

Bedford, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Hillsborough
Manchester, NH Metropolitan NECTA
Merrimack Valley
Southern NH
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 4
District 9
Hillsborough County Districts 7, 41

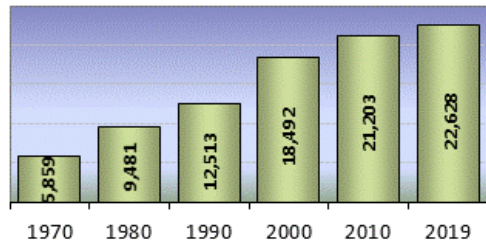
Incorporated: 1750

Origin: Bedford was established in 1730 as Narragansett Number 5 for the benefit of soldiers who fought against the Narragansett Indians in Rhode Island. Twenty years later little had been done to the land, and it was regranted first as Souhegan East, then as Bedford in 1750. The town was named for Lord John Russell, fourth Duke of Bedford, a close friend of Governor Benning Wentworth, whose first wife, Diana Spencer, was cousin to the Duke of Marlborough. The town's first moderator was Major John Goffe, son of Colonel John Goffe for whom Goffstown was named.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

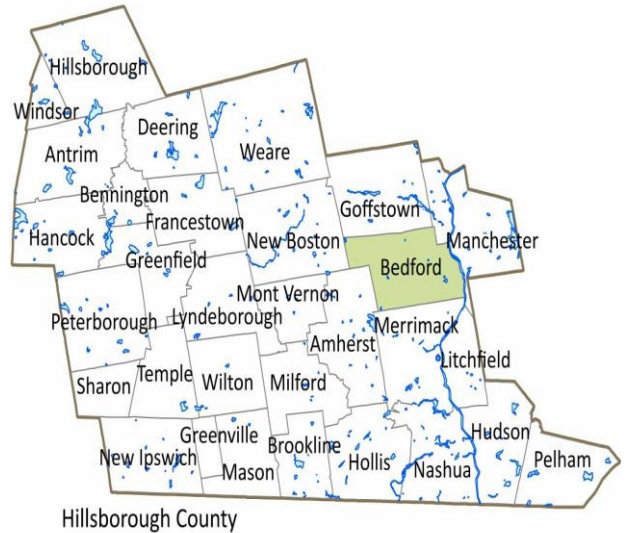
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 898 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Bedford ranked sixth in numeric change over 49 years. Population change totaled 16,769, from 5,859 in 1970 to 22,628 in 2019. The



largest decennial percent change was 62 percent between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Bedford was 22,628 residents, which ranked 12th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 690.7 persons per square mile of land area. Bedford contains 32.8 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$31,302,603
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$77,700,000
Zoning Ordinance	1953/20
Master Plan	Update in Progress
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Town Council; Library**
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic District; Recreation; Budget; Highway Safety; Sewer & Water Advisory**

Public Library **Bedford Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full & part-time
Emergency Medical Service	Full & part-time

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Elliot Hospital, Manchester	6 miles	268
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	4 miles	251

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier	Manchester Water Works; Pennichuck Water Works
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.95
2019 Equalization Ratio	94.7
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.72
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	79.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	19.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.3%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Total Housing Units	8,056
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	6,842
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	161
Five or More Units in Structure	1,053
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	0

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2019	22,628	417,025
2010	21,203	400,721
2000	18,492	382,384
1990	12,513	336,549
1980	9,481	276,608
1970	5,859	223,941

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	11,039	Female	11,496
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,339
Age 5 to 19			4,832
Age 20 to 34			2,929
Age 35 to 54			6,236
Age 55 to 64			3,468
Age 65 and over			3,731
Median Age			43.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	97.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	63.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income	\$58,602
Median family income	\$151,016
Median household income	\$135,021
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$103,542
Female	\$69,055
Individuals below the poverty level	2.8%

LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	11,406	12,409
Employed	10,862	12,132
Unemployed	544	277
Unemployment rate	4.8%	2.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	1,208	1,430
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,161	\$1,781
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	11,536	14,741
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 944	\$1,197
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	12,744	16,171
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 965	\$1,248
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,090	1,193
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 829	\$1,078
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	13,834	17,364
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 954	\$1,237

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Bedford operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 25**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Manchester School of Technology** Region: **15**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	2	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	K 1-2
Total Enrollment	1,557	1,439	1,525	2

Nearest Community College: **Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Southern NH University; UNH-Manchester**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **17** Total Capacity: **1,445**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bedford School District	Education	755	
Market Basket	Supermarket	470	2013
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	377	
Whole Foods	Natural food supermarket	254	
LSNE	Contract manufacturing	216	
Lowe's	Home improvement center	215	
Kelly Services	Temporary employment agency	200	
Town of Bedford	Municipal services	188	
Target	Department store	175	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	101, 114
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-293, Exit 3
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		MTA
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Runway	9,250 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	7 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		7 miles
Portland, Maine		101 miles
Boston, Mass.		55 miles
New York City, NY		248 miles
Montreal, Quebec		265 miles

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre, Pat's Peak
	Other: Farmer's Market

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.6%
Public transportation	0.7%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	10.1%
Worked at home	13.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	26.4
Commuting to another NH community	60.6
Commuting out-of-state	13.0