HOMETOWN TRIVIA · PORTSMOUTH, NH

# How well do you know Portsmouth?

Circle the answer you think is right. Answers are on the last page.

**1.** Which famous singer or musician was born in Portsmouth in 1942?

**A.** Alanis Obomsawin
**B.** Ronnie James Dio
**C.** Alvin Lucier

**2.** Which famous actor was born in Portsmouth in 1929?

**A.** Gordon Clapp
**B.** Ilene Woods
**C.** Tony Conrad

**3.** Portsmouth's Henry Sherburne House dates back to about which year?

**A.** 1766
**B.** 1726
**C.** 1796

# How well do you know Portsmouth?

**4.** Which county is Portsmouth in?

**A.** Hillsborough County
**B.** Rockingham County
**C.** Belknap County

**5.** About how many people lived in Portsmouth in 2020?

**A.** 57,000
**B.** 22,000
**C.** 7,700

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# Let's talk about home

Read one aloud and let the stories come. There are no wrong answers on this page.

- Ronnie James Dio was born right here in Portsmouth in 1942. Can anyone hum a song by Ronnie James Dio?
- Ilene Woods was born right here in Portsmouth in 1929. What's your favorite movie or show with Ilene Woods in it?
- Portsmouth's Henry Sherburne House dates back to 1766. Have you ever been there, or driven past it?
- Where did people in Portsmouth go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Portsmouth like on a Saturday when you were young?
- Where did you go to school, and how did you get there each morning?

WORD SEARCH · PORTSMOUTH

# Around Portsmouth

P L S F C P A R A D E V N V T
A R I A P O R T S M O U T H E
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E O C M D I N E R W W G B A B
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G D F P Y S N L I B R A R Y E
S S D G R A R A H Y R U N A T
I C K B A N D S T A N D E S E

- ☐ BAKERY
- ☐ BANDSTAND
- ☐ DINER
- ☐ FIREHOUSE
- ☐ HENRY
- ☐ ICECREAM
- ☐ LIBRARY
- ☐ MAINSTREET
- ☐ PARADE
- ☐ PORTSMOUTH
- ☐ POSTOFFICE
- ☐ SHERBURNE
- ☐ TROLLEY
- ☐ WOODS

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# Answers and sources

**1. Ronnie James Dio** Ronnie James Dio was born in Portsmouth in 1942.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q185151 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronnie_James_Dio

**2. Ilene Woods** Ilene Woods was born in Portsmouth in 1929.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q270771 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ilene_Woods

**3. 1766** Portsmouth's Henry Sherburne House dates back to 1766.

Sources: https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q18157998 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Henry_Sherburne_House

**4. Rockingham County** Portsmouth is in Rockingham County, New Hampshire.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q49191

**5. 22,000** The 2020 census counted 21,956 people in Portsmouth.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portsmouth,_New_Hampshire

**Word search answers.** Every word reads left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally downward. None run backwards.

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