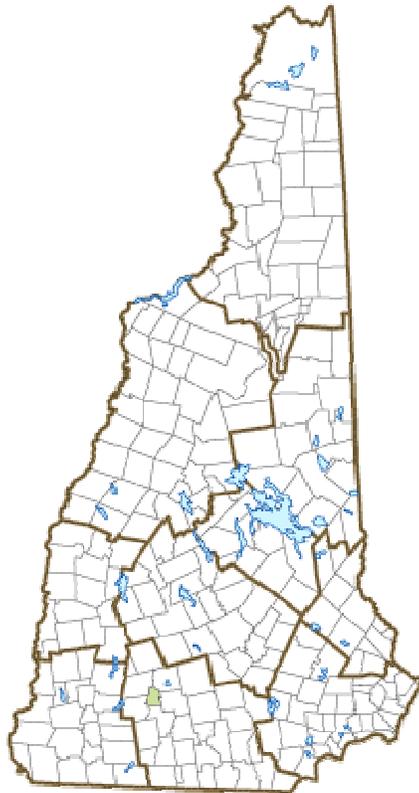


Bennington, NH



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Web Site	www.townofbennington.com
Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk: Tuesday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Thursday, 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm, Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon
County	Hillsborough
Labor Market Area	Peterborough, NH LMA
Tourism Region	Monadnock
Planning Commission	Southwest Region
Regional Development	Monadnock Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 5
State Senate	District 8
State Representative	Hillsborough County Districts 3, 38

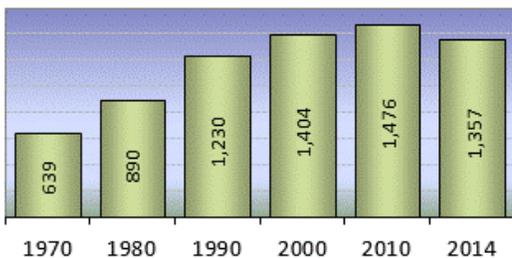
Incorporated: 1842

Origin: Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Francestown, in 1842 this community was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington (Vermont), one of the most decisive battles of the Revolution, fought August 14-16, 1777. Bennington was originally a part of Hancock called Factory Village, as there was substantial industry powered by the Great Falls on the Contoocook River. According to the Town of Bennington history, the first papermaking machinery was installed in 1835 near the current Monadnock Paper Mills location.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 541 residents in 1850

Population Trends: Population change for Bennington totaled 766 over 54 years, from 591 in 1960 to 1,357 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 38 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2014 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,357 residents, which ranked 167th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 119.6 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.4 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$1,812,622
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$43,007,104
Zoning Ordinance	1987/16
Master Plan	2005
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer; Checklist; Zoning**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Hazard Mitigation Planning; Capital Reserve; Solid Waste**

Public Library **G E P Dodge**

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Part-time & On-Call
Emergency Medical Service		Part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	9 miles	25

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier		None
Water Supplier		Bennington Water Department
Sanitation		Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup		None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No
Recycling Program		Mandatory
Telephone Company		TDS Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes
Cable Television Access		Yes
Public Access Television Station		No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$30.58	
2015 Equalization Ratio	95.5	
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$29.36	
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	83.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.4%	

HOUSING		(ACS 2010-2014)
Total Housing Units	674	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	485	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	57	
Five or More Units in Structure	78	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	54	

DEMOGRAPHICS			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2014	1,357	402,776	
2010	1,476	400,721	
2000	1,404	382,384	
1990	1,230	336,549	
1980	890	276,608	
1970	639	223,941	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014			
Population by Gender			
Male	688	Female	669
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			117
Age 5 to 19			282
Age 20 to 34			231
Age 35 to 54			281
Age 55 to 64			281
Age 65 and over			165
Median Age			39.6 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			92.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			24.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2010-2014)
Per capita income		\$29,105
Median family income		\$75,833
Median household income		\$66,750
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$53,500
Female		\$39,531
Individuals below the poverty level		4.9%

LABOR FORCE				(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2005	2015		
Civilian labor force	805	791		
Employed	778	757		
Unemployed	27	34		
Unemployment rate	3.4%	4.3%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	239			n
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,126			n
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	163			n
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 206			n
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	402			337
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 754			\$1,024
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	25			21
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 409			\$ 535
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	427			358
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 734			\$ 995

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)** District: **SAU 1**

Career Technology Center(s): **Region 14 Applied Technology Center** Region: **14**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-4			
Total Enrollment	66			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Crotched Mt. Ski & Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250 +/-	2003
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Town of Bennington	Municipal services	50	1842
Alberto's Restaurant	Restaurant	26	1945
DH Hardwick & Son's, Inc.	Logging, gravel, and aggregate sales	24	1978
Frankestown Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Excavating contractor, gravel sales	10	1972
Common Place Eatery	Restaurant	4	
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Harris's 202 Convenience Store	Convenience store, gas station		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		202
	State Routes		31, 47
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 5	
	Distance		23 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim	Runway	3,260 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?		No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance		32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			30 miles
Portland, Maine			127 miles
Boston, Mass.			80 miles
New York City, NY			245 miles
Montreal, Quebec			248 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	76.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	14.4%
Public transportation	0.6%
Walked	1.3%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	6.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014	
Working in community of residence	17.6
Commuting to another NH community	80.1
Commuting out-of-state	2.3

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
X	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
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Crotched Mountain
	Other: