

Bridgewater, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Plymouth, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 7
Grafton County Districts 10, 18

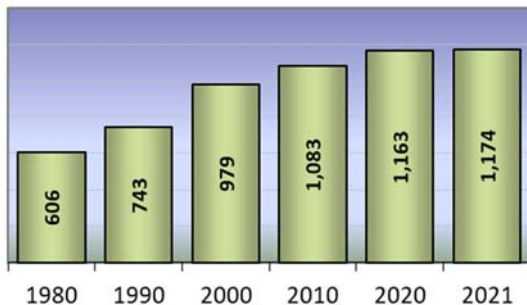
Incorporated: 1788

Origin: Bridgewater received its charter in 1788, when it was part of the town of New Chester, after that town was separated into Bridgewater and Hill, as well as portions of Bristol, Danbury, and Wilmot. Early settlers of the area were from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, giving the town its name. Bridgewater was officially incorporated by John Sullivan, who was President of New Hampshire before the title was changed to Governor. The town line follows the eastern shore of Newfound Lake.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 281 residents in 1790

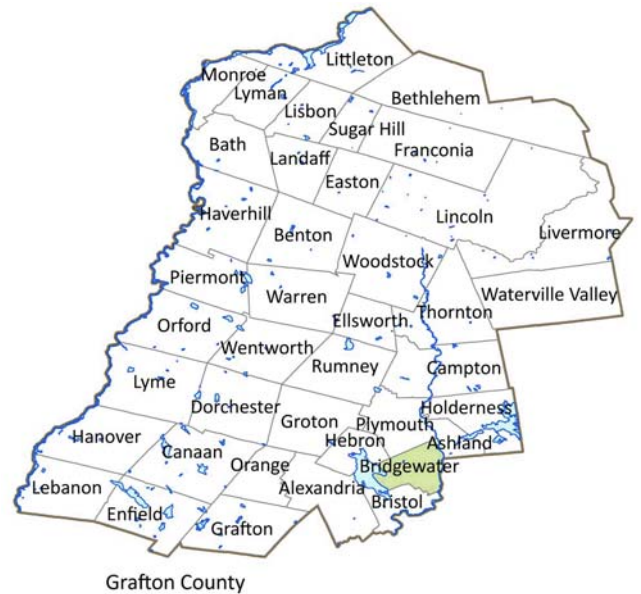
Population Trends: Population change for Bridgewater totaled 568 over 41 years, from 606 in 1980 to 1,174 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change



was a 32 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Bridgewater was 1,174 residents,

which ranked 179th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 54.7 persons per square mile of land area. Bridgewater contains 21.5 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$1,401,715
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$1,700,903
Zoning Ordinance	1983/10
Master Plan	2006
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen**
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; ZBA**

Public Library **Bridgewater**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	13 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
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)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 8.27
2021 Equalization Ratio	71.3
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 5.88

2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.9%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	888
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	767
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	19
Five or More Units in Structure	12
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	90

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2021	1,174	92,201
2020	1,164	91,123
2010	1,083	89,118
2000	979	81,826
1990	743	74,998
1980	606	65,806

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020		
Population by Gender		
Male	539	Female 511

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	17
Age 5 to 19	121
Age 20 to 34	146
Age 35 to 54	230
Age 55 to 64	195
Age 65 and over	341
Median Age	55.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	92.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	38.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2016-2020)
Per capita income		\$40,930
Median family income		\$89,107
Median household income		\$69,750

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$51,467
Female	\$50,114
Individuals below the poverty level	11.0%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	676	696
Employed	659	681
Unemployed	17	15
Unemployment rate	2.5%	2.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	32	14
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 771	\$ 888
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	59	76
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 740	\$ 900
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	91	90
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 751	\$ 898
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	21	22
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 342	\$ 463
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	112	112
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 675	\$ 812

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Newfound Area (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton)** District: **SAU 4**

Career Technology Center(s): **Plymouth Applied Technology Center**

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

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Laconia**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bridgewater Inn	Hospitality / Restaurant		
Newfound Country Store	Convenience Store		
Newfound Lake Inn	Hospitality / Restaurant		
Rymes Propane & Oil	Propane & Oil		

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality***TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	3A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 23	
Distance	10 miles	
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Newfound Valley, Bristol	Runway	1,900 ft. asphalt
Lighted?	No	Navigation Aids? No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	42 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		58 miles
Portland, Maine		101 miles
Boston, Mass.		108 miles
New York City, NY		305 miles
Montreal, Quebec		224 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.9%
Public transportation	1.3%
Walked	2.9%
Other means	2.9%
Worked at home	6.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020

Working in community of residence	64.1%
Commuting to another NH community	27.8%
Commuting out-of-state	8.2%

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
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	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): **Ragged, Tenney Mountains**

Other: