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 673 over 49 years, from 398 in 1970 to 1,071 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 52 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; two of the last four decades had increases of 30 percent or more. The 2019 Census estimate for Bridgewater was 1,071 residents, which ranked 184th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 49.9 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.


**Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units**

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**Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other**

- **Solid Waste Disposal:** Private septic
- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant:** No
- **Recycling Program:** Mandatory
- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program:** No
- **Curbside Trash Pickup:** None
- **Sanitation:** Private septic
- **Emergency Medical Service:** Full-time
- **Fire Department:** Part-time
- **Police Department:** Full-time

**Nearest Hospital(s):** SPEARE MEMORIAL, PLYMOUTH

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<th>Distance</th>
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**Board and Commissions**

- **Elected:** Selectmen
- **Appointed:** Planning; Conservation; ZBA

**Public Library:** Bridgewater

**Demographics**

- **Community:** Male: 600, Female: 588
- **County:** Male: 588, Female: 55.8 years
- **Population by Age Group:**
  - Under age 5: 34
  - Age 5 to 19: 185
  - Age 20 to 34: 107
  - Age 35 to 54: 248
  - Age 55 to 64: 229
  - Age 65 and over: 385
  - Median Age: 55.8 years


- **Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019):**
  - Per capita income: $41,842
  - Median family income: $82,500
  - Median household income: $67,167

- **Labor Force (NHES – ELMI):**
  - Annual Average:
    - Civilian labor force: 547, 722
    - Employed: 525, 711
    - Unemployed: 22, 11
    - Unemployment rate: 4.0%, 1.5%

- **Employment & Wages (NHES – ELMI):**
  - Annual Average Covered Employment:
    - 2009: 63, 101
    - 2019: $961, $784
    - Goods Producing Industries
      - Average Employment: 8
      - Average Weekly Wage: $610
    - Service Providing Industries
      - Average Employment: 55
      - Average Weekly Wage: $1,014
    - Total Private Industry
      - Average Employment: 82
      - Average Weekly Wage: $803
    - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
      - Average Employment: 19
      - Average Weekly Wage: $272
    - Total, Private Industry plus Government
      - Average Employment: 120
      - Average Weekly Wage: $734

**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:** None
- **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

**Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other**

- **Residential Land and Buildings:** 93.9%
- **Commercial Land and Buildings:** 4.0%
- **Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other:** 2.2%

**Property Taxes (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration):**

- **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value):** $9.76
- **2019 Equalization Ratio:** 82.4
- **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value):** $8.00

**Housing (ACS 2015-2019):**

- **Total Housing Units:** 988
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached:** 881
- **Units in Multiple-Family Structures:**
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 20
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 11
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 76
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Newfound Area (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton)  
Career Technology Center(s): Plymouth Applied Technology Center  
District: SAU 4  
Region: 5

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
Number of Schools  
Grade Levels  
Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Laconia

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 0  Total Capacity: 0

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Bridgewater Steam Power</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>1988</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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<th>Road Access</th>
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<td>State Routes</td>
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<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-93, Exit 23</td>
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<td>Railroad</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
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<td>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</td>
<td>Newfound Valley, Bristol</td>
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<td>Runway</td>
<td>1,900 ft. asphalt</td>
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<td>Lighted?</td>
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<td>Navigation Aids?</td>
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<td>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service</td>
<td>Lebanon Municipal</td>
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<td>Distance</td>
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<td>Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport</td>
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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

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

Workers 16 years and over:  
Drove alone, car/truck/van | 80.0%  
Carpoled, car/truck/van | 6.2%  
Public transportation | 0.0%  
Walked | 3.6%  
Other means | 10.3%  
Worked at home | 6.2%  
Mean Travel Time to Work | 28.1 minutes

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

Working in community of residence | 17.8%  
Commuting to another NH community | 76.0%  
Commuting out-of-state | 6.2%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

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<td>Performing Arts Facilities</td>
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<td>Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)</td>
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<td>Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area</td>
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<td>Overnight or Day Camps</td>
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Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged, Tenney Mountains

Other: