

# Bath, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Admin. Assist.: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Friday, 8:30 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, 8 am - 12 noon - 1 pm - 4 pm, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Grafton**  
**Haverhill, NH LMA**  
**White Mountains**  
**North Country Council**  
**Grafton County Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
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**Grafton County Districts 3, 15**

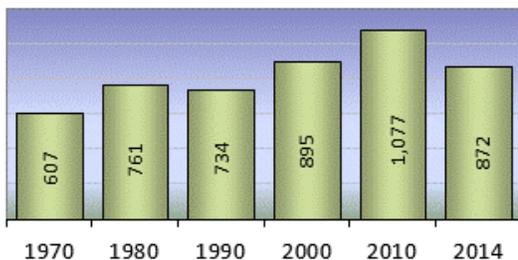
## Incorporated: 1761

**Origin:** The Bath town charter, granted in 1761, set aside land in equal shares for 68 families, with a church and a school. The town was named for a prominent English statesman, William Pulteney, first Earl of Bath, who served as Secretary of War and was known as one of the best orators in Parliament. Bath was one of the 16 towns involved in a protracted border dispute with the independent state of Vermont, before it was admitted to the Union in 1791. The town has three covered bridges crossing the Ammonoosuc River that were built in the early 1800's.

**Villages and Place Names:** Nutter, Pettyboro, Swiftwater, Upper Village, West Bath

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 493 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Bath totaled 268 over 54 years, from 604 in 1960 to 872 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change occurred between 1970 and 1980, when the population increased by 25 percent, a numeric increase of 154. The 2014 Census estimate for Bath was 872 residents, which ranked 194th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau):** 22.9 persons per square mile of land area. Bath contains 38.2 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	<b>\$1,363,897</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016	<b>\$2,232,529</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1989/07</b>
Master Plan	<b>2007</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Cemetery**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation**

Public Library **Bath Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department		<b>Part-time</b>
Fire Department		<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Private</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Cottage Hospital, Woodsville</b>	<b>4 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier		<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Bath Village Water Works</b>	
Sanitation		<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup		<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		<b>No</b>
Recycling Program		<b>None</b>
Telephone Company		<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access		<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access		<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station		<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>unknown</b>
	Residential	<b>unknown</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.80</b>	
2015 Equalization Ratio	<b>96.0</b>	
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.52</b>	
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>81.2%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>2.2%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>16.5%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		(ACS 2010-2014)
Total Housing Units	<b>570</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>490</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>20</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>60</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2014	<b>872</b>	<b>89,360</b>	
2010	<b>1,077</b>	<b>89,118</b>	
2000	<b>895</b>	<b>81,826</b>	
1990	<b>734</b>	<b>74,998</b>	
1980	<b>761</b>	<b>65,806</b>	
1970	<b>607</b>	<b>54,914</b>	

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>506</b>	Female	<b>366</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>23</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>126</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>97</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>170</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>190</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>266</b>
Median Age			<b>55.9 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>89.1%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>29.7%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2010-2014)
Per capita income		<b>\$28,161</b>
Median family income		<b>\$58,000</b>
Median household income		<b>\$47,386</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$45,471</b>
Female		<b>\$39,688</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>13.3%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>				(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2005	2015		
Civilian labor force	<b>460</b>	<b>533</b>		
Employed	<b>444</b>	<b>510</b>		
Unemployed	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>		
Unemployment rate	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>		

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	n	n		
Average Weekly Wage	n	n		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	n	n		
Average Weekly Wage	n	n		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	<b>237</b>	n		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 649</b>	n		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 389</b>	<b>\$ 565</b>		
Total, Private Industry plus Government				
Average Employment	<b>266</b>	n		
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 620</b>	n		

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Bath operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Haverhill Cooperative (Bath, Benton, Haverhill, Piermont, Warren)** District: **SAU 23**

Career Technology Center(s): **River Bend Career & Technical Center (VT)** Region: **4**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	82			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
HG Wood Industries	Sawmill	40	1972

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	<b>302</b>
	State Routes	<b>10, 112, 135</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 17</b>	
	Distance	<b>8 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Dean Memorial, Haverhill</b>	Runway	<b>2,500 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>51 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>102 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>121 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>152 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>311 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>176 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>74.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.8%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.8%</b>
Walked	<b>2.1%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>13.9%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>31.3 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>23.5</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>57.7</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>18.8</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- 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
- X Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- X Youth Sports: Baseball
- 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
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps
- Nearest Ski Area(s): **Cannon**
- Other: