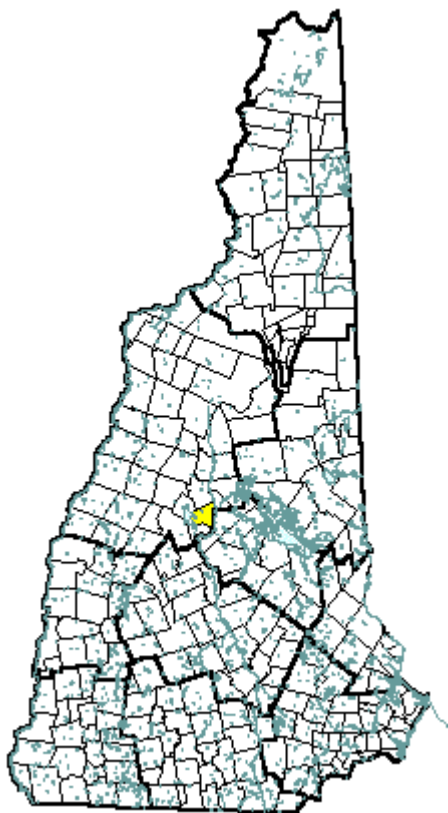


Bridgewater, NH



Community Contact	Town of Bridgewater Terence Murphy, Selectman 297 Mayhew Turnpike Bridgewater, NH 03222
Telephone	(603) 744-5055
Fax	(603) 744-5971
E-mail	not available
Web Site	not available
Municipal Office Hours	Tuesday, 12 noon - 3 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon, and as needed
County	Grafton
Labor Market Area	Plymouth NH LMA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Grafton County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 2
State Representative	Grafton County District 8

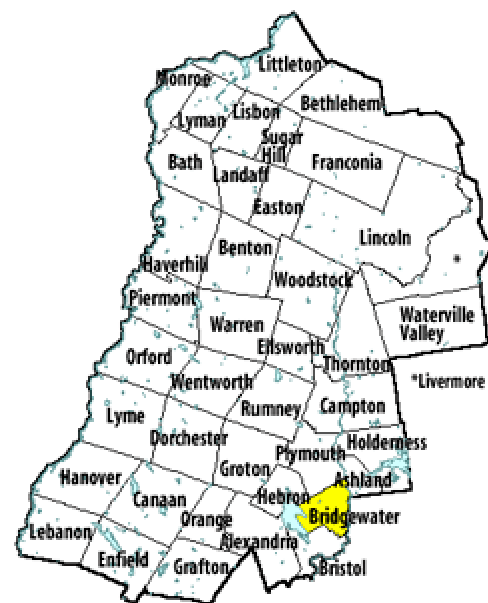
Incorporated: 1788

Origin: Bridgewater received its charter in 1788, when it was part of the town of New Chester. New Chester was separated into Bridgewater and Hill, as well as portions of Bristol, Danbury, and Wilmot. Early settlers of the area were from Bridgewater, Massachusetts, giving the town its name. Bridgewater was officially incorporated by John Sullivan, who was President of New Hampshire before the title was changed to Governor. The town line follows the eastern shore of Newfound Lake.

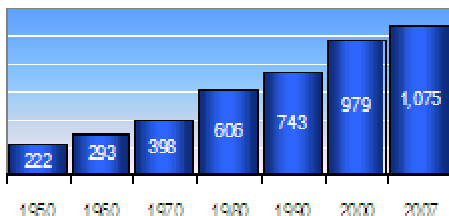
Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 281 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Bridgewater totaled 757 over 50 years, from 222 in 1950 to 979 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 52 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; all but one of the last five decades had increases of 30 percent or more. The 2007 Census estimate for Bridgewater was 1,075 residents, which ranked 180th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 48.0 persons per square mile of land area. Bridgewater contains 21.5 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	\$1,210,600
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1983/07
Master Plan	2006
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation

Public Library **River Road Library****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Part-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	13 miles 25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$7.68
2007 Equalization Ratio	90.5
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$7.07
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	91.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.4%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	938
2007 Single-Family Units	780
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	6
2007 Multi-Family Units	55
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	103

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	1,075	85,514
2000	979	81,826
1990	743	74,998
1980	606	65,806
1970	398	54,914

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	479	Female 495

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	33
Age 5 to 19	175
Age 20 to 34	130
Age 35 to 54	317
Age 55 to 64	131
Age 65 and over	188
Median Age	45.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	92.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	31.8%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$28,600
Median 4-person family income	\$54,722
Median household income	\$50,662
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$33,250
Female	\$26,250
Families below the poverty level	6.1%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	400	571
Employed	391	555
Unemployed	9	16
Unemployment rate	2.3%	2.8%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	13	16
Average Weekly Wage	\$379	\$642
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	24	56
Average Weekly Wage	\$138	\$1,135
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	37	72
Average Weekly Wage	\$223	\$1,027
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	10	13
Average Weekly Wage	\$221	\$439
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	48	85
Average Weekly Wage	\$222	\$938

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

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 Regional High School** Region: **05**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	157			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Laconia**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bridgewater Steam Power	Utility	12	1988

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

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	3A
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 23	
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Newfound Valley, Bristol	Runway	1,930 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	42 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		58 miles
Portland, Maine		111 miles
Boston, Mass.		108 miles
New York City, NY		312 miles
Montreal, Quebec		224 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.6%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	1.2%
Other means	0.2%
Worked at home	3.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	13%
Commuting to another NH community	80%
Commuting out-of-state	7%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	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
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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged Mountain
	Other: