

Church Planting Profile: **Bridgton, Maine**

Summary: Bridgton is located in Cumberland County, Maine, about 40 miles northwest of Portland. It is one of 13 communities that make up the Lakes Region of Maine, a popular area for tourists with a combined population of about 30,000. The population is generally white and of average income. Evangelical Christians make up about 4% of the population of Cumberland County. There is an OPC church and a PCA church in Portland, and a PCA church being planted in Lewiston (20 miles west – 50 miles to drive).



Pleasant Mountain, Bridgton

source: fitoncottages.com

Demographics:

Town Population, 2000: 4883

County Pop., 2007: 275,374

Racial Breakdown:

<i>White, non-Hispanic</i>	97.4%
<i>Two or more races</i>	1.4%
<i>Hispanic</i>	0.8%
<i>Black</i>	0.5%
<i>Other</i>	0.7%

Median Age: 37.3 (38.6 ME)

Age Breakdown:

<i>Under 18</i>	22.1%
<i>Ages 18-24</i>	10.5%
<i>Ages 25-44</i>	25.9%
<i>Ages 45-64</i>	25.6%
<i>Age 65 and over</i>	15.9%

Avg. Household Size: 2.5 people

Avg. Family Size: 2.9 people

Economics:

Median Household Income, 2007: \$39,048

Median House/Condo Value, 2007: \$171,352

Regional Unemployment Rate, 1/09: 6.4%

Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 93.7

Principal Industries in County:

<i>Trade, Transportation, Utilities</i>	20.9%
<i>Professional & Business Serv.</i>	20.9%
<i>Construction</i>	11.8%
<i>Educational & Health Services</i>	11.6%

Principal Employers:

<i>Shawnee Peak Inc. (tourism)</i>	350
<i>Bridgton Hospital</i>	230
<i>Micah Camp (camping)</i>	100
<i>Bridgton Health Care Center</i>	85

Other:

Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

<i>High School or higher</i>	85.5%
<i>Bachelor's Degree or higher</i>	22.3%
<i>Graduate/Professional Degree</i>	6.0%

Nearest Major Colleges and Universities:

- St. Joseph's College (23 miles – 2376 students)*
- Univ. of South. Maine (39 miles – 7381 students)*

Principal Media Outlets:

- Newspaper: *Portland Press Herald*
- Radio: *WMTW (870 AM) WMEA (90.1 FM)*

Average January Low Temperature: 4.3°

Average July High Temperature: 78.8°

Average Annual Rainfall: 47.9 inches

Average Annual Snowfall: 68 inches

Places of Worship in Bridgton and Vicinity:

Bridgton United Methodist Church

www.bridgtonumc.com

First Congregational Church (UCC)

www.firstucc1794.com

St. Peter's Episcopal Church (Bridgton – ECUSA)

www.stpetersbridgton.org

Bridgton Alliance Ch. (Chr. & Missionary Alliance)

www.newlifemaine.org

Congregational Church (Harrison – UCC)

www.congregationalchurchofhnb.org

St. Joseph's Church (Roman Catholic)

Calvary Community Church (Harrison - indep.)

Seventh Day Adventist Church (Harrison)