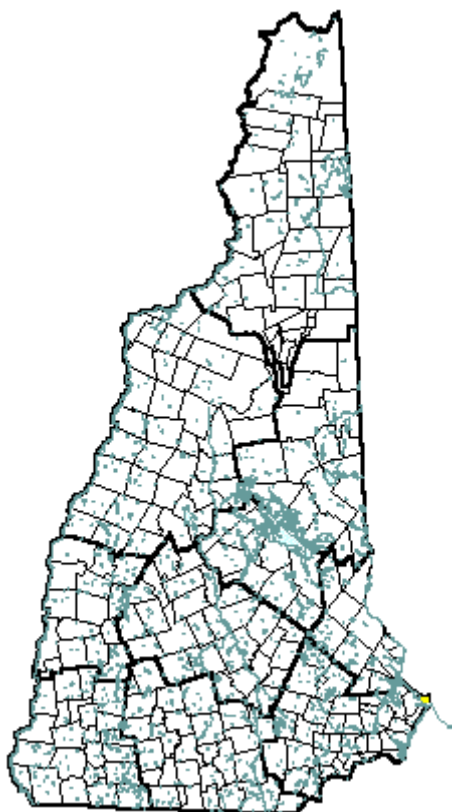


# New Castle, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8 am - 2 pm;**  
**Town Clerk: Monday and Wednesday, 9 am - 1 pm,**  
**Thursday, 11 am - 3 pm; Tax Collector: Wednesday,**  
**Thursday, and Friday, 8 am - 2 pm**

## County

**Rockingham**

Labor Market Area

**Portsmouth NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion**

Tourism Region

**Seacoast**

Planning Commission

**Rockingham**

Regional Development

**Coastal Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 1**  
**District 3**  
**District 24**  
**Rockingham County District 18**

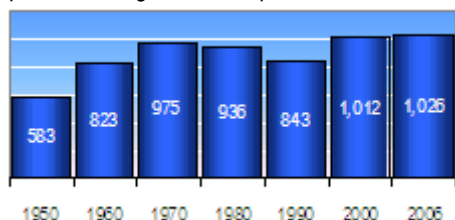
**Incorporated:** 1693

**Origin:** The largest of several islands at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, this town was originally known as Great Island. Chartered in 1679 as a parish of Portsmouth, it was incorporated in 1693 during the reign of William and Mary. For a number of years, this was the seat of government, where meetings of the governor and council were held. New Castle is unique in the state, being the only town made up entirely of islands, connected to the mainland by bridges. New Castle is home to the Wentworth-by-the-Sea Hotel, where delegates to the Russo-Japanese Peace Treaty of 1905 stayed during negotiations held at the nearby Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The treaty negotiation and signing, which elevated Japan to an international power at the conclusion of the Russo-Japanese War, was held in the Portsmouth area at the specific invitation of President Theodore Roosevelt.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 534 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for New Castle totaled 429 over 50 years, from 583 in 1950 to 1,012 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 20 percent increase between 1990 and 2000, which followed a ten percent decrease over the previous decade. The 2006 Census estimate for New Castle was 1,026 residents, which ranked 185th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density, 2006:** 1,266.7 persons per square mile of land area, the fourth highest among the cities and towns. New Castle contains 0.8 square miles of land area and 1.3 square miles of inland water area.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	<b>\$1,159,259</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2006	<b>\$1,452,225</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1954/07</b>
Master Plan	<b>2002</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Cemetery</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Historic District; Zoning; Public Works</b>

Public Library **New Castle Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time &amp; on call</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full, part-time, &amp; volunteer</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>5</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth</b>	<b>4 miles 209</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>New Castle Water Works</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Yes Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2006 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$4.49</b>
2006 Equalization Ratio	<b>100</b>
2006 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$4.49</b>
2006 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>93.3%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>6.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>0.2%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2006 Total Housing Units	<b>516</b>
2006 Single-Family Units	<b>457</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>4</b>
2006 Multi-Family Units	<b>59</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2006 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>0</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2006	<b>1,026</b>	<b>296,267</b>
2000	<b>1,012</b>	<b>278,748</b>
1990	<b>843</b>	<b>246,744</b>
1980	<b>936</b>	<b>190,345</b>
1970	<b>975</b>	<b>138,951</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

## Population by Gender

Male	<b>494</b>	Female	<b>516</b>
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## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>43</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>155</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>83</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>316</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>170</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>243</b>
Median Age	<b>49.6 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>96.9%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>61.5%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$67,695</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$93,290</b>
Median household income	<b>\$83,708</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$57,375</b>
Female	<b>\$35,568</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>0.0%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1996	2006
Civilian labor force	<b>343</b>	<b>528</b>
Employed	<b>333</b>	<b>513</b>
Unemployed	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1996	2006
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>38</b>	n
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$442</b>	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>17</b>	<b>44</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$473</b>	<b>\$483</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>54</b>	n
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$452</b>	n

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **New Castle operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Portsmouth** District: **SAU 50**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Portsmouth High School** Region: **19**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	66			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2007: Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Stratham**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **McIntosh; Hesser; University of NH**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wentworth Hotel	Hotel/Spa	100	
Wentworth Marina	Marina	12	

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>1B</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-95, Exit 7</b>
	Distance	<b>4 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Pease International</b>	Runway	<b>11,321 ft. asphalt/concrete</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Pease International</b>	Distance	<b>7 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>2</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>47 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>53 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>59 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>271 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>303 miles</b>

## COMMUTING TO WORK (US Census Bureau)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>6.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.4%</b>
Walked	<b>2.4%</b>
Other means	<b>2.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>9.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>25.5 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>16%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>68%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>16%</b>

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Fort Constitution &amp; Fort Stark</b>