

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 2
Grafton County Districts 9, 17

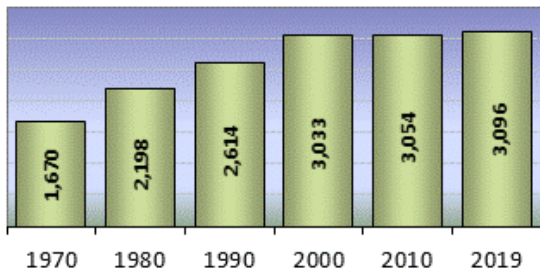
Incorporated: 1819

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 1,426 over 49 years, from 1,670 in 1970 to 3,096 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for one-third of the total



numeric change. The 2019 Census estimate for Bristol was 3,096 residents, which ranked 107th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 181.3 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, 2020	\$7,253,136		
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$4,625,357		
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 to which citizens may be appointed.		
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	None		
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>			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$22.80		
2019 Equalization Ratio	82.5		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.65		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	84.3%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.6%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.1%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Total Housing Units	2,432		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,780		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	254		
Five or More Units in Structure	141		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	257		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	3,096	89,886	
2010	3,054	89,118	
2000	3,033	81,826	
1990	2,614	74,998	
1980	2,198	65,806	
1970	1,670	54,914	
DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,564	Female	1,515
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	127		
Age 5 to 19	360		
Age 20 to 34	692		
Age 35 to 54	867		
Age 55 to 64	436		
Age 65 and over	597		
Median Age	44.1 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	91.4%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.6%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Per capita income	\$29,293		
Median family income	\$84,139		
Median household income	\$61,484		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$49,435		
Female	\$41,602		
Individuals below the poverty level	10.4%		
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	1,602	1,751	
Employed	1,470	1,711	
Unemployed	132	40	
Unemployment rate	8.2%	2.3%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	334	529	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 983	\$1,065	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	560	808	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 477	\$ 629	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	893	1,337	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 666	\$ 801	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	311	294	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 699	\$ 815	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,204	1,631	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 674	\$ 804	

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	2	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	360	290	385	

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: **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	
TD Bank	Banking services	25	1970
Homestead Restaurant	Restaurant	25	1975
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)	RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS
Road Access US Routes	X Municipal Parks
State Routes	YMCA/YWCA
3A, 104	Boys Club/Girls Club
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Golf Courses
I-93, Exit 23	Swimming: Indoor Facility
Distance	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
6 miles	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
Railroad	X Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
No	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Public Transportation	Bowling Facilities
No	Museums
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation	Cinemas
Newfound Valley, Bristol Runway	Performing Arts Facilities
1,900 ft. asphalt	X Tourist Attractions
Lighted? No Navigation Aids?	X Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
No	X Youth Sports: Baseball
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	X Youth Sports: Soccer
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance	X Youth Sports: Football
60 miles	X Youth Sports: Basketball
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	Youth Sports: Hockey
4	X Campgrounds
Driving distance to select cities:	X Fishing/Hunting
Manchester, NH	X Boating/Marinas
55 miles	X Snowmobile Trails
Portland, Maine	X Bicycle Trails
98 miles	X Cross Country Skiing
Boston, Mass.	X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
105 miles	X Overnight or Day Camps
New York City, NY	
301 miles	Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged, Tenney, Waterville Valley Mountains
Montreal, Quebec	
229 miles	Other: Wellington State Park; Slim Baker Lodge; TTCC; NH Marathon; Lakes Region Tri Festival; Swim with a Mission; Bristol Falls Park; Pemi River Trail
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	
79.6%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van	
10.3%	
Public transportation	
0.0%	
Walked	
3.4%	
Other means	
6.7%	
Worked at home	
2.1%	
Mean Travel Time to Work	
23.5 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019	
Working in community of residence	
32.2	
Commuting to another NH community	
65.7	
Commuting out-of-state	
2.1	