

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

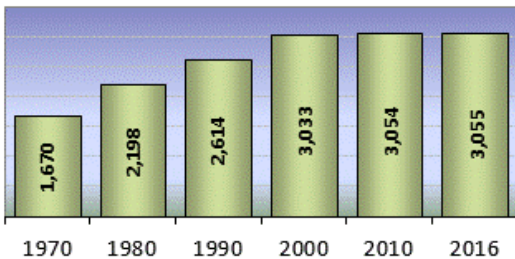
Incorporated: 1819

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, woollens, 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 1,585 over 56 years, from 1,470 in 1960 to 3,055 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for one-third of the total numeric change. The 2016 Census estimate for Bristol was 3,055 residents, which ranked 107th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 178.9 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, 2017	\$6,974,180
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Zoning Ordinance	1985/16
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
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	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.62
2016 Equalization Ratio	97.0
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.34
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	85.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	9.5%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.7%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
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) <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community County
2016	3,055 88,888
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 <i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,582	Female	1,468
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 \$ <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
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 <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	1,601	1,725
Employed	1,544	1,682
Unemployed	57	43
Unemployment rate	3.6%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
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	356	297	387	

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
Newfound Area Schools	Education	250	
Freudenberg-NOK	Oil, grease seals, molded rubber	210	1949
Town of Bristol	Municipal services	34	1819
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	30	
TD Bank	Banking services	25	1970
Homestead Restaurant	Restaurant	25	1975
RP Williams & Sons	Retail lumber store	21	1950
Shackett's Grocery	Convenience store	20	1945

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**