

Bristol, 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

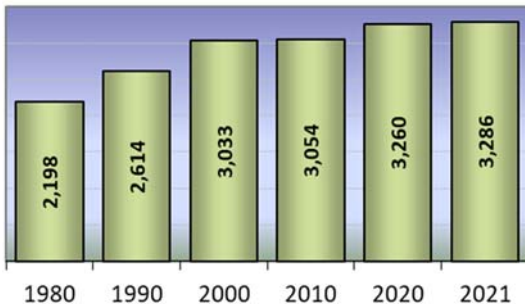
District 2
District 1
District 7
Grafton County Districts 10, 18

Incorporated: 1819

Origin: Bristol was incorporated in 1819, established on land taken from Bridgewater and New Chester (Hill). Extensive deposits of fine sand or clay similar to the Bristol sand used in Bristol, England, to make fine china and pottery gave this town its name. Here the sand was used to make a superior quality brick, marketed as Bristol brick. The town was center of manufacturing in the early days for such diverse goods as paper, leather, woolens, flannel, bedsteads, and piano stools. Bristol encompasses the lower two-thirds of Newfound Lake, including Wellington State Park.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 675 residents in 1820

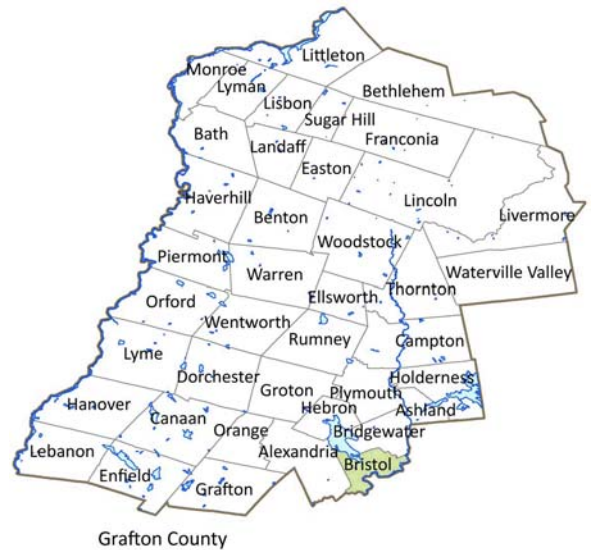


Population Trends:

Population change for Bristol totaled 1,088 over 41 years, from 2,198 in 1980 to 3,286 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change

was a 19 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Bristol was 3,286 residents, which ranked 108th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 192.4 persons per square mile of land area. Bristol contains 17.1 square miles of land area and 5.0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$7,535,057
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Zoning Ordinance	1985/18
Master Plan	2006
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Budget; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Checklist**
 Appointed: **Please visit www.townofbristolnh.org for a list of boards & committees**

Public Library **Minot-Sleeper**

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

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	14 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Bristol Water and Sewer

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

Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.21	
2021 Equalization Ratio	71.2	
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.28	
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	85.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.8%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>
Total Housing Units	2,376	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	264	
Five or More Units in Structure	132	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	295	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County
2021	3,286	92,201
2020	3,269	91,123
2010	3,054	89,118
2000	3,033	81,826
1990	2,614	74,998
1980	2,198	65,806

DEMOGRAPHICS			<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>
Population by Gender			
Male	1,603	Female	1,500
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			137
Age 5 to 19			449
Age 20 to 34			598
Age 35 to 54			1,057
Age 55 to 64			365
Age 65 and over			497
Median Age			43.3 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			94.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher			21.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>
Per capita income		\$29,904
Median family income		\$82,361
Median household income		\$61,250
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$56,382
Female		\$41,842
Individuals below the poverty level		10.7%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>
Annual Average	2011		2021
Civilian labor force	1,663		1,741
Employed	1,568		1,681
Unemployed	95		60
Unemployment rate	5.7%		3.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011		2021
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	521		526
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 879		\$1,171
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	633		797
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 487		\$ 693
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,154		1,323
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 664		\$ 883
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	323		282
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 683		\$ 889
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,477		1,605
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 668		\$ 884

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	2	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	335	275	381	

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: **2** Total Capacity: **121**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Freudenberg-NOK	Oil, grease seals, molded rubber	450	1949
Newfound Area Schools	Education	250	
Town of Bristol	Municipal services	50	1819
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	30	
Homestead Restaurant	Restaurant	25	1975
TD Bank	Banking services	25	1970
LaValley Building Supply	Retail lumber store	21	
Dead River Company	Oil/gas delivery		
Mid-State Health Center	Health care services		

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	3A, 104
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 23
	Distance	6 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		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	60 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		55 miles
Portland, Maine		98 miles
Boston, Mass.		105 miles
New York City, NY		301 miles
Montreal, Quebec		229 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.5%
Public transportation	.0%
Walked	4.2%
Other means	1.9%
Worked at home	3.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	55.5%
Commuting to another NH community	40.9%
Commuting out-of-state	3.6%

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
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	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
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged, Tenney, Waterville Valley Mt.
	Other: Wellington State Park; Slim Baker Lodge; TTCC; NH Marathon; Lakes Region Tri Festival; Swim with a Mission; Bristol Falls Park; Pemi River Trail