

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

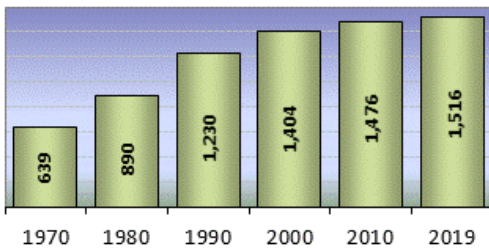
Incorporated: 1842

Origin: Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Francestown, 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

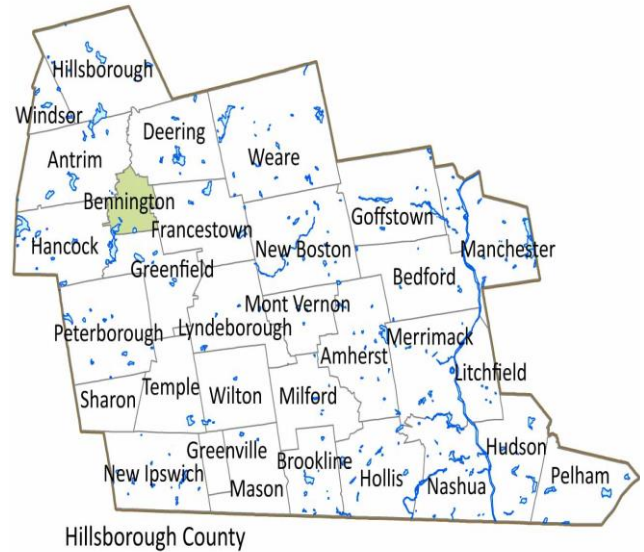
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 541 residents in 1850

Population Trends: Population change for Bennington totaled 877 over 49 years, from 639 in 1970 to 1,516 in 2019. 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 2019 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,516 residents, which ranked 163rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 133.6 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.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$1,818,273
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$834,412
Zoning Ordinance	1987/17
Master Plan	2017
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		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.93	
2019 Equalization Ratio		97.9	
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$28.13	
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		85.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		12.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.9%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Total Housing Units		751	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		496	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		83	
Five or More Units in Structure		130	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		42	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population		Community	County
2019		1,516	417,025
2010		1,476	400,721
2000		1,404	382,384
1990		1,230	336,549
1980		890	276,608
1970		639	223,941

DEMOGRAPHICS				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male		836	Female		677
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5					78
Age 5 to 19					260
Age 20 to 34					407
Age 35 to 54					271
Age 55 to 64					299
Age 65 and over					198
Median Age					36.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher					92.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher					34.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income			\$34,632
Median family income			\$77,813
Median household income			\$58,750
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$51,534
Female			\$42,500
Individuals below the poverty level			6.4%

LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average		2009		2019	
Civilian labor force		813		802	
Employed		761		784	
Unemployed		52		18	
Unemployment rate		6.4%		2.2%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2009		2019	
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		343		n	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 858		n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment		19		22	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 534		\$ 509	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment		362		n	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 841		n	

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	77				

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Manchester**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England**

2020 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
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Rymes Propane & Oil	Heating & air conditioning/HVAC		
Dollar General	Convenience store		2018

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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			79.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			7.4%
Public transportation			0.4%
Walked			0.4%
Other means			12.4%
Worked at home			3.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work			30.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence			19.0
Commuting to another NH community			77.1
Commuting out-of-state			3.9

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: