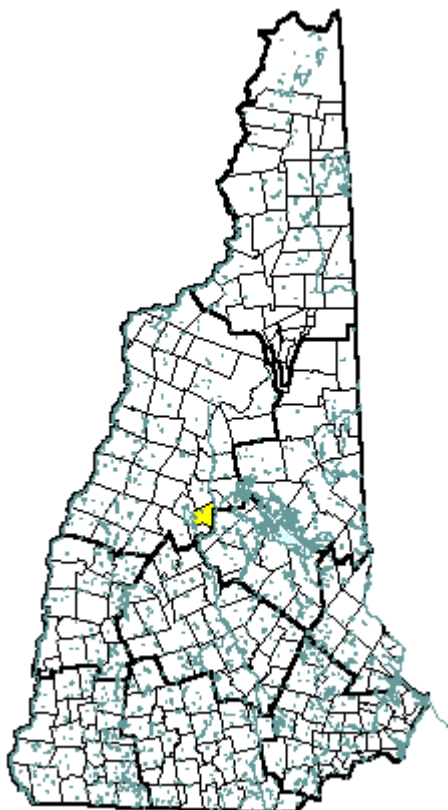


Bridgewater, NH



Community Contact	Town of Bridgewater Terence Murphy, Selectman 297 Mayhew Turnpike Bridgewater, NH 03222
Telephone	(603) 744-5055
Fax	(603) 744-5971
E-mail	not available
Web Site	not available
Municipal Office Hours	Tuesday, 12 noon - 3 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon, and as needed
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 District 8

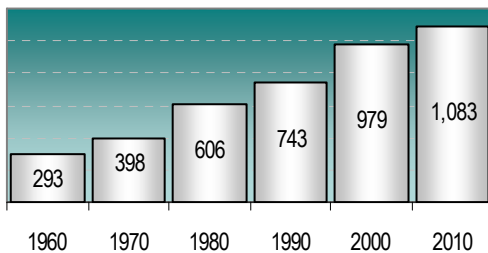
Incorporated: 1788

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 790 over 50 years, from 293 in 1960 to 1,083 in 2010. 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 2010 Census estimate for Bridgewater was 1,083 residents, which ranked 184th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau): 51.0 persons per square mile of land area. Bridgewater contains 21.2 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2010	\$1,279,000
Budget: School Appropriations, 2009	\$913,269
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

Public Library **Bridgewater****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	13 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
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	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$8.40
2010 Equalization Ratio	107.4
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$9.04

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	93.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.6%

HOUSING

(ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	940
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	817
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	7
Five or More Units in Structure	24
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	92

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
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) 2006-2010

Population by Gender

Male	586	Female	497
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	10
Age 5 to 19	114
Age 20 to 34	130
Age 35 to 54	379
Age 55 to 64	254
Age 65 and over	196
Median Age	49.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	94.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	32.2%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$

(ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	\$32,329
Median 4-person family income	\$70,833
Median household income	\$59,167

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$47,750
Female	\$35,568

Families below the poverty level

5.6%**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	535	554
Employed	522	531
Unemployed	13	23
Unemployment rate	2.4%	4.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	6	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$531	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	28	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$209	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	33	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$264	n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	11	22
Average Weekly Wage	\$285	\$311
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	44	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$269	n

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*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 Regional High School**Region: **05**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**Nearest Community/Technical College: **Lakes Region**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Laconia****LARGEST BUSINESSES****PRODUCT/SERVICE****EMPLOYEES****ESTABLISHED**

Bridgewater Steam Power	Utility	12	1988
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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		63 miles
Portland, Maine		94 miles
Boston, Mass.		115 miles
New York City, NY		320 miles
Montreal, Quebec		216 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK*(ACS 2006-2010)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	76.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.1%
Public transportation	0.8%
Walked	2.2%
Other means	3.0%
Worked at home	8.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010

Working in community of residence	18.8%
Commuting to another NH community	77.8%
Commuting out-of-state	3.4%

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 Mountain**

Other: