

Bristol, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

County
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Election Districts

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Town of Bristol

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Select Board, Town Administrator: Monday to Friday, 8-4;
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Friday, 8-4, Wednesday, 12-7

Grafton

Plymouth, NH LMA

Lakes

Lakes Region

Grafton County Economic Development Council

District 2

District 1

District 7

Grafton County Districts 10, 18

Incorporated: 1819

Origin: Bristol was incorporated in 1819, established on land taken from Bridgewater and New Chester (Hill). Extensive deposits of fine sand or clay similar to the Bristol sand used in Bristol, England, to make fine china and pottery gave this town its name. Here the sand was used to make a superior quality brick, marketed as Bristol brick. The town was center of manufacturing in the early days for such diverse goods as paper, leather, woolens, flannel, bedsteads, and piano stools. Bristol encompasses the lower two-thirds of Newfound Lake, including Wellington State Park.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 675 residents in 1820

Population Trends: Population change for Bristol totaled 1,590 over 50 years, from 1,670 in 1970 to 3,260 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by seven percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Bristol was 3,308 residents, which ranked 108th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 193.7 persons per square mile of land area. Bristol contains 17.1 square miles of land area and 5.0 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022		\$8,878,652	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$7,016,122	
Zoning Ordinance		1985/23	
Master Plan		2022	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Budget; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Checklist		
Appointed:	Please visit www.bristolnh.gov for a list of boards & committees to which citizens may be appointed.		
Public Library	Minot-Sleeper		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth		14 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Bristol Water and Sewer		
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		None	
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	Yes		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.99	
2022 Equalization Ratio		58.8	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$12.30	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		86.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		10.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		2,387	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,672	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		221	
Five or More Units in Structure		167	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		327	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	3,308		91,126
2020	3,244		91,118
2010	3,054		89,118
2000	3,033		81,826
1990	2,614		74,998
1980	2,198		65,806
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	1,716	Female	1,532
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			181
Age 5 to 19			543
Age 20 to 34			537
Age 35 to 54			957
Age 55 to 64			444
Age 65 and over			586
Median Age			42.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		2,251	
High school graduate or higher			95.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher			25.7%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$31,642
Median family income			\$83,883
Median household income			\$67,985
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$57,319
Female			\$45,000
Individuals below the poverty level			8.9%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		1,652	1,744
Employed		1,567	1,704
Unemployed		85	40
Unemployment rate		5.1%	2.3%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		453	549
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 890	\$1,152
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		671	796
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 483	\$ 731
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		1,123	1,345
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 647	\$ 903
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		323	276
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 674	\$ 916
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		1,446	1,620
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 653	\$ 905
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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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	188	287	376	

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; Colby-Sawyer**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **121**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Newfound Area Schools	Education	250	
Freudenberg-NOK	Oil, grease seals, molded rubber	450	1949
Town of Bristol	Municipal services	50	1819
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	30	
TD Bank	Banking services	25	1970
Homestead Restaurant	Restaurant	25	1975
LaValley Building Supply	Retail lumber store	21	
Dead River Company	Oil/gas delivery		
Mid-State Health Center	Health care services		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	3A, 104
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 23
	Distance	6 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		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	60 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		55 miles
Portland, Maine		98 miles
Boston, Mass.		105 miles
New York City, NY		301 miles
Montreal, Quebec		229 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.4%
Public transportation	.0%
Walked	6.3%
Other means	2.0%
Worked at home	5.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	29.1%
Commuting to another NH community	68.4%
Commuting out-of-state	2.5%

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
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	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
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged, Tenney, Waterville Valley Mountains
	Other: Wellington State Park; Slim Baker Lodge; TTCC; NH Marathon; Lakes Region Tri Festival; Swim with a Mission; Bristol Falls Park; Pemi River Trail