

# Bridgewater, 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 Bridgewater**  
**Terence Murphy, Selectman**  
**297 Mayhew Turnpike**  
**Bridgewater, NH 03222**

**(603) 744-5055**  
**Not Available**  
**townofbridgewaternh@gmail.com**  
**www.bridgewater-nh.com**

**Town Hall: Wednesday, 9-12, Thursday, 12-3; Town Clerk:**  
**Tuesday and Wednesday, 6-8:30 pm, third Saturday each**  
**month, 8:30-10; Tax Collector: by appointment**

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

**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. New Chester 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 765 over 50 years, from 398 in 1970 to 1,163 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 52 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by seven percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Bridgewater was 1,189 residents, which ranked 179th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 55.4 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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 8.26	
2022 Equalization Ratio		70.9	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 5.84	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		94.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		3.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.6%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		838	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		742	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		19	
Five or More Units in Structure		10	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		67	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,189		91,126
2020	1,160		91,118
2010	1,083		89,118
2000	979		81,826
1990	743		74,998
1980	606		65,806
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	599	Female	544
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			23
Age 5 to 19			116
Age 20 to 34			200
Age 35 to 54			243
Age 55 to 64			228
Age 65 and over			333
Median Age			53.9 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		952	
High school graduate or higher			94.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher			35.4%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$44,419
Median family income			\$90,288
Median household income			\$73,158
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$54,489
Female			\$48,750
Individuals below the poverty level			12.0%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	678		704
Employed	657		691
Unemployed	21		13
Unemployment rate	3.1%		1.8%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n		14
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$1,145
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n		93
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$ 846
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	97		106
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 818		\$ 885
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	22		21
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 329		\$ 507
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	119		128
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 729		\$ 822
If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.			

**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; Colby-Sawyer**

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

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

#### Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>79.9%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.2%</b>
Walked	<b>5.6%</b>
Other means	<b>2.5%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.9%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>30.3 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>13.5%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>81.6%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4.9%</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
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	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>Ragged, Tenney Mountains</b>
	Other: