

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

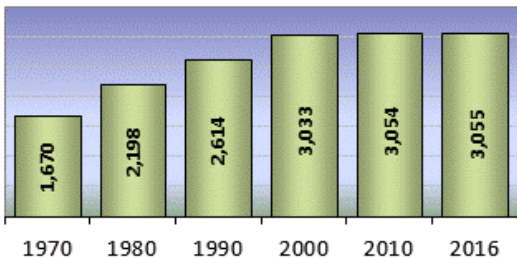
Incorporated: 1819

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		None	
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	Yes	
	Residential	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