

Bristol, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 7 pm

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

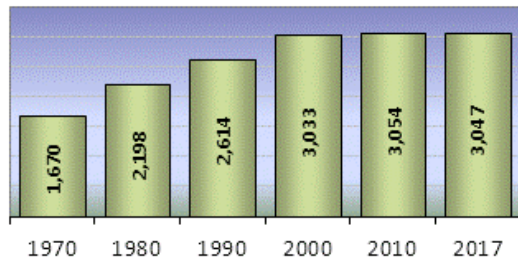
Incorporated: 1819

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 1,577 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.



Grafton County

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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$7,105,800
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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**
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic District; CIP; Econ Dev; Energy; Kelley Park**

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 **Mandatory**

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

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) **\$22.13**
 2017 Equalization Ratio **90.4**
 2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) **\$20.32**

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	84.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)

Total Housing Units **2,333**

Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached **1,784**
 Units in Multiple-Family Structures:

Two to Four Units in Structure	210
Five or More Units in Structure	101
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	238

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

	Community	County
Total Population		
2017	3,047	89,386
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, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016

Population by Gender

Male	1,582	Female	1,468
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	161
Age 5 to 19	495
Age 20 to 34	613
Age 35 to 54	763
Age 55 to 64	433
Age 65 and over	585
Median Age	41.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	92.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.0%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)

Per capita income	\$25,712
Median family income	\$63,813
Median household income	\$54,015

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male	\$42,193
Female	\$40,060

Individuals below the poverty level **10.6%**

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMi)

	2007	2017
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,600	1,751
Employed	1,541	1,707
Unemployed	59	44
Unemployment rate	3.7%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMi)

	2006	2016
Annual Average Covered Employment		
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	461	523
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 781	\$1,007
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	592	661
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 450	\$ 561
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,053	1,184
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 595	\$ 758
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	293	283
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 628	\$ 773
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,346	1,466
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 602	\$ 761

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	365	312	377	

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	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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	6.3%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	3.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016

Working in community of residence	32.2
Commuting to another NH community	65.0
Commuting out-of-state	2.8

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
	Museums
	Cinemas
	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 Mountains
	Other: Wellington State Park; Slim Baker Lodge; TTCC; NH Marathon; Lakes Region Tri Festival; Swim with a Mission; Bristol Falls Park; Pemi River Trail