

Bridgewater, NH



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County	Grafton
Labor Market Area	Plymouth, NH LMA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Grafton County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 2
State Representative	Grafton County Districts 9, 17

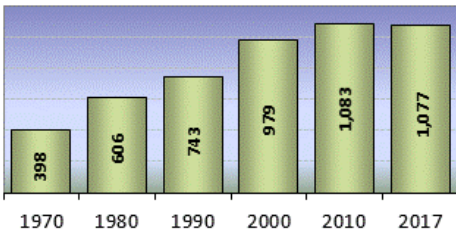
Incorporated: 1788

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 784 over 57 years, from 293 in 1960 to 1,077 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 52 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; two of the last five decades had increases of 30 percent or more. The 2017 Census estimate for Bridgewater was 1,077 residents, which ranked 184th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 50.2 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
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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	Fairpoint
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)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 9.62
2017 Equalization Ratio	93.6
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 9.00

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	93.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.2%

HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	1,030
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	925
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	7
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	98

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	1,077	89,386	
2010	1,083	89,118	
2000	979	81,826	
1990	743	74,998	
1980	606	65,806	
1970	398	54,914	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017

Population by Gender			
Male	484	Female	543

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	28
Age 5 to 19	119
Age 20 to 34	65
Age 35 to 54	249
Age 55 to 64	226
Age 65 and over	340
Median Age	58.3 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	87.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	32.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2013-2017)	
Per capita income	\$35,982
Median family income	\$76,250
Median household income	\$53,854

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$55,769
Female	\$36,375

Individuals below the poverty level	9.4%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	574	725
Employed	558	714
Unemployed	16	11
Unemployment rate	2.8%	1.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	16	22
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 642	\$ 711
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	56	89
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,135	\$ 791
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	72	112
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,027	\$ 775
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	13	19
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 439	\$ 391
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	85	131
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 938	\$ 719

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** Region: **5**

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**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bridgewater Steam Power	Utility	12	1988

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?	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 2013-2017*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.3%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.8%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	10.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.3 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017

Working in community of residence	18.4
Commuting to another NH community	76.0
Commuting out-of-state	5.6

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: