

# Bristol, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 7 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Grafton**  
**Plymouth, NH LMA**  
**Lakes**  
**Lakes Region**  
**Grafton County Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
**District 2**  
**Grafton County Districts 9, 17**

**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, woollens, 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

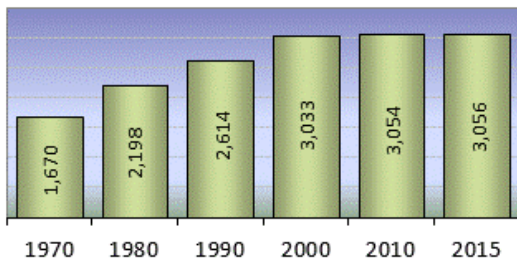
**Population Trends:** Population change for Bristol totaled 1,586 over 55 years, from 1,470 in 1960 to 3,056 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase between 1970 and



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1980, accounting for one-third of the total numeric change. The 2015 Census estimate for Bristol was 3,056 residents, which ranked 107th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 178.9 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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	<b>\$5,767,692</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016	<b>\$7,185,757</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1985/14</b>
Master Plan	<b>2006</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

#### Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Budget</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Historic District</b>

Public Library **Minot-Sleeper**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department			<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department			<b>Full-time</b>
Emergency Medical Service			<b>Municipal</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>14 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	

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

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.13</b>		
2015 Equalization Ratio	<b>97.0</b>		
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.87</b>		
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>85.8%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>9.5%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.7%</b>		

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>2,458</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,934</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>171</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>117</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>236</b>		

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community		County	
2015	<b>3,056</b>		<b>89,341</b>	
2010	<b>3,054</b>		<b>89,118</b>	
2000	<b>3,033</b>		<b>81,826</b>	
1990	<b>2,614</b>		<b>74,998</b>	
1980	<b>2,198</b>		<b>65,806</b>	
1970	<b>1,670</b>		<b>54,914</b>	

#### Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,599</b>	Female	<b>1,457</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>116</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>578</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>539</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>744</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>456</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>623</b>
Median Age	<b>43.8 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>91.3%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>21.8%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$25,353</b>
Median family income			<b>\$56,161</b>
Median household income			<b>\$50,080</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over			
Male			<b>\$43,627</b>
Female			<b>\$35,921</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>8.7%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average		2005		2015	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,598</b>		<b>1,638</b>		
Employed	<b>1,540</b>		<b>1,575</b>		
Unemployed	<b>58</b>		<b>63</b>		
Unemployment rate	<b>3.6%</b>		<b>3.8%</b>		

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2005		2015	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>499</b>		<b>530</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 790</b>		<b>\$ 998</b>		
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	<b>617</b>		<b>650</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 441</b>		<b>\$ 516</b>		
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	<b>1,116</b>		<b>1,180</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 597</b>		<b>\$ 734</b>		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	<b>294</b>		<b>294</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 576</b>		<b>\$ 725</b>		
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	<b>1,410</b>		<b>1,475</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 793</b>		<b>\$ 732</b>		

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Newfound Area (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton)</b>			District: <b>SAU 4</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Plymouth Applied Technology Center</b>			Region: <b>5</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>351</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>381</b>	

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: **2** Total Capacity: **80**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Newfound Area Schools	Education	250	
Freudenberg-NOK	Oil, grease seals, molded rubber	210	1949
Town of Bristol	Municipal services	34	1819
Shop 'n Save	Supermarket	30	
TD Bank	Banking services	25	1970
Homestead Restaurant	Restaurant	25	1975
RP Williams & Sons	Retail lumber store	21	1950
Shackett's Grocery	Convenience store	20	1945

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>3A, 104</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 23</b>
	Distance	<b>6 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Newfound Valley, Bristol</b>	Runway	<b>1,900 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>60 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>55 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>98 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>105 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>301 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>229 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK**

(ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>7.1%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>8.2%</b>
Other means	<b>1.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>2.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>24.3 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015**

Working in community of residence	<b>38.0</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>57.9</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4.1</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Ragged, Tenney, Waterville Valley Mountains</b>
	Other: <b>Wellington State Park</b>