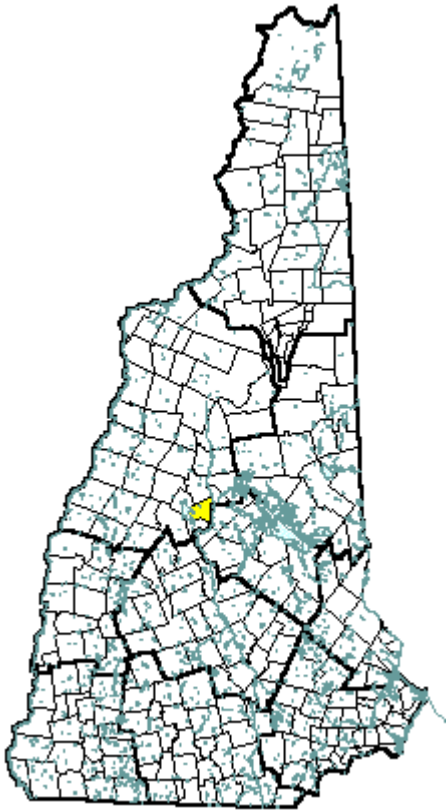


Bristol, NH



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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

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
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 2
Grafton County District 8

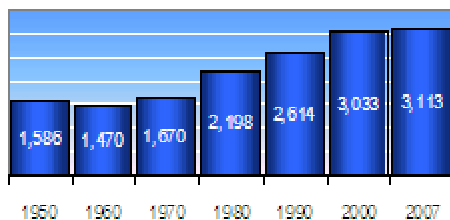
Incorporated: 1819

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

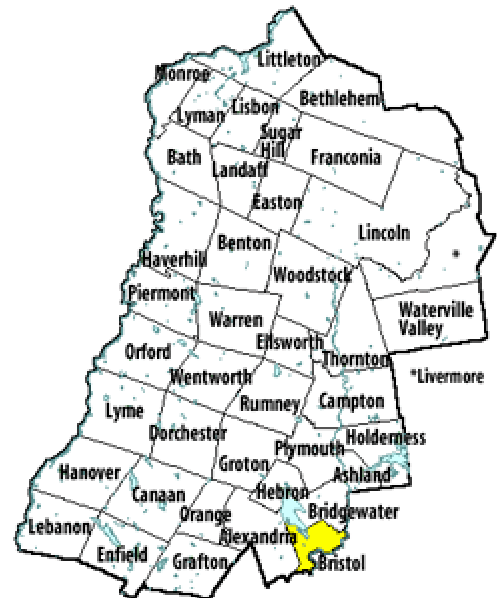
Population Trends: Population change for Bristol totaled 1,447 over 50 years, from 1,586 in 1950 to 3,033 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for over one-third of the total numeric change. The 2007 Census estimate for Bristol was 3,113 residents, which ranked 106th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area

(NH Office of Energy & Planning):

184.4 persons per square mile of land area. Bristol contains 17.1 square miles of land area and 4.8 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Town Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	\$5,398,431
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1985/08
Master Plan	2003
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen, Budget
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Library; Conservation; Historic District

Public Library **Minot-Sleeper****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	14 miles 25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Bristol Public Works
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	none
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
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 (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.19
2007 Equalization Ratio	100
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.36
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	89.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	7.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.0%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	2,265
2007 Single-Family Units	1,571
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	10
2007 Multi-Family Units	561
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	13
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	133

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	3,113	85,514
2000	3,033	81,826
1990	2,614	74,998
1980	2,198	65,806
1970	1,670	54,914

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	1,496	Female 1,537
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		180
Age 5 to 19		637
Age 20 to 34		514
Age 35 to 54		953
Age 55 to 64		319
Age 65 and over		430
Median Age		38.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	84.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	22.5%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$19,807
Median 4-person family income	\$44,766
Median household income	\$38,032
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$31,088
Female	\$22,406
Families below the poverty level	5.5%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	1,297	1,600
Employed	1,259	1,540
Unemployed	38	60
Unemployment rate	2.9%	3.8%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	448
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$996
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	592
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$473
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,937	1,040
Average Weekly Wage	\$531	\$698
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	258	304
Average Weekly Wage	\$461	\$648
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,194	1,344
Average Weekly Wage	\$523	\$687

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	1	1	
Grade Levels	K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	227	372	465	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 3 Total Capacity: 44

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

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

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	32 FT/53 PT	1819
Shop 'n Save	Supermarket	30	
TD Banknorth	Banking services	25	1970
Homestead Restaurant	Restaurant	25	1975
RP Williams & Sons	Retail lumber store	21	1950
Shackett's Grocery	Convenience store	20	1945

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	1,930 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	60 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		55 miles
Portland, Maine		107 miles
Boston, Mass.		105 miles
New York City, NY		305 miles
Montreal, Quebec		228 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	13.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	4.0%
Other means	1.0%
Worked at home	3.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	29%
Commuting to another NH community	67%
Commuting out-of-state	4%

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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Ragged, Tenney, Waterville Valley Mountains
	Other: Wellington State Park