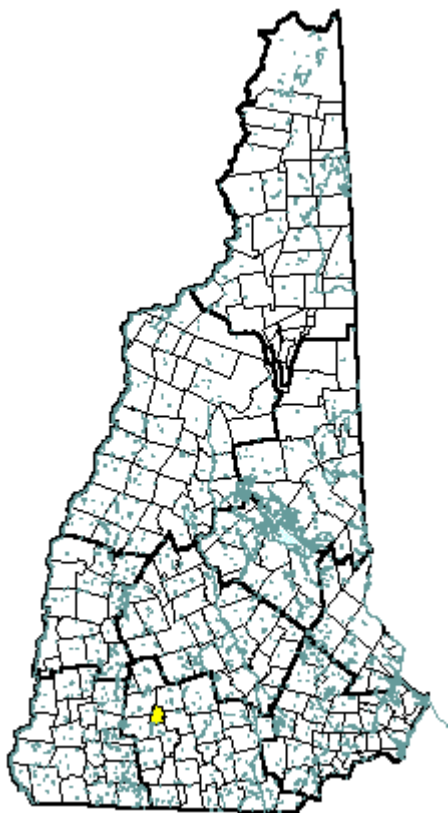


Bennington, NH



Community Contact

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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk:
Monday and Saturday, 9 am - 12 noon, Tuesday, 8:30 am -
12:30 pm, and Thursday, 4:30 pm - 8:30 pm

County

Hillsborough

Labor Market Area

Peterborough NH LMA

Tourism Region

Monadnock

Planning Commission

Southwest Region

Regional Development

Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 7
Hillsborough County District 2

Incorporated: 1842

Origin: Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Frankestown, in 1842 this community was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington (Vermont), one of the most decisive battles of the Revolution, fought August 14-16, 1777. Bennington was originally a part of Hancock called Factory Village, as there was substantial industry powered by the Great Falls on the Contoocook River. According to the Town of Bennington history, the first papermaking machinery was installed in 1835 near the current Monadnock Paper Mills location.

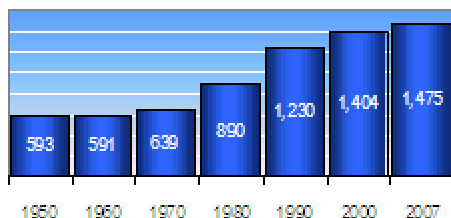
Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 541 residents in 1850

Population Trends: Population change for Bennington totaled 811 over 50 years, from 593 in 1950 to 1,404 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 38 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2007 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,475 residents, ranking 161st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Hillsborough County



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 132.3 persons per square mile of land area. Bennington contains 11.4 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, 2008. Community Response Received 08/01/08

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	\$1,362,857
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1986/07
Master Plan	2005
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer**

Appointed: **Conservation; Zoning**

Public Library **G E P Dodge**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	9 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Bennington Water Department

Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	none
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	TDS Telecom
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.24
2007 Equalization Ratio	86.5
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.19
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	86.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.9%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	704
2007 Single-Family Units	486
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	4
2007 Multi-Family Units	174
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	44

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	1,475	402,302
2000	1,404	382,384
1990	1,230	336,549
1980	890	276,608
1970	639	223,941

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender

Male	692	Female	709
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	84
Age 5 to 19	356
Age 20 to 34	258
Age 35 to 54	486
Age 55 to 64	104
Age 65 and over	113
Median Age	35.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	87.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.8%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$19,675
Median 4-person family income	\$52,153
Median household income	\$46,150

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$34,063
Female	\$26,734

Families below the poverty level	8.4%
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LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	728	793
Employed	710	770
Unemployed	18	23
Unemployment rate	2.5%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	294	380
Average Weekly Wage	\$855	\$849
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	23	23
Average Weekly Wage	\$325	\$528
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	317	403
Average Weekly Wage	\$818	\$831

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Frankestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)			District: SAU 1
Career Technology Center(s):	Region 14 Applied Technology Center, Peterborough			Region: 14
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-4			
Total Enrollment	91			
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008:	Total Facilities: 1	Total Capacity: 12		
Nearest Community College:	NHTI-Concord; Manchester			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	New England			

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Crotched Mt. Ski and Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250+/-	2003
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Bennington Country Store	Convenience store		
Harris's 202 Convenience Store	Convenience store		
Alberto's Restaurant	Restaurant		
Town of Bennington	Municipal services		
Common Place Eatery	Restaurant		

TRANSPORTATION *(distances estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access	US Routes	202
	State Routes	31, 47
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-89, Exit 5	
	Distance	23 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hawthorne-Feather, Antrim	Runway	3,260 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	32 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		29 miles
Portland, Maine		128 miles
Boston, Mass.		76 miles
New York City, NY		247 miles
Montreal, Quebec		259 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.0%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	1.3%
Worked at home	1.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	13%
Commuting to another NH community	85%
Commuting out-of-state	2%

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
	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
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Crotched Mountain
	Other: