

Church Planting Profile:

Raymond, New Hampshire

Summary: Raymond is a fast-growing community located in the center of Rockingham County, about 18 miles east of Manchester. The population of Raymond is white and relatively young, with a large number of families with school-age children. The town is eager to attract new residents and businesses. Evangelical Christians make up approximately 2% of the population of Rockingham County. There are PCA and Orthodox Presbyterian churches in Manchester and a PCA church in Exeter (15 miles to the east).



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Source: seacoastonline.com

Demographics:

Town Population, 2007: 10,195

Pop. change: +5.4% since 2000

County Population, 2007: 296,543

Racial Breakdown:

<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	97.3%
<i>Two or more races</i>	0.9%
<i>Hispanic</i>	0.8%
<i>Black</i>	0.6%
<i>Other</i>	0.8%

Median Age: 34.4 (37.1 NH)

Age Breakdown:

<i>Age 14 and under</i>	23.5%
<i>Ages 15-24</i>	13.1%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	35.3%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	21.1%
<i>Age 65 and over</i>	7.0%

Avg. Household Size: 2.8 people

Avg. Family Size: 3.2 people

Economics:

Median Household Income, 2007: \$64,400

Median House/Condo Value, 2007: \$223,600

Unemployment Rate, 9/08: 4.7%

Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 115.4

Principal Industries:

<i>Manufacturing</i>	25.1%
<i>Retail trade</i>	15.1%
<i>Education, health, social service</i>	12.0%
<i>Construction</i>	9.7%

Largest Employers

<i>Walmart</i>	600
<i>Hannaford Bro. Supermarket</i>	150
<i>Ben Franklin/Ace Hardware</i>	63
<i>Gemini Valve</i>	60

Other:

Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

<i>High School or higher</i>	83.5%
<i>Bachelor's Degree or higher</i>	13.0%
<i>Graduate/Professional Degree</i>	5.0%

Nearest Colleges or Universities:

<i>University of New Hampshire (18 miles)</i>
<i>Northern Essex Community College (19 miles)</i>

Principal Media Outlets:

<i>Newspaper: Union-Leader (Manchester)</i>
<i>Radio: WDER (1320 AM - Christian); WGIN (930 AM)</i>

Average January Temperature: 23.0°

Average July Temperature: 70.6°

Average Annual Precipitation: 44.5 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 63 inches

Raymond Churches:

Raymond Baptist Church (Indep. Evangelical)

www.raymondbaptistchurch.com

New Life Assembly of God

www.newliferaymond.org

Raymond United Methodist Church

Providence Baptist Church (SBC – Epping)

www.pbcnh.org

The Congregational Church of Raymond

Eaglebrook Christian Church