

Bennington, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Town Administrator, Tax Collector: Monday to Thursday, 9-4;
Town Clerk: Thursday, 4:30-8:30, Friday, 9-12, Saturday, 8:30-12:30

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Hillsborough
Peterborough, NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 5
District 8
Hillsborough County District 30

Incorporated: 1842

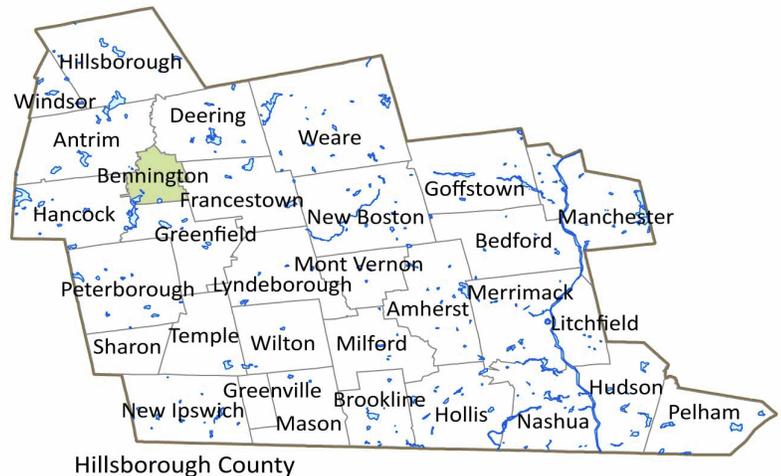
Origin: Formed from portions of Hancock, Greenfield, Deering, and Francestown, in 1842 this community was named in commemoration of the Battle of Bennington (Vermont), one of the most decisive battles of the Revolution, fought August 14-16, 1777. Bennington was originally a part of Hancock called Factory 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 862 over 50 years, from 639 in 1970 to 1,501 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 39 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, followed by a 38 percent increase over the next decade. The town's population increased by two percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Bennington was 1,506 residents, which ranked 165th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 132.7 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.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$2,017,053
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$56,106,282
Zoning Ordinance	1987/17
Master Plan	2017
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Water & Sewer; Checklist; Zoning
Appointed:	Conservation; Budget; Recreation; Hazard Mitigation Planning; Capital Reserve; Solid Waste
Public Library	G E P Dodge

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Part-time & On-Call
Emergency Medical Service		Part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	9 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Bennington Water Department
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$31.65
2022 Equalization Ratio	69.0
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.69
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.4%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	705
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	478
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	103
Five or More Units in Structure	71
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	53

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	1,506	426,594	
2020	1,501	422,937	
2010	1,476	400,721	
2000	1,404	382,384	
1990	1,230	336,549	
1980	890	276,608	

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	794	Female	697
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			115
Age 5 to 19			240
Age 20 to 34			419
Age 35 to 54			233
Age 55 to 64			289
Age 65 and over			195
Median Age			34.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,081			
High school graduate or higher			90.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher			32.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income			\$37,611
Median family income			\$75,556
Median household income			\$67,540
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$62,632
Female			\$39,839
Individuals below the poverty level			5.1%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2012	2022		
Civilian labor force	800	796		
Employed	756	777		
Unemployed	44	19		
Unemployment rate	5.5%	2.4%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n	186	
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$1,923	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n	191	
Average Weekly Wage	n	\$ 434	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	358	377	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 973	\$1,170	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	21	31	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 509	\$ 375	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	379	408	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 948	\$1,110	
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Contoocook Valley Cooperative (Antrim, Bennington, Dublin, Francestown, Greenfield, Hancock, Peterborough, Sharon, Temple)** District: **SAU 1**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Region 14 Applied Technology Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-4			
Total Enrollment	65			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; Manchester**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England; Franklin Pierce**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Monadnock Paper Mills, Inc.	Printing specialty papers	235	1819
Pierce Elementary School	Education		
Rymes Propane & Oil	Heating & air conditioning/HVAC		
Alberto's Restaurant	Restaurant	26	1945
Town of Bennington	Municipal services	50	1842
Crotched Mt. Ski & Ride Area	Ski - seasonal	250+/-	2003
Dollar General	Convenience store		2018
DH Hardwick & Son's, Inc.	Logging, gravel, and aggregate sales	24	1978
Francestown Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Excavating contractor, gravel sales	10	1972
Bridge Street Recovery	Drug/Alcohol Recovery Center	20+	2021

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			30 miles
Portland, Maine			127 miles
Boston, Mass.			80 miles
New York City, NY			245 miles
Montreal, Quebec			248 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			80.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			4.0%
Public transportation			1.1%
Walked			0.7%
Other means			0.0%
Worked at home			14.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work			34.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence			22.0%
Commuting to another NH community			75.6%
Commuting out-of-state			2.4%

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
	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
X	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
Nearest Ski Area(s): Crotched Mountain	
Other: Rhubarb Festival; Hiking	