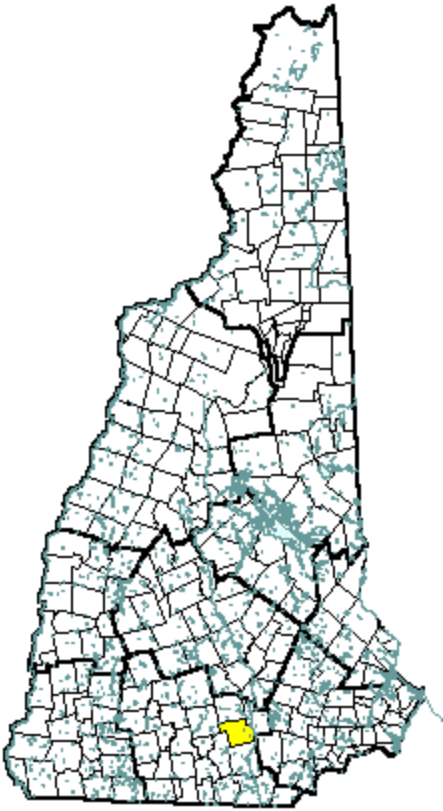


Bedford



Incorporated: **1750**

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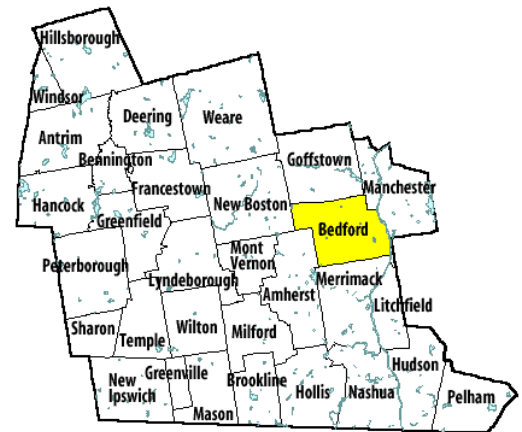
City/Town Office Hours: **Monday through Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm**

County: **Hillsborough**
Labor Market Area: **Manchester**
Planning Commission: **Southern NH**
Tourism Region: **Merrimack Valley**

Demographics, 2000 Census: From 1990 to 2000, Bedford's population grew by 45.5 percent, the 9th highest percent increase among the cities and towns, for a total of 18,274. There were 5,711 new residents, the 3rd highest numeric increase among the cities and towns. The median age is 39.2, with 28.6 percent of the population under the age of 18 and 11.5 percent age 65 and older. The total number of households is 6,251, with an average size of 2.85 persons. Of those, 5,124 are family households, with an average size of 3.17 persons. As of April 1, 2000, there were 6,401 total housing units.

Population density, 2000: 558.0 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.

Origin: Established in 1730 as Narragansett Number 5 for the benefit of soldiers who fought against the Narragansett Indians in Rhode Island. 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.



Hillsborough County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

City/Town Office Hours:
M-F 8-4:30 pm

Type of Government	Manager & Council
Annual Budget (2001)	\$11,488,169
Planning Board	Appointed
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Zoning Master Plan	1953/00
Capital Improvement Plan	2000
	Yes
Public Library	Bedford Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s):	
Elliot; Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	Beds: 249; 212
Distance: 5 miles	

TAXES

2001 Total Tax Rate	\$19.11
2001 Equalization Ratio	0.78
2001 Full Value Tax Rate	\$14.88
2001 Property Valuation:	
Residential	81.1%
Commercial	17.8%
Other	1.1%

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Keyspan
Water Supplier	Manchester Water; Pennichuck Water
Sanitation	Septic & Municipal
Municipal Treatment Plant	No
Curbside Trash Pickup	No
Mandatory Recycling Program	No
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes

HOUSING

	2000
Total Housing Units	6,401
Single-Family Units	5,328
Building Permits Issued	161
Multi-Family Units	1,065
Building Permits Issued	148
Manufactured Housing Units	8
Median Value, Owner-Occupied Housing	\$218,300
Median Gross Rent (monthly)	\$1,088

DEMOGRAPHICS**(US CENSUS)**

Total Population	Community	County
2000	18,274	380,841
1990	12,563	336,073
1980	9,481	276,608
1970	5,859	223,941

Population by Gender, 2000		
Male	8,988	Female 9,286

Population by Age Group, 2000	
Under age 5	1,329
Age 5 to 19	4,212
Age 20 to 34	2,190
Age 35 to 54	6,703
Age 55 to 64	1,737
Age 65 and over	2,103

Median Age	39.2 years
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Total Households	6,269	Ave. Size	2.85 persons
Total Families	5,134	Ave. Size	3.17 persons

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	92.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	49.3%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**(US CENSUS)**

Per capita income	\$37,730
Median 4-person family income	\$91,868
Median household income	\$84,392
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$69,987
Female	\$39,507

Families below the poverty level	1.6%
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TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	3
	State Routes	101
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-293, Exit 4
	Distance	Local access

Railroad	Boston & Maine
Public Transportation	Yes

Nearest Airport	Manchester
Runway	7,573 feet
Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes

Nearest Commercial Airport	Manchester
Distance	5 miles

DISTANCE TO

Manchester, NH	5 miles
Portland, ME	100 miles
Boston, MA	54 miles
New York City, NY	245 miles
Montreal, Quebec	265 miles

EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES

	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Primary & Secondary				
Number of Schools	3	1		2
Grade Levels	P-5	6-8		K-9
Total Enrollment	1,808	800		200

If no schools, district students attend: **Manchester West High School**
 Regional Career Technology Center(s): **Manchester School of Technology**

Distance: **5 miles**
 Region: **15**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2001: Total Facilities: **15** Total Capacity: **1,024**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Manchester**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Southern NH University; Hesser; Notre Dame; UNH-Manchester**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Department store	283	
Bedford School District	Public schools	245	
Macy's	Retail	199	
Car Components Technology	Manufacturing	196	
Sheraton Tara Wayfarer Inn	Hotel, restaurant, convention center	185	
Managed OPS.COM	Computer Technology	180	
Kelly Services	Temporary employment agency	150	
Harvey Construction	Construction	100	
Continental P.E.T.	Research, manufacturing	100	

LABOR FORCE

	1990	2001
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	7,293	9,508
Employed	7,037	9,255
Unemployed	256	253
Unemployment rate	3.5%	2.7%

COMMUTING TO WORK, 2000 (US CENSUS)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.4%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	1.5%
Worked at home	6.3%

Mean Travel Time to Work **27.2 minutes**

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES 1991 2000

	1991	2000
Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	209	1,095
Average Weekly Wage	\$511	\$752
Non-Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	7,926	11,520
Average Weekly Wage	\$521	\$814
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	8,135	12,616
Average Weekly Wage	\$521	\$808
Government		
Average Employment	436	662
Average Weekly Wage	\$556	\$645
Total, Private plus Government		
Average Employment	8,571	13,278
Average Weekly Wage	\$523	\$800

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	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
X	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	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
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**

Other: