

# Bennington, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

Town Administrator, Tax Collector: Monday to Thursday, 9-4;  
Town Clerk: Thursday, 4:30-8:30, Friday, 9-12, Saturday, 8:30-12:30

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 District 30

**Incorporated:** 1842

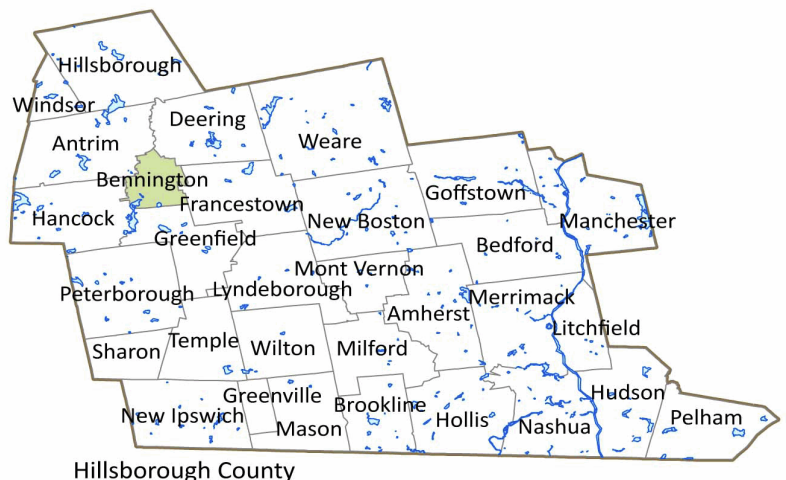
**Origin:** Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Francestown, in 1842 this community was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington (Vermont), one of the most decisive battles of the Revolution, fought August 14-16, 1777. Bennington was originally a part of Hancock called 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 862 over 50 years, from 639 in 1970 to 1,501 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, followed by a 38 percent increase over the next decade. The town's population increased by two percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,506 residents, which ranked 165th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 132.7 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, 2022		\$2,017,053	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023		\$56,106,282	
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		Private	
Curbside Trash Pickup		No	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Mandatory	
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$31.65	
2022 Equalization Ratio		69.0	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$21.69	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		84.1%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		12.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.4%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		705	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		478	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		103	
Five or More Units in Structure		71	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		53	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,506		426,594
2020	1,501		422,937
2010	1,476		400,721
2000	1,404		382,384
1990	1,230		336,549
1980	890		276,608
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	794	Female	697
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			115
Age 5 to 19			240
Age 20 to 34			419
Age 35 to 54			233
Age 55 to 64			289
Age 65 and over			195
Median Age			34.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,081			
High school graduate or higher			90.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher			32.3%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$37,611
Median family income			\$75,556
Median household income			\$67,540
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$62,632
Female			\$39,839
Individuals below the poverty level			5.1%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	800		796
Employed	756		777
Unemployed	44		19
Unemployment rate	5.5%		2.4%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n		186
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$1,923
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n		191
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$ 434
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	358		377
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 973		\$1,170
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	21		31
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 509		\$ 375
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	379		408
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 948		\$1,110
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)</b>				District: <b>SAU 1</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Region 14 Applied Technology Center</b>				
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>				
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-4</b>				
Total Enrollment	<b>65</b>				

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

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)      Total Facilities:      Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Rymes Propane & Oil	Heating & air conditioning/HVAC		
Alberto's Restaurant	Restaurant	26	1945
Town of Bennington	Municipal services	50	1842
Crotched Mt. Ski & Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250+/-	2003
Dollar General	Convenience store		2018
DH Hardwick & Son's, Inc.	Logging, gravel, and aggregate sales	24	1978
Francestown Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Excavating contractor, gravel sales	10	1972
Bridge Street Recovery	Drug/Alcohol Recovery Center	20+	2021

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)				RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
Road Access	US Routes	<b>202</b>		<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	State Routes	<b>31, 47</b>			YMCA/YWCA
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-89, Exit 5</b>			Boys Club/Girls Club
	Distance	<b>23 miles</b>			Golf Courses
Railroad		<b>No</b>			Swimming: Indoor Facility
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>			Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation					Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim</b>	Runway	<b>3,260 ft. asphalt</b>			Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>			Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service					Bowling Facilities
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>32 miles</b>			Museums
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>			Cinemas
Driving distance to select cities:					Performing Arts Facilities
Manchester, NH		<b>30 miles</b>		<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
Portland, Maine		<b>127 miles</b>		<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
Boston, Mass.		<b>80 miles</b>		<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
New York City, NY		<b>245 miles</b>		<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
Montreal, Quebec		<b>248 miles</b>			Youth Sports: Football
					Youth Sports: Basketball
					Youth Sports: Hockey
					Campgrounds
				<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
					Boating/Marinas
				<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
				<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
					Cross Country Skiing
				<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
					Overnight or Day Camps
					Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Crotched Mountain</b>
					Other: <b>Rhubarb Festival; Hiking</b>
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)					
Workers 16 years and over					
Drove alone, car/truck/van		<b>80.2%</b>			
Carpooled, car/truck/van		<b>4.0%</b>			
Public transportation		<b>1.1%</b>			
Walked		<b>0.7%</b>			
Other means		<b>0.0%</b>			
Worked at home		<b>14.1%</b>			
Mean Travel Time to Work		<b>34.2 minutes</b>			
Percent of Working Residents					
Working in community of residence		<b>22.0%</b>			
Commuting to another NH community		<b>75.6%</b>			
Commuting out-of-state		<b>2.4%</b>			