

# Bristol, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 7 pm</b>
County	<b>Grafton</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Plymouth, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Lakes</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Lakes Region</b>
Regional Development	<b>Grafton County Economic Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 2</b>
State Representative	<b>Grafton County Districts 9, 17</b>

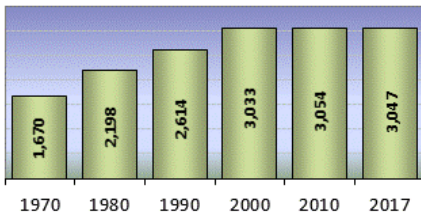
**Incorporated:** 1819

**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 1,577 over 57 years, from 1,470 in 1960 to 3,047 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for one-third of the total numeric change. The 2017 Census estimate for Bristol was 3,047 residents, which ranked 107th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau):** 178.4 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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	<b>\$7,105,800</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	<b>\$5,589,504</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1985/18</b>
Master Plan	<b>2006</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Budget; Library</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic District; CIP; Econ Dev; Energy; Kelley Park</b>
Public Library	<b>Minot-Sleeper</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>14 miles 25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Bristol Water and Sewer</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Yes Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.13</b>
2017 Equalization Ratio	<b>90.4</b>
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.32</b>
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>84.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>11.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.6%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	<b>2,362</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,753</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>219</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>143</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>247</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2017	<b>3,047</b>	<b>89,386</b>
2010	<b>3,054</b>	<b>89,118</b>
2000	<b>3,033</b>	<b>81,826</b>
1990	<b>2,614</b>	<b>74,998</b>
1980	<b>2,198</b>	<b>65,806</b>
1970	<b>1,670</b>	<b>54,914</b>

<b>Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017</b>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,638</b>	Female	<b>1,410</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>129</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>457</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>699</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>753</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>437</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>573</b>
Median Age			<b>40.8 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>93.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>20.2%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2013-2017)
Per capita income		<b>\$27,215</b>
Median family income		<b>\$66,593</b>
Median household income		<b>\$53,894</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$44,821</b>
Female		<b>\$41,458</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>11.1%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	<b>1,600</b>	<b>1,751</b>	
Employed	<b>1,541</b>	<b>1,707</b>	
Unemployed	<b>59</b>	<b>44</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>448</b>	<b>517</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 996</b>	<b>\$1,061</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>592</b>	<b>689</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 473</b>	<b>\$ 614</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,206</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 698</b>	<b>\$ 806</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>304</b>	<b>290</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 648</b>	<b>\$ 793</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>1,344</b>	<b>1,495</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 687</b>	<b>\$ 803</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Newfound Area (Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Danbury, Groton, Hebron, New Hampton)</b>			District: <b>SAU 4</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Plymouth Applied Technology Center</b>			Region: <b>5</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>365</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>377</b>	

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: **2** Total Capacity: **80**

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
RP Williams & Sons	Retail lumber store	21	1950
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	<b>3A, 104</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 23</b>	
	Distance	<b>6 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>No</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Newfound Valley, Bristol</b>	Runway	<b>1,900 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>60 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>55 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>98 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>105 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>301 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>229 miles</b>	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		<b>77.0%</b>	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		<b>11.5%</b>	
Public transportation		<b>0.0%</b>	
Walked		<b>5.9%</b>	
Other means		<b>2.0%</b>	
Worked at home		<b>3.6%</b>	
Mean Travel Time to Work		<b>23.9 minutes</b>	
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017</b>			
Working in community of residence		<b>31.4</b>	
Commuting to another NH community		<b>66.1</b>	
Commuting out-of-state		<b>2.5</b>	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Ragged, Tenney, Waterville Valley Mountains</b>
	Other: <b>Wellington State Park; Slim Baker Lodge; TTCC; NH Marathon; Lakes Region Tri Festival; Swim with a Mission; Bristol Falls Park; Pemi River Trail</b>