Bradford, NH

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 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.
### Municipal Services

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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
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**Boards and Commissions**

- Elected: Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Budget; Cemetery; Trust Funds
- Appointed: Conservation

**Public Library** Brown Memorial

### Emergency Services

- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Part-time
- Emergency Medical Service: Volunteer

**Nearest Hospital(s)**

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<th>Distance</th>
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<td>New London Hospital, New London</td>
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<td>Concord Hospital, Concord</td>
<td>26 miles</td>
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### Utilities

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<td>Natural Gas Supplier</td>
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<td>Water Supplier</td>
<td>Private wells</td>
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<td>Sanitation</td>
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<td>Solid Waste Disposal</td>
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<td>Curbside Trash Pickup</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pay-As-You-Throw Program</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recycling Program</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
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<td>Telephone Company</td>
<td>TDS Telecom</td>
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<td>Cellular Telephone Access</td>
<td>Limited</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cable Television Access</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Access Television Station</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>High Speed Internet Service: Business</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Residential</td>
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### Property Taxes

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<td>2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</td>
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<td>2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</td>
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2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

| Residential Land and Buildings | 90.6% |
| Commercial Land and Buildings | 6.2% |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other | 3.2% |

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

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<td>2010</td>
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### Demographics

**American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019**

- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 802
  - Female: 785

- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 44
  - Age 5 to 19: 333
  - Age 20 to 34: 218
  - Age 35 to 54: 350
  - Age 55 to 64: 283
  - Age 65 and over: 359
  - Median Age: 48.3 years

- **Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
  - High school graduate or higher: 93.6%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 40.3%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $36,990
- Median family income: $94,643
- Median household income: $71,458

- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $49,250
  - Female: $41,397

- Individuals below the poverty level: 3.3%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average
  - 2009: 2019
  - Civilian labor force: 911
  - Employed: 860
  - Unemployed: 51
  - Unemployment rate: 5.6%, 2.3%

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average Covered Employment
  - 2009: 2019
  - Goods Producing Industries
    - Average Employment: 74
    - Average Weekly Wage: $863
  - Service Providing Industries
    - Average Employment: 164
    - Average Weekly Wage: $549
  - Total Private Industry
    - Average Employment: 237
    - Average Weekly Wage: $647
  - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
    - Average Employment: 87
    - Average Weekly Wage: $582
  - Total, Private Industry plus Government
    - Average Employment: 325
    - Average Weekly Wage: $629

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/19/2020
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot)

Career Technology Center(s): Concord Regional Technical Center

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
Number of Schools 1  
Grade Levels K 1-5  
Total Enrollment 175

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**  
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<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Kearsarge Regional Elementary School</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>1986</td>
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<tr>
<td>Colonial Woodworking</td>
<td>Staircase units</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>1975</td>
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<tr>
<td>Appleseed Restaurant</td>
<td>Restaurant</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>1977</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lumber Barn</td>
<td>Retail store</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>2003</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tyler’s Lawn Care</td>
<td>Landscaping Service</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>2011</td>
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<tr>
<td>Barns of Bradford</td>
<td>Retail home furnishings</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>1970</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION**  
Road Access  
US Routes  
State Routes 103, 114  
Nearest Interstate, Exit I-89, Exit 9  
Distance 7 miles

Railroad No  
Public Transportation No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
Parlin Field, Newport Runway 3,450 ft. asphalt 
Lighted? No  
Navigation Aids? No

**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  
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  
X Youth Sports: Hockey  
X Campgrounds  
X Fishing/Hunting  
Boating/Marinas  
X Snowmobile Trails  
X Bicycle Trails  
X Cross Country Skiing  
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
Overnight or Day Camps  
Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat’s Peak, Mount Sunapee  
Other: Lake Massasecum; Outdoor Ice Skating Rink

**COMMUTING TO WORK**  
(ACS 2015-2019)  
Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van 79.3%  
Carpoole, car/truck/van 8.2%  
Public transportation 0.4%  
Walked 0.9%  
Other means 11.1%  
Worked at home 4.3%  
Mean Travel Time to Work 32.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019  
Working in community of residence 24.4%  
Commuting to another NH community 71.3%  
Commuting out-of-state 4.3%