

Bedford, NH



| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Community Contact | Town of Bedford Rebecca Hebert, AICP, Planning Director 24 North Amherst Road Bedford, NH 03110 |
| Telephone | (603) 472-5243 |
| Fax | (603) 472-4573 |
| E-mail | rhebert@bedfordnh.org |
| Web Site | www.bedfordnh.org |
| Municipal Office Hours | Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm |
| County | Hillsborough |
| Labor Market Area | Manchester, NH Metropolitan NECTA |
| Tourism Region | Merrimack Valley |
| Planning Commission | Southern NH |
| Regional Development | Capital Regional Development Council |
| Election Districts | |
| US Congress | District 1 |
| Executive Council | District 4 |
| State Senate | District 9 |
| State Representative | Hillsborough County Districts 7, 41 |

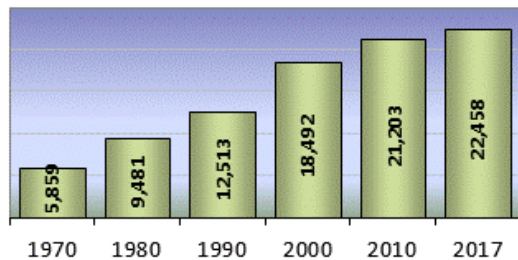
Incorporated: 1750

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

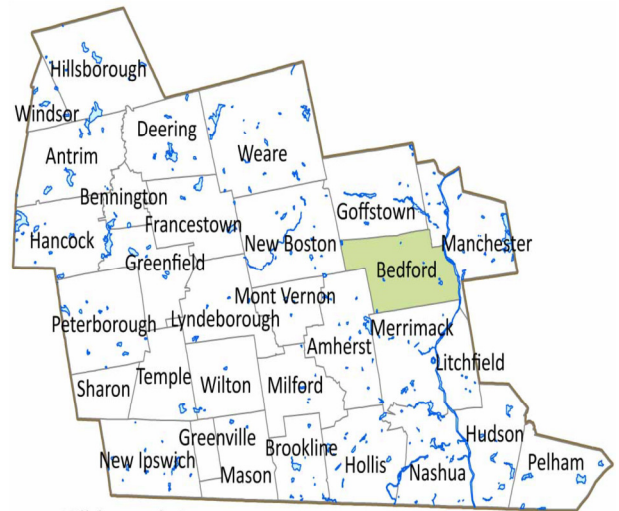
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 898 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Bedford ranked eighth in numeric change over 57 years. Population change totaled 18,822, from 3,636 in 1960 to 22,458 in 2017. The



largest decennial percent change was 62 percent between 1970 and 1980. The 2017 Census estimate for Bedford was 22,458 residents, which ranked 12th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 685.5 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.



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

| | |
|--|------------------------------|
| Type of Government | Manager & Council |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018 | \$30,333,980 |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019 | \$74,011,321 |
| Zoning Ordinance | 1953/18 |
| 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 | 258 |
| Catholic Medical Center, Manchester | 4 miles | 258 |

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 (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

| | |
|---|----------------|
| 2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$18.91 |
| 2017 Equalization Ratio | 94.3 |
| 2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$17.65 |
| 2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type | |
| Residential Land and Buildings | 79.8% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 19.2% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 1.4% |

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Total Housing Units | 7,744 |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 6,992 |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures: | |
| Two to Four Units in Structure | 146 |
| Five or More Units in Structure | 606 |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units | |

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Total Population | Community | County |
| 2017 | 22,458 | 409,697 |
| 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, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016

| | | | |
|----------------------|---------------|--------|---------------|
| Population by Gender | | | |
| Male | 10,634 | Female | 11,245 |

Population by Age Group

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Under age 5 | 1,411 |
| Age 5 to 19 | 4,803 |
| Age 20 to 34 | 2,387 |
| Age 35 to 54 | 6,587 |
| Age 55 to 64 | 3,301 |
| Age 65 and over | 3,390 |
| Median Age | 43.6 years |

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

| | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| High school graduate or higher | 96.5% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 58.7% |

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Per capita income | \$54,166 |
| Median family income | \$142,656 |
| Median household income | \$126,030 |

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

| | |
|--------|------------------|
| Male | \$101,083 |
| Female | \$66,316 |

Individuals below the poverty level **1.9%****LABOR FORCE** (NHES - ELMi)

| | | |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Annual Average | 2007 | 2017 |
| Civilian labor force | 11,416 | 11,825 |
| Employed | 11,101 | 11,545 |
| Unemployed | 315 | 280 |
| Unemployment rate | 2.8% | 2.4% |

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMi)

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment | 2006 | 2016 |
| Goods Producing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 1,272 | 1,281 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$1,220 | \$1,532 |
| Service Providing Industries | | |
| Average Employment | 11,657 | 13,469 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 902 | \$1,106 |
| Total Private Industry | | |
| Average Employment | 12,929 | 14,750 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 933 | \$1,143 |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local) | | |
| Average Employment | 829 | 1,131 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 771 | \$ 959 |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government | | |
| Average Employment | 13,758 | 15,881 |
| Average Weekly Wage | \$ 924 | \$1,130 |

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 | |
| Grade Levels | P K 1-4 | 5-8 | 9-12 | |
| Total Enrollment | 1,489 | 1,472 | 1,491 | |

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **16** Total Capacity: **1,428**

| LARGEST BUSINESSES | PRODUCT/SERVICE | EMPLOYEES | ESTABLISHED |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Bedford School District | Education | 750 | |
| Market Basket | Supermarket | 450 | 2013 |
| Hannaford Brothers | Supermarket | 339 | |
| Lowe's | Home improvement center | 215 | |
| Kelly Services | Temporary employment agency | 200 | |
| Town of Bedford | Municipal services | 186 | |
| Target | Department store | 175 | |
| Whole Foods | Natural food supermarket | 160 | |
| Wal-Mart | Retail store | 132 | |
| Freshmarket | Grocery store | 58 | |

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 |

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Workers 16 years and over | |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van | 82.7% |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van | 6.1% |
| Public transportation | 0.9% |
| Walked | 0.6% |
| Other means | 0.7% |
| Worked at home | 9.0% |
| Mean Travel Time to Work | 27.7 minutes |
| Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016 | |
| Working in community of residence | 30.0 |
| Commuting to another NH community | 58.0 |
| Commuting out-of-state | 12.0 |

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 |