

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 2
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.

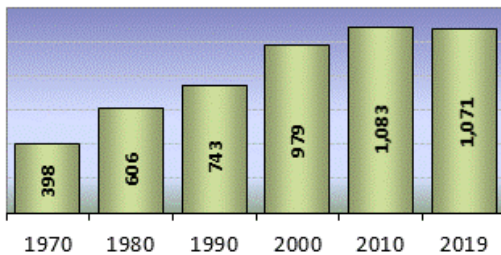
Villages and Place Names: unknown

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.



Grafton County



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.

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	None		
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)			
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		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	93.9%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.0%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.2%		
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		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	1,071	89,886	
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) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	600	Female	588
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		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	93.4%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	41.5%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)			
Per capita income	\$41,842		
Median family income	\$82,500		
Median household income	\$67,167		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$55,417		
Female	\$53,036		
Individuals below the poverty level	9.3%		
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	547	722	
Employed	525	711	
Unemployed	22	11	
Unemployment rate	4.0%	1.5%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	8	15	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 610	\$ 872	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	55	86	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,014	\$ 769	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	63	101	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 961	\$ 784	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	19	19	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 272	\$ 469	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	82	120	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 803	\$ 734	

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**

2020 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 2015-2019*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.0%
Carpooled, 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

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: