

Bedford, NH



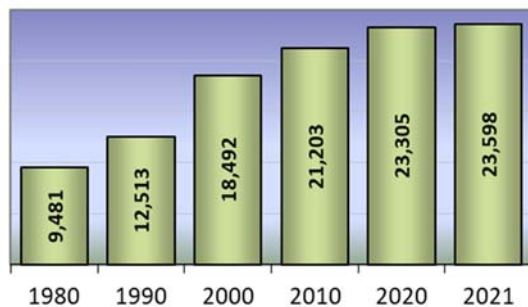
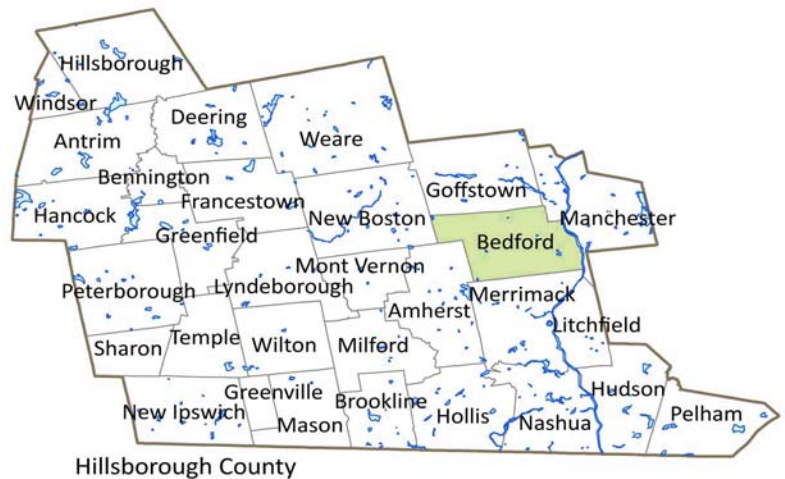
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Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm
County	Hillsborough
Labor Market Area	Manchester, NH Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Southern NH
Regional Development	Capital Regional Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 4
State Senate	District 9
State Representative	Hillsborough County District 2

Incorporated: 1750

Origin: Bedford was established in 1730 as Narragansett Number 5 for the benefit of soldiers who fought against the Narragansett Indians in Rhode Island. Twenty years later little had been done to the land, and it was regranted first as Souhegan East, then as Bedford in 1750. The town was named for Lord John Russell, fourth Duke of Bedford, a close friend of Governor Benning Wentworth, whose first wife, Diana Spencer, was cousin to the Duke of Marlborough. The town's first moderator was Major John Goffe, son of Colonel John Goffe for whom Goffstown was named.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 898 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Bedford ranked sixth in numeric change over 41 years. Population change totaled 14,117 from 9,418 in 1980 to 23,598 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 48 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Bedford was 23,598 residents, which ranked 11th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 720.3 persons per square mile of land area. Bedford contains 32.8 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Manager & Council
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$36,853,791
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	\$79,429,302
Zoning Ordinance	1953/20
Master Plan	2021
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Town Council; Library
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Historic District; Recreation; Budget; Highway Safety; Sewer

Public Library	Bedford Public
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EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Full & part-time
Emergency Medical Service		Full & part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Elliot Hospital, Manchester	6 miles	296
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	4 miles	262

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier		Liberty Utilities
Water Supplier		Manchester Water Works; Pennichuck Water Works
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No
Recycling Program		Voluntary
Telephone Company		Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes
Cable Television Access		Yes
Public Access Television Station		Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$17.14
2021 Equalization Ratio		90.1
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$15.17
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings		80.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings		17.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.6%

HOUSING		(ACS 2016-2020)
Total Housing Units		8,161
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		6,973
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure		142
Five or More Units in Structure		1,046
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2021	23,598	424,079
2020	23,354	422,705
2010	21,203	400,721
2000	18,492	382,384
1990	12,513	336,549
1980	9,481	276,608

DEMOGRAPHICS			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020
Population by Gender			
Male	10,939	Female	11,771
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,422
Age 5 to 19			4,433
Age 20 to 34			3,083
Age 35 to 54			6,114
Age 55 to 64			3,864
Age 65 and over			3,794
Median Age			44.2 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			98.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher			63.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2016-2020)
Per capita income		\$57,961
Median family income		\$157,514
Median household income		\$135,374
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$104,181
Female		\$70,635
Individuals below the poverty level		3.2%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average	2011		2021
Civilian labor force	10,919		11,961
Employed	10,434		11,662
Unemployed	485		299
Unemployment rate	4.4%		2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011		2021
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	1,120		1,536
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,178		\$3,004
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	11,743		14,722
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,005		\$1,432
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	12,862		16,257
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,020		\$1,580
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,162		1,155
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 871		\$1,185
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	14,024		17,413
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,008		\$1,554

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Bedford operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 25**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Manchester School of Technology**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	2	1	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	K 1-2
Total Enrollment	1,384	1,395	1,480	34

Nearest Community College: **Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Southern NH University; UNH-Manchester**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **16** Total Capacity: **1,494**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bedford School District	Education	732	
Market Basket	Supermarket	462	2013
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	400	
Whole Foods	Natural food supermarket	325	
LSNE	Contract manufacturing	275	
Lowe's	Home improvement center	215	
Town of Bedford	Municipal services	205	
Kelly Services	Temporary employment agency	200	
Target	Department store	175	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		3
	State Routes		101, 114
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-293, Exit 3	
	Distance	Local access	
Railroad		Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation		MTA	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Runway	9,250 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	7 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		7 miles	
Portland, Maine		101 miles	
Boston, Mass.		55 miles	
New York City, NY		248 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		265 miles	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		80.2%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		3.2%	
Public transportation		0.6%	
Walked		2.3%	
Other means		0.3%	
Worked at home		13.4%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		28.6 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence		71.3%	
Commuting to another NH community		18.0%	
Commuting out-of-state		10.7%	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre, Pat's Peak
	Other: Farmer's Market