

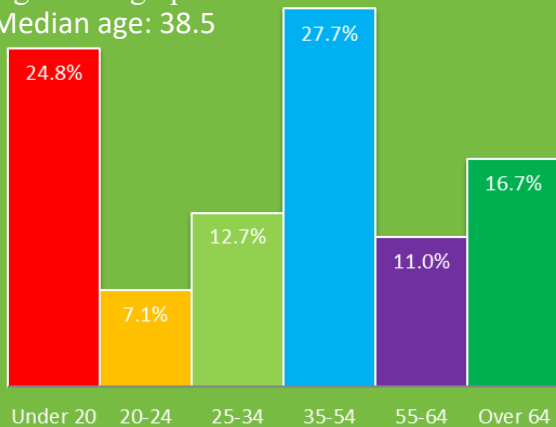
New Bedford Statistics

Population:	100,947
Median Family Income:	\$52,348
Median Home Value:	\$305,600
Median Rent:	\$969
Poverty Rate:	18.6%
Crime Rate:	309.9

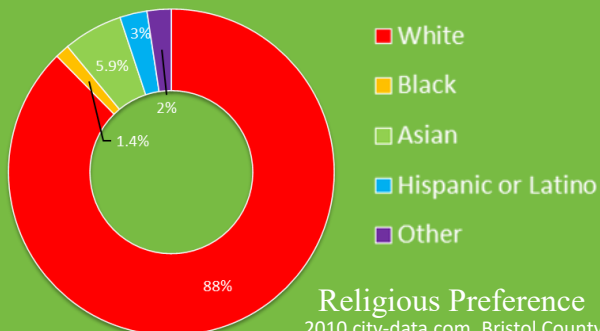
US Average is 270.6 (2019, city-data.com)

Age Demographics

Median age: 38.5

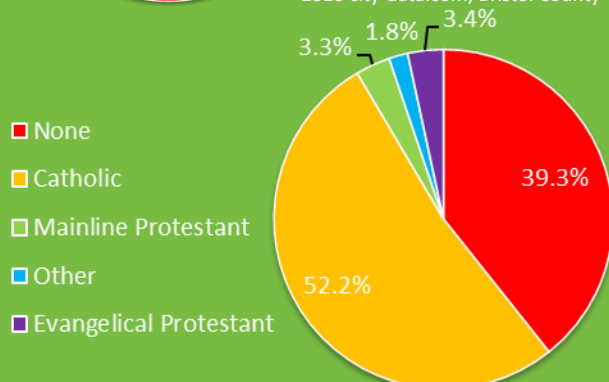


Racial/Ethnic Diversity



Religious Preference

2010 city-data.com, Bristol County



In a speech given in 2022, Mayor Jon Mitchell stated, “the New Bedford we aspire to build (is) a city that it is the cultural, economic and political center of a distinct region.”

One of the things that makes this a distinct region is that it is constantly ranked as the most secular, post-Christian region of the country. Bristol County’s religious preference statistics highlight this with less than 8% of the people identifying as Protestant.

New England has both great needs and great opportunities. You cannot travel far without seeing a simple white church. There’s one in nearly every New England town. These iconic landmarks are reminiscent of a time when the gospel of Christ permeated every aspect of life. Now many of those church buildings are homes to offices, exhibit halls, or restaurants, or at best house small congregations who may or may not ever hear the message of God’s grace.

The New England Church Planting Network is committed to seeing the gospel thrive once again in New Bedford, Massachusetts and the entire region.





Highlights

Located on the Acushnet River about 60 miles south of Boston and about 30 miles southeast of Providence, Rhode Island

During the first half of the 19th century, New Bedford was one of the world's most important whaling ports.

Once the wealthiest city in the world per capita

In 2019 generated the highest annual value of any fishing port in the United States

Primary setting of Herman Melville's Moby-Dick

High school graduation increased from 58% to 88% in the last ten years

The Port of New Bedford generates over \$11 billion in annual economic activity, and supports nearly seven thousand jobs

In 2023 the Port will launch the American offshore wind industry with the Vineyard Wind project, the first of what is predicted to be more than \$24 billion worth of wind projects along the East Coast in the next decade

Education

(population over age 25)

75% High School Grad or higher

13% Bachelor's Degree

5% Graduate or Professional

Family Type

Married Couple Family 32%

Male Household, no spouse present 9%

Female Household, no spouse present 14%

Householder Alone 36%

Cohabiting Couple Household 10%

Candidate Strengths

- Loves and trusts God far more than he loves or trusts anyone or anything else
- Intentional in evangelism and cares deeply about relationships
- Desire to put down roots and equip people for ministry
- A strong preacher - Bible is taught clearly, wholly, compellingly, and is applied to life

Support

- The Network offers years of ministry experience in New England, resources, and training to develop leaders and support the church planting effort
- Prayer support through the Network

Imagine

A church that leads people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and equips them to give their lives away for the cause of Christ and the glory of God

A church that actively, intentionally, wisely and faithfully seeks to plant other churches in our community, region and world

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Most Common Occupations

