

Bradford, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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Wednesday, 12-5, Thursday, 10-7**

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

**Merrimack
New London, NH LMA
Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee
Central NH Regional
Capital Regional Development Council**

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

**District 2
District 2
District 7
Merrimack County District 8**

Incorporated: 1787

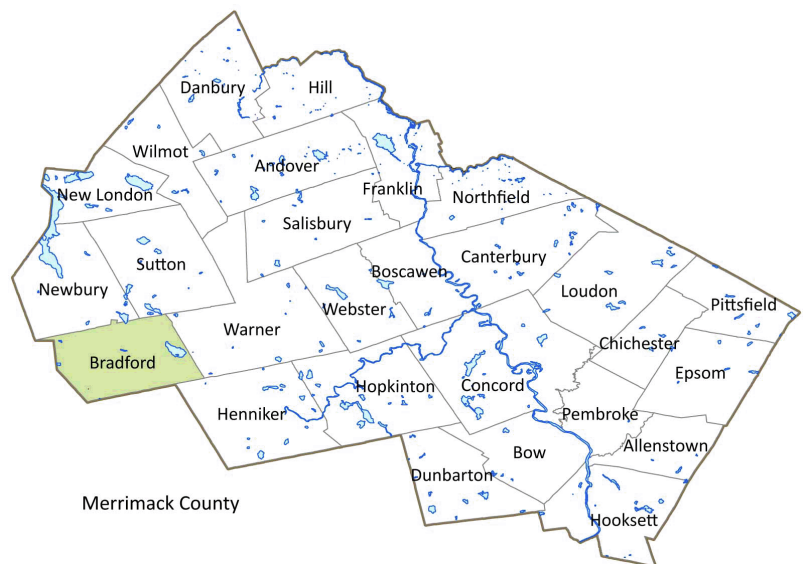
Origin: First granted in 1771, the town was named New Bradford, then Bradfordton, most likely because many settlers were from Bradford, Massachusetts. It was incorporated as Bradford in 1787, the year of the Constitutional Convention. Meeting in Exeter, Anti-Federalist members of the New Hampshire delegation were opposed the Constitution. However, political maneuvering postponed the state convention. When reconvened in Concord several months later, under the leadership of moderator Colonel Thomas Stickney, the delegation approved ratification on June 21, 1788. New Hampshire was the ninth and deciding state to ratify, thus making the United States Constitution binding.

Villages and Place Names: Box Corner, Bradford Center

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 217 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Bradford totaled 1,002 over 50 years, from 679 in 1970 to 1,681 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 64 percent increase from 1970 to 1980, followed by a 26 percent increase from 1980 to 1990. The town's population increased by two percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Bradford was 1,709 residents, which ranked 155th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 48.5 persons per square mile of land area. Bradford contains 35.2 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022		\$3,362,250	
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Zoning Ordinance		1989/23	
Master Plan		2020	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By			
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Budget; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Treasurer		
Appointed:	Conservation; Energy		
Public Library	Brown Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Part-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
New London Hospital, New London		13 miles	25
Concord Hospital, Concord		26 miles	236
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
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		TDS Telecom	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$24.69	
2022 Equalization Ratio		68.9	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.97	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		91.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		5.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		861	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		812	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		44	
Five or More Units in Structure		5	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		0	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,709		156,020
2020	1,662		153,808
2010	1,650		146,445
2000	1,458		136,716
1990	1,410		120,618
1980	1,115		98,302
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	823	Female	720
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			87
Age 5 to 19			245
Age 20 to 34			279
Age 35 to 54			316
Age 55 to 64			310
Age 65 and over			306
Median Age			47.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,142			
High school graduate or higher			94.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher			37.0%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$40,986
Median family income			\$97,546
Median household income			\$77,750
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$52,436
Female			\$41,538
Individuals below the poverty level			1.2%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	943		953
Employed	894		927
Unemployed	49		26
Unemployment rate	5.2%		2.7%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	83		40
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 862		\$1,052
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	213		322
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 425		\$ 852
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	295		362
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 547		\$ 875
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	81		82
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 628		\$ 817
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	377		444
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 565		\$ 864
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Kearsarge Regional (Bradford, Newbury, New London, Springfield, Sutton, Warner, Wilmot)** District: **SAU 65**

Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	169			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord; River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Colby-Sawyer; Magdalen; New England; Granite State; UNH School of Law**

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

Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **86**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bradford Machine, Inc.	Machine job shop	3	1974
Barns of Bradford	Retail home furnishings	3	1970
Kearsarge Regional Elementary School	Education	50	1986
Appleseed Restaurant	Restaurant	25	1977
Lumber Barn	Retail store	25	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	103, 114
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-89, Exit 9
	Distance	7 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Parlin Field, Newport	Runway	3,450 ft. asphalt
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	48 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		41 miles
Portland, Maine		134 miles
Boston, Mass.		92 miles
New York City, NY		262 miles
Montreal, Quebec		224 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.7%
Public transportation	1.6%
Walked	1.4%
Other means	.3%
Worked at home	17.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	33.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	28.3%
Commuting to another NH community	63.1%
Commuting out-of-state	8.6%

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
	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
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): **Pat's Peak, Mount Sunapee**

Other: **Lake Massasecum; Outdoor Ice Skating Rink**