

Bridgewater, NH



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County	Grafton
Labor Market Area	Plymouth, NH LMA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Grafton County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 2
State Representative	Grafton County Districts 9, 17

Incorporated: 1788

Origin: Bridgewater received its charter in 1788, when it was part of the town of New Chester. New Chester was separated into Bridgewater and Hill, as well as portions of Bristol, Danbury, and Wilmot. Early settlers of the area were from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, giving the town its name. Bridgewater was officially incorporated by John Sullivan, who was President of New Hampshire before the title was changed to Governor. The town line follows the eastern shore of Newfound Lake.

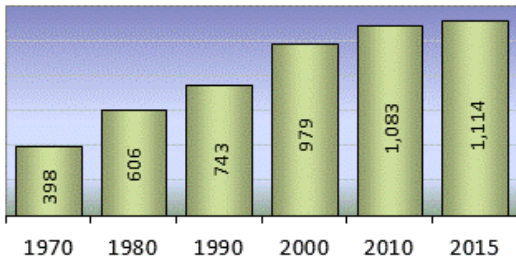
Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 281 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Bridgewater totaled 821 over 55 years, from 293 in 1960 to 1,114 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 52 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; two of the last five decades had increases of 30 percent or more. The 2015 Census estimate for Bridgewater was 1,114 residents, which ranked 177th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 51.9 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Newbury. Bridgewater contains 21.5 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	\$1,347,201
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Zoning Ordinance	1983/10
Master Plan	2006
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; ZBA
Public Library	Bridgewater

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	13 miles 25

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

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 9.73
2015 Equalization Ratio	90.0
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 8.69
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	93.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.8%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,043
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	939
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	10
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	94

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	1,114	89,341
2010	1,083	89,118
2000	979	81,826
1990	743	74,998
1980	606	65,806
1970	398	54,914

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015			
Population by Gender			
Male	511	Female	603
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			43
Age 5 to 19			157
Age 20 to 34			87
Age 35 to 54			323
Age 55 to 64			231
Age 65 and over			273
Median Age			53.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			90.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher			30.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	\$33,008
Median family income	\$67,273
Median household income	\$55,500
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$52,500
Female	\$36,023
Individuals below the poverty level	4.8%

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	566	680	
Employed	552	660	
Unemployed	14	20	
Unemployment rate	2.5%	2.9%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	14	28	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 568	\$ 769	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	45	86	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 857	\$ 926	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	59	114	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 788	\$ 888	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	17	21	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 263	\$ 350	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	76	135	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 671	\$ 803	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Newfound Area (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton)** District: **SAU 4**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center** Region: **5**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) Elementary Middle/Junior High High School Private/Parochial

Number of Schools

Grade Levels

Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Laconia**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bridgewater Steam Power	Utility	12	1988

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes **3**

 State Routes **3A**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-93, Exit 23**

 Distance **10 miles**

Railroad **No**

Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Newfound Valley, Bristol Runway **1,900 ft. asphalt**

Lighted? **No** Navigation Aids? **No**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Lebanon Municipal Distance **42 miles**

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **1**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH **58 miles**

Portland, Maine **101 miles**

Boston, Mass. **108 miles**

New York City, NY **305 miles**

Montreal, Quebec **224 miles**

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

X Youth Sports: Basketball

Youth Sports: Hockey

X Campgrounds

X Fishing/Hunting

X Boating/Marinas

X Snowmobile Trails

X Bicycle Trails

X Cross Country Skiing

X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Ragged, Tenney Mountains**

Other:

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van **82.5%**

Carpooled, car/truck/van **9.0%**

Public transportation **.0%**

Walked **.0%**

Other means **.0%**

Worked at home **8.5%**

Mean Travel Time to Work **29.2 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence **11.9**

Commuting to another NH community **84.5**

Commuting out-of-state **3.6**