

# Bradford, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**Town of Bradford**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
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**TAdministrator: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 12 noon, 1 pm - 4 pm, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon; TC, TC: Wednesday, 12 noon - 6 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, 8 am - 12 noon, 1 pm - 4 pm, second, fourth Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon**

**Merrimack**  
**New London, NH LMA**  
**Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**  
**Central NH Regional**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

**District 2**  
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**District 8**  
**Merrimack County District 6**

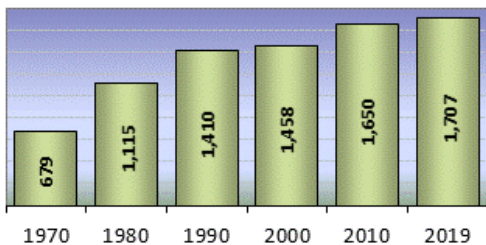
**Incorporated: 1787**

**Origin:** First granted in 1771, the town was named New Bradford, then Bradfordton, most likely because many settlers were from Bradford, Massachusetts. It was incorporated as Bradford in 1787, the year of the Constitutional Convention. Meeting in Exeter, Anti-Federalist members of the New Hampshire delegation were opposed to the Constitution. However, political maneuvering postponed the state convention. When reconvened in Concord several months later, under the leadership of moderator Colonel Thomas Stickney, the delegation approved ratification on June 21, 1788. New Hampshire was the ninth and deciding state to ratify, thus making the United States Constitution binding.

**Villages and Place Names:** Box Corner, Bradford Center

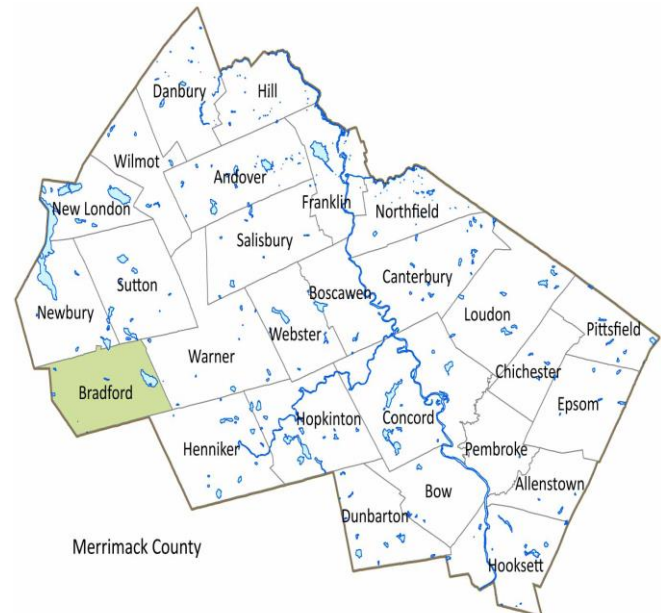
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 217 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Bradford totaled 1,028 over 49 years, from 679 in 1970 to 1,707 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 64 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for



over one-third of the 49-year numeric increase. The 2019 Census estimate for Bradford was 1,707 residents, which ranked 151st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 48.5 persons per square mile of land area. Bradford contains 35.2 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$2,860,245</b>	
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1989/14</b>	
Master Plan	<b>2006</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		
Boards and Commissions		
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Budget; Cemetery; Trust Funds</b>	
Appointed:	<b>Conservation</b>	
Public Library	<b>Brown Memorial</b>	
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Part-time</b>	
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>New London Hospital, New London</b>	<b>13 miles</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Concord Hospital, Concord</b>	<b>26 miles</b>	<b>245</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>TDS Telecom</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)		
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$27.91</b>	
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>79.5</b>	
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.10</b>	
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>90.6%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>6.2%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>3.2%</b>	
<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)		
Total Housing Units	<b>859</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>809</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>28</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>5</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>17</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>1,707</b>	<b>151,391</b>	
2010	<b>1,650</b>	<b>146,445</b>	
2000	<b>1,458</b>	<b>136,716</b>	
1990	<b>1,410</b>	<b>120,618</b>	
1980	<b>1,115</b>	<b>98,302</b>	
1970	<b>679</b>	<b>80,925</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>802</b>	Female	<b>785</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>44</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>333</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>218</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>350</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>283</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>359</b>		
Median Age	<b>48.3 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>93.6%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>40.3%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$36,990</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$94,643</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$71,458</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$49,250</b>		
Female	<b>\$41,397</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>3.3%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	<b>911</b>	<b>951</b>	
Employed	<b>860</b>	<b>929</b>	
Unemployed	<b>51</b>	<b>22</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>74</b>	<b>48</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 863</b>	<b>\$ 779</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>164</b>	<b>270</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 549</b>	<b>\$ 678</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>237</b>	<b>317</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 647</b>	<b>\$ 693</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>87</b>	<b>66</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 582</b>	<b>\$ 845</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>325</b>	<b>383</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 629</b>	<b>\$ 719</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot)** District: **SAU 65**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center** Region: **11**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-5</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>175</b>			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; River Valley**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Colby-Sawyer; Northeast Catholic College; New England**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **86**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Kearsarge Regional Elementary School	Education	50	1986
Colonial Woodworking	Staircase units	25	1975
Appleseed Restaurant	Restaurant	25	1977
Lumber Barn	Retail store	25	2003
Tyler's Lawn Care	Landscaping Service	12	2011
Bradford Machine, Inc.	Machine job shop	3	1974
Barns of Bradford	Retail home furnishings	3	1970

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>103, 114</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-89, Exit 9</b>
	Distance	<b>7 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Parlin Field, Newport</b>	Runway	<b>3,450 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted?	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>48 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>41 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>134 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>92 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>262 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>224 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.3%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.2%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.4%</b>
Walked	<b>0.9%</b>
Other means	<b>11.1%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.3%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>32.5 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

Working in community of residence	<b>24.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>71.3</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4.3</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak, Mount Sunapee</b>
	Other: <b>Lake Massasecum; Outdoor Ice Skating Rink</b>