

Bennington, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Hillsborough
Peterborough, NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 5
District 8
Hillsborough County Districts 3, 38

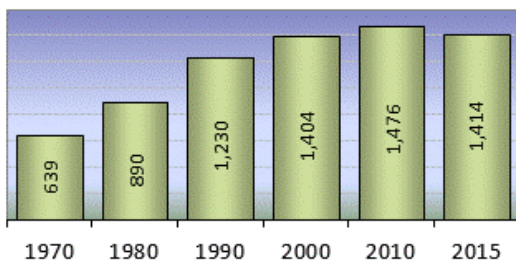
Incorporated: 1842

Origin: Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Frankestown, in 1842 this community was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington (Vermont), one of the most decisive battles of the Revolution, fought August 14-16, 1777. Bennington was originally a part of Hancock called Factory Village, as there was substantial industry powered by the Great Falls on the Contoocook River. According to the Town of Bennington history, the first papermaking machinery was installed in 1835 near the current Monadnock Paper Mills location.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 541 residents in 1850

Population Trends: Population change for Bennington totaled 823 over 55 years, from



591 in 1960 to 1,414 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 38 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2015 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,414 residents, which ranked 165th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 124.6 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.4 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$1,812,622
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	\$1,883,373
Zoning Ordinance	1987/16
Master Plan	2005
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer; Checklist; Zoning**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Hazard Mitigation Planning; Capital Reserve; Solid Waste**

Public Library **G E P Dodge**

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Part-time & On-Call
Emergency Medical Service		Part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	9 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Bennington Water Department
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	TDS Telecom
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)	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$31.78
2016 Equalization Ratio	89.9
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.91
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	83.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.8%

HOUSING (ACS 2011-2015)	
Total Housing Units	705
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	512
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	57
Five or More Units in Structure	82
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	54

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	1,414	403,972
2010	1,476	400,721
2000	1,404	382,384
1990	1,230	336,549
1980	890	276,608
1970	639	223,941

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	770	Female	644
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			122
Age 5 to 19			334
Age 20 to 34			241
Age 35 to 54			272
Age 55 to 64			281
Age 65 and over			164
Median Age			36.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			91.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher			26.8%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2011-2015)	
Per capita income	\$28,071
Median family income	\$75,278
Median household income	\$65,481
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$47,000
Female	\$39,656
Individuals below the poverty level	4.5%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	825	779	
Employed	799	756	
Unemployed	26	23	
Unemployment rate	3.2%	3.0%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	351	325	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 841	\$ 983	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	24	22	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 481	\$ 515	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	374	347	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 818	\$ 954	

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)** District: **SAU 1**

Career Technology Center(s): **Region 14 Applied Technology Center** Region: **14**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-4			
Total Enrollment	67			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Crotched Mt. Ski & Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250 +/-	2003
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Town of Bennington	Municipal services	50	1842
Alberto's Restaurant	Restaurant	26	1945
DH Hardwick & Son's, Inc.	Logging, gravel, and aggregate sales	24	1978
Frankestown Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Excavating contractor, gravel sales	10	1972
Common Place Eatery	Restaurant	4	
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
US 202 Mini-Mart	Convenience store, gas station		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		202
	State Routes		31, 47
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 5	
	Distance		23 miles
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim	Runway	3,260 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?		No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance		32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			30 miles
Portland, Maine			127 miles
Boston, Mass.			80 miles
New York City, NY			245 miles
Montreal, Quebec			248 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	76.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	15.4%
Public transportation	0.6%
Walked	1.4%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	6.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
Working in community of residence	17.7
Commuting to another NH community	79.0
Commuting out-of-state	3.3

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
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Crotched Mountain
	Other: