

Historic New England Fact Sheet

USEFUL FACTS AND FIGURES

Historic New England - founded as the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities in 1910 - is the oldest, largest, and most comprehensive independent preservation organization in the United States. Historic New England welcomes the public to thirty-eight exceptional museums and landscapes, including several coastal farms. The organization operates a major collections and archives center in Haverhill, Massachusetts, and has the world's largest collection of New England artifacts, comprising more than 125,000 decorative arts and objects and 1.5 million archival documents, including photographs, architectural drawings, manuscripts, and ephemera. Engaging education programs for youth, adults, and preservation professionals, and award-winning exhibitions and publications are offered in person and virtually. The Historic New England Preservation Easement program is a national leader and protects 125 privately owned historic properties throughout the region.

Historic New England serves the public through five key program areas: [Homes, Farms, and Landscapes](#); [Artifacts, Archives, and Stories](#); [School and Youth Programs](#); [Preservation Services](#), and [Community Engagement and Leadership](#). Its thirty-eight historic sites span four centuries of architectural styles and five New England states. Historic New England takes care of 167 buildings with 5,027 windows, 156 chimneys, 73 heating systems, and 312,185 square feet of roofs.

Number of Historic New England sites that are National Historic Landmarks: 14

- [Arnold House](#), Lincoln, R.I.
- [Beauport, the Sleeper-McCann House](#), Gloucester, Mass.
- [Boardman House](#), Saugus, Mass.
- [Gropius House](#), Lincoln, Mass.
- [Hamilton House](#), South Berwick, Maine
- [Jackson House](#), Portsmouth, N.H.
- [Sarah Orne Jewett House](#), South Berwick, Maine
- [Governor John Langdon House](#), Portsmouth, N.H.
- [Lyman Estate](#), Waltham, Mass.
- [Nickels-Sortwell House](#), Wiscasset, Maine
- [Otis House](#), Boston, Mass.
- [Quincy House](#), Quincy, Mass.
- [Roseland Cottage](#), Woodstock, Conn.
- [Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm](#), Newbury, Mass.

Number of acres of historic gardens and open spaces that Historic New England preserves:

Historic New England shares more than 1,376 acres with the public at its historic sites. In total, it protects more than 2,400 acres of land, which includes the 1,118 acres protected through the [Preservation Easement Program](#).

Number of people who visited Historic New England sites in 2023:

Historic New England welcomed 167,169 people to the properties in 2023. This includes visitors who came for guided tours, group tours, exhibitions, public programs, school programs, private functions, community meetings and events, and to enjoy the landscapes.

Number of objects in Historic New England's collection of objects:

There are more than 125,000 objects in Historic New England's collection. It is the largest assemblage of New England art and artifacts in the country. It shares this collection with the public through [exhibitions](#); the [Collections Access](#) database; and at the historic sites, where more than 40,000 objects are on display. **Number of items in Historic New England's Library and Archives:** There are more than 1.5 million items documenting New England's architectural and cultural history in the [Library and Archives](#). The archival collection includes:

- 450,000 photographs and negatives
- 61,000 architectural drawings
- 25,700 pieces of ephemera
- 10,000 newspaper clippings
- 11,400 books
- 2,500 prints
- 1,000 linear feet of manuscripts
- 765 maps and atlases
- 700 drawings and watercolors
- Historic New England's institutional archives

Number of students served in 2023:

Historic New England served 38,433 students in 2023 from 174 communities. It offers more than twenty-five different school programs at eight sites: Arnold House, Casey Farm, Coffin House, Eustis Estate, Pierce House, Quincy House, Roseland Cottage, and Spencer-Peirce-Little Farm. These educational programs are nationally recognized for their innovative use of historic resources to reinforce and enrich student learning.

Number of public programs offered in 2023: Historic New England offered more than 244 public programs in 2023 that were enjoyed by 53,646 participants.

Number of privately owned properties in the Preservation Easement Program: There are currently 125 privately owned historic properties across New England protected through

Historic New England's [Preservation Easement Program](#), one of the first preservation easement programs in the country, and the model on which many other programs are based. This program protects 241 buildings and 1,118 acres.

Number of Historic New England members: Historic New England has 8,405 [member households](#). More than ninety percent of Historic New England members live in one of the six New England states but the breadth, importance, and vitality of its mission draws the interest and support of individuals from forty-three states, plus the District of Columbia. Members receive free admission to thirty-eight Historic New England homes, farms, and landscapes; three issues per year of *Historic New England* [magazine](#); the *Guide to Historic Properties*; Historic New England's monthly e-newsletter; membership card; passport; discounts on purchases made at museum shops, farm produce from Casey Farm, and items purchased at the Lyman Estate Greenhouses; access to many free-to-members events across the region; and discounts on public programs and events throughout the year.

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