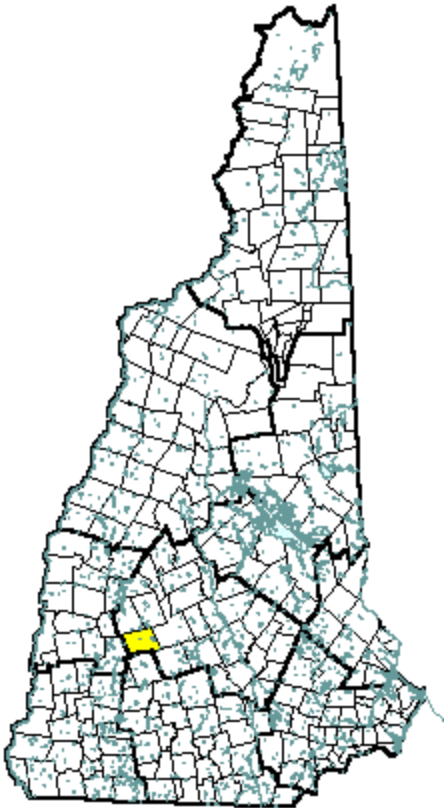


# Bradford



Incorporated: **1787**

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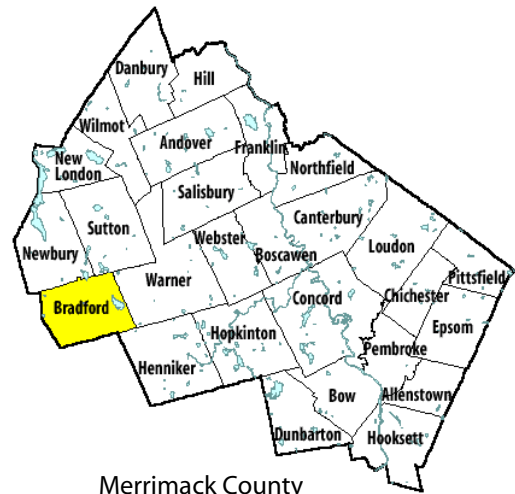
City/Town Office Hours: **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday,  
8 am – 12 noon and 1 pm – 5 pm; and Tuesday,  
8 am – 12 noon**

County: **Merrimack**  
Labor Market Area: **Concord**  
Planning Commission: **Central NH Regional**  
Tourism Region: **Dartmouth-Lake Sunapee**

**Demographics, 2000 Census:** From 1990 to 2000, population in Bradford increased by 3.5 percent to 1,454, adding 49 residents. The median age is 40.3, with 25.2 percent of the population under the age of 18 and 12.7 percent age 65 and older. The total number of households is 559, with an average size of 2.56 persons. Of those, 403 are family households, with an average size of 2.96 persons. As of April 1, 2000, there were 762 total housing units.

**Population density, 2000:** 41.3 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.

**Origin:** First granted in 1771, the town was named New Bradford, then Bradfordton, and finally was incorporated as Bradford in 1787, the year of the constitutional convention. New Hampshire's delegation was not going to approve the constitution, but under the leadership of Bradford's Thomas Stickney the delegation approved ratification, and, being the ninth state to do so, gave the United States its constitution. Bradford includes the villages of Bradford Center and Melvin Mills, and Lake Massasecum.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

City/Town Office Hours:  
**MWThF 8-12 & 1-5 pm, T 8-12**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Annual Budget (2001)	<b>\$1,035,549</b>
Planning Board	<b>Elected</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	
Zoning	<b>1989/97</b>
Master Plan	<b>1996</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Public Library	<b>Brown Memorial</b>

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>9/10</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s):	
<b>New London, New London</b>	
Distance: <b>13 miles</b>	Beds: <b>35</b>

**TAXES**

2001 Total Tax Rate	<b>\$20.72</b>
2001 Equalization Ratio	<b>1.00</b>
2001 Full Value Tax Rate	<b>\$20.67</b>
2001 Property Valuation:	
Residential	<b>90.2%</b>
Commercial	<b>6.4%</b>
Other	<b>3.3%</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</b>
Mandatory Recycling Program	<b>Yes</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Merrimack Co.</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>

**HOUSING**

	<b>2000</b>
Total Housing Units	<b>762</b>
Single-Family Units	<b>673</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>10</b>
Multi-Family Units	<b>67</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>0</b>
Manufactured Housing Units	<b>22</b>
Median Value, Owner-Occupied Housing	<b>\$110,600</b>
Median Gross Rent (monthly)	<b>\$634</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS****(US CENSUS)**

Total Population	Community	County
2000	<b>1,454</b>	<b>136,225</b>
1990	<b>1,405</b>	<b>120,005</b>
1980	<b>1,115</b>	<b>98,302</b>
1970	<b>679</b>	<b>80,925</b>

Population by Gender, 2000		
Male	<b>726</b>	Female <b>728</b>

Population by Age Group, 2000	
Under age 5	<b>75</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>329</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>222</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>508</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>136</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>184</b>

Median Age	<b>40.3 years</b>
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Total Households	<b>557</b>	Ave. Size	<b>2.56 persons</b>
Total Families	<b>407</b>	Ave. Size	<b>2.96 persons</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>32.3%</b>

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

Per capita income	<b>\$22,240</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$57,083</b>
Median household income	<b>\$49,018</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$34,803</b>
Female	<b>\$25,938</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>2.5%</b>
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**TRANSPORTATION**

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	<b>103, 114</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-89, Exit 9</b>
Distance		<b>6 miles</b>

Railroad	<b>No</b>
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>

Nearest Airport	<b>Concord</b>
Runway	<b>6,005 feet</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigational Aids? <b>Yes</b>

Nearest Commercial Airport	<b>Manchester</b>
Distance	<b>38 miles</b>

**DISTANCE TO**

Manchester, NH	<b>36 miles</b>
Portland, ME	<b>132 miles</b>
Boston, MA	<b>90 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>264 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>223 miles</b>

## EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES

	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Primary & Secondary				
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	1-5			
Total Enrollment	203			

If no schools, district students attend: **Kearsarge Regional, Sutton**  
 Regional Career Technology Center(s): **Sugar River Valley Tech Center**

Distance: **6 miles**  
 Region: **10**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2001: Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **69**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord; Claremont**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Colby-Sawyer; Magdalen; New England**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Colonial Woodworking	Staircase units	25	1975
Merrimack Farm Store	Farm & home garden supplies	9	1920
Bradford Machine, Inc.	Machine job shop	3	1974
Barns of Bradford	Retail home furnishings	3	1970

## LABOR FORCE

	1990	2001
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	700	835
Employed	649	814
Unemployed	51	21
Unemployment rate	7.3%	2.5%

## COMMUTING TO WORK, 2000 (US CENSUS)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.6%
Other means	1.6%
Worked at home	6.9%

Mean Travel Time to Work **33.9 minutes**

## EMPLOYMENT & WAGES 1991 2000

	1991	2000
Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	56	37
Average Weekly Wage	\$403	\$536
Non-Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	157	145
Average Weekly Wage	\$276	\$458
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	213	181
Average Weekly Wage	\$310	\$474
Government		
Average Employment	21	78
Average Weekly Wage	\$279	\$417
Total, Private plus Government		
Average Employment	235	259
Average Weekly Wage	\$307	\$457

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## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

- 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
- Boating/Marinas
- X Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing

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

Other: **Lake Massasecum**