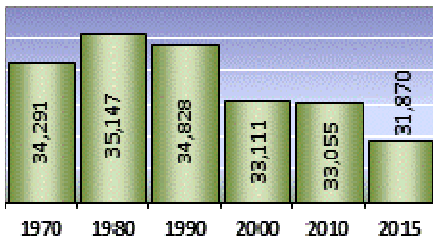


Coös County

Coös County covers the top fifth of New Hampshire, sharing a 71-mile straight border with Maine to the east, an 85-mile border with Vermont to the west, and a 58-mile border with Canada to the north. Established in 1803, when it was separated from Grafton County, the county was named after the Indian word 'cowass' or 'kohass,' meaning 'crooked river' because of the bend in the Connecticut River. The White Mountain National Forest and Nash Stream State Forest cover a sizable portion of the county.

Coös County contains 1,795.0 square miles of land area and 35.1 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 18.4 persons per square mile. Coös County includes one city, Berlin, 19 towns, and 23 unincorporated places, 16 of which are unpopulated. The county seat is Lancaster.

Population Trends: Coös County claimed the smallest population among New Hampshire's ten counties in 2015, and has held that position since the 1990 Census. Prior to 1980, Belknap, Carroll, and Sullivan Counties all had fewer residents. Population in Coös County grew between 1950 and 1960, then experienced its greatest loss of population between 1960 and 1970, decreasing by 7.7 percent. After a small gain between 1970 and 1980, the county decreased in population over the next three decades. In 2015, the population dropped by 1,185 residents from 2010.



Population		(US Census Bureau)			
2015	2010	2000	1990	1980	
31,870	33,055	33,111	34,828	35,147	

Demographics			(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
By Gender:			Male	Female
Total			16,226	15,644
18 years and over			13,266	12,948
65 years and over			3,146	3,642
Median Age (years)			46.7	49.5
By Age Group:				
Under age 5				1,322
Age 5 to 19				4,926
Age 20 to 34				4,695
Age 35 to 54				8,686
Age 55 to 64				5,453
Age 65 and over				6,788
Median Age (years)				48.1

Labor Force		(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average		2005	2015
Civilian Labor Force		16,660	14,800
Employed		15,980	14,100
Unemployed		680	700
Unemployment Rate		4.1%	4.7%

2015 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Berlin	5.8%	Lancaster	3.2%
Carroll	3.8%	Milan	4.6%
Clarksville	6.8%	Northumberland	5.6%
Colebrook	3.3%	Pittsburg	4.2%
Columbia	4.4%	Randolph	5.7%
Dalton	4.4%	Shelburne	4.6%
Dummer	7.0%	Stark	6.5%
Errol	7.6%	Stewartstown	5.3%
Gorham	4.9%	Stratford	7.6%
Jefferson	3.1%	Whitefield	3.3%

Largest Businesses	Community	Product/Service	Employees
Mount Washington Hotel	Carroll	Hotel, restaurant, golf, etc.	350
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	Berlin	Health care services	340
Weeks Memorial Hospital	Lancaster	Health care services	320
Bretton Woods Ski Area	Carroll	Ski area	300
Federal Correctional Institution (FCI Berlin)	Berlin	Federal prison	279
City of Berlin School System - SAU #3	Berlin	Education	255
Wal-Mart	Gorham	Retail store	234
Berlin City Auto Group	Gorham	Car sales, service	225
Santa's Village	Jefferson	Seasonal amusement	200
Mountain View Grand	Whitefield	Hotel	200
Northern NH Correctional Facility	Berlin	Correctional facility	198
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	Colebrook	Health care services	143
City of Berlin	Berlin	Municipal services	142
White Mountain Regional High School	Whitefield	Education	122
Gorham Paper & Tissue, LLC	Gorham	Manufacturing	115
Country Village Health Care	Lancaster	Health care services	112
Northern Human Services	Berlin	Behavioral health services	100
Morrison Nursing Home	Whitefield	Nursing home	97
Colebrook School District	Colebrook	Education	90
Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services	Berlin	Home care	80
Coös County Family Health Services	Berlin	Health services	80
Lancaster School	Lancaster	Education	70
Northway Bank	Berlin	Banking services	65
Mr. Pizza	Gorham	Restaurant	61
Town of Gorham	Gorham	Municipal services	54
Pak 2000	Lancaster	Four color shopping bags	53
Family Resource Center	Gorham	Human services	52
Perras Ace	Northumberland	Hardware store	50
Ocean State Job Lots	Northumberland	Department store	50
State Department of Transportation	Carroll	State police, highway maintenance	50

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages	(NHES-ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,533	1,222
Average Weekly Wage	\$755	\$789
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	8,689	7,824
Average Weekly Wage	\$494	\$648
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	11,222	9,046
Average Weekly Wage	\$553	\$667
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	2,804	2,928
Average Weekly Wage	\$570	\$779
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	14,026	11,974
Average Weekly Wage	\$556	\$694

Income	(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Per Capita Income		\$24,546
Median Family Income		\$55,385
Median Household Income		\$42,312
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$41,934
	Female	\$34,859
Individuals below poverty level		14.1%

Commuting to Work	(2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)
Workers, 16 years and over	14,217
Car, truck or van: drove alone	11,293
Car, truck or van: carpooled	1,421
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	21
Walked	504
Other means	147
Worked at home	831
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.7
Percent of working residents:	
Working in county of residence	82.5%
Commuting to some other NH county	12.3%
Commuting out-of-state/country	5.3%

Transportation		
Road Access	US Routes	2; 3; 302
	State Routes	16; 26; 110; 110A; 110B; 115; 115A; 116; 135; 142; 145
Nearest Interstates	I-93, Exits 35 or 36 (Franconia), Exits 40, 41 or 43 (Littleton); I-91, Exit 28 (Derby, Vermont); Aut-55 (Quebec), Exit 21	
Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines	
Lebanon Municipal	1	
Portland (Maine) International	6	

Educational Attainment (2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)

Population, Age 25 and Over	24,070
Less than 9th grade	892
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	2,170
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	9,405
Some college, no degree	4,754
Associate's degree	2,557
Bachelor's degree	2,827
Graduate or professional degree	1,465
Percent high school graduates or higher	87.3%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	17.8%

Educational and Child Care Facilities*School Districts in Coös County municipalities:*

- Berlin (Grades K-12)
- Colebrook (Grades K-12)
- Errol (Grades K-8)
- Milan (Grades K-6)
- Northumberland (Grades K-12)
- Pittsburg (Grades K-12)
- Stark (Grades K-6)
- Stewartstown (Grades K-8)
- Stratford (Grades K-8)
- Gorham-Randolph-Shelburne Cooperative-Gorham, Randolph, Shelburne (Grades K-12)
- White Mountains Regional - Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield (Grades K-12)

Career Technology Centers:

- Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center (Berlin)
- Hugh Gallen Regional Career & Technical Center (Littleton)
- White Mountains Regional High School - CTE (Whitefield)

Nearest Community College: White Mountains, Berlin

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

- Granite State College (Berlin or Littleton); Plymouth State University; Lyndon State (Vermont); Bishop's University (Quebec)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2016

(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 22 Total Capacity: 1,390

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.) Staffed Beds

Androscoggin Valley, Berlin	25
Littleton Regional, Littleton	25
Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook	16
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	25

Housing (2011-2015 5-Year Average, ACS)

Total Housing Units	21,284
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	14,547
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,906
Five or More Units in Structure	1,422
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,409

Northern New England Real Estate Network Statistics*

YTD 2016 Median Sale Price, Residential \$84,200

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2016 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$790

Property Tax Rates, 2015 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Berlin	\$39.19	98.7	\$45.22
Carroll	\$19.03	98.5	\$18.60
Clarksville	\$16.52	92.8	\$14.35
Colebrook	\$28.89	104.8	\$30.48
Columbia	\$19.92	99.0	\$20.67
Dalton	\$24.89	93.7	\$22.19
Dummer	\$15.54	111.2	\$16.42
Errol	\$12.15	104.9	\$13.18
Gorham	\$29.40	101.8	\$33.62
Jefferson	\$20.37	103.8	\$21.34
Lancaster	\$27.49	112.4	\$31.38
Milan	\$19.88	106.1	\$22.53
Northumberland	\$34.69	98.6	\$37.45
Pittsburg	\$16.30	103.7	\$16.42
Randolph	\$14.64	115.0	\$16.97
Shelburne	\$15.58	103.0	\$17.53
Stark	\$17.01	97.0	\$17.20
Stewartstown	\$23.73	102.8	\$25.48
Stratford	\$24.28	99.6	\$28.08
Whitefield	\$25.45	101.9	\$26.50

2015 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals

Residential Land and Buildings	68.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	17.8%

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City of Berlin	168 Main St., City Hall Berlin NH	03570	P: 752-7532 F: 752-8550	info@berlinnh.gov www.berlinnh.gov	M-F 8:30-4:30
Carroll Board of Selectmen	PO Box 146 Twin Mountain NH	03595	P: 846-5754 F: 846-5713	twinmtn@roadrunner.com www.townofcarroll.org	Selectmen: MTThF 8-3, Wed. closed to public; Twn Clerk/Tax Collector: M 8:30-3, and 6-8, T-Th 8:30-3, closed Fri.
Town of Clarksville	408 NH Route 145 Clarksville NH	03592	P: 246-7751 F: 246-3480	twnc Clark@yahoo.com Not Available	Selectmen meet every other Mon. 6; TClerk/TCollector: MW 1-5, TTh 9-4, closed Fri.
Town of Colebrook	17 Bridge Street Colebrook NH	03576	P: 237-4142 F: 237-5069	b-morrow@myfairpoint.net www.colebrook-nh.com	M-F 7:30-4; Town Clerk: M 8-4, W 8-12, TThF 8-3:30
Columbia Board of Selectmen	PO Box 157 Colebrook NH	03576	P: 237-5255 F: 237-8270	towncolumbia@myfairpoint.net www.columbianh.org	MW 10-5, TTh 8-3, F 10-3
Dalton Board of Selectmen	756 Dalton Road Dalton NH	03598	P: 837-7027 F: 837-9642	selectmen@townofdalton.com www.townofdalton.com	Selectmen meet every other Mon. 6:30; Town Clerk: TTh 8-5
Dummer Board of Selectmen	75 Hill Road Dummer NH	03588	P: 449-2006 F: 449-2315	townofdummer@gmail.com www.dummernh.org	M-F 8:30-1:30
Town of Errol	33 Main Street PO Box 100 Errol NH	03579-0100	P: 482-3351 F: 482-3804	errolselectmen@gmail.com Not Available	Selectmen: M-Th 8:30-1:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 9-11, T 5-7:30, Th 8:30-11
Town of Gorham	20 Park Street Gorham NH	03581	P: 466-3322 F: 466-3100	rfrost@gorhamnh.org www.gorhamnh.org	Selectmen, Town Manager: M-F 8-5; Assessing: M-F 7:30-5; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-F 8:30-4:30
Town of Jefferson	PO Box 81 Jefferson NH	03583	P: 586-4553 F: Not Available	townofjefferson@myfairpoint.net www.jeffersonnh.org	Selectmen's Office: M-Th 7:30-12 and 12:30-3:30, F 7:30-12; Town Clerk: M 1:30-4:30, T 9-11:30, Th 3-7
Town of Lancaster	25 Main Street Lancaster NH	03584	P: 788-3391 F: 788-2114	info@lancasternh.org www.lancasternh.org	M-Th 8:30-5, F 8:30-4:30
Milan Board of Selectmen	PO Box 300 Milan NH	03588	P: 449-2484 F: 449-2142	townofmilan@gmail.com www.townofmilan.org	Selectmen: M 8-3 & 6-7, T-Th 8-3; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M-Th 8-1 and 2-7
Town of Northumberland	19 Main Street Groveton NH	03582	P: 636-1450 F: 636-6098	b.craggy@northumberlandnh.org www.northumberlandnh.weebly.com	Selectmen's Office: MTWF 8-4, Th 8-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MTWF 8-4, Th 8-12, last day of month 8-2
Town of Pittsburg	1526 Main Street Pittsburg NH	03592	P: 538-6697 F: 538-6706	townoffice@pittsburg-nh.com www.pittsburg-nh.com	M-F 8:30-12 & 1-4:30
Town of Randolph	130 Durand Road Randolph NH	03593	P: 466-5771 F: 466-9856	TownClerk@Randolph.nh.gov www.randolph.nh.gov	Selectmen's Secretary: M-Th 9-12; Town Clerk: M 9-11, W 7-9; Tax Collector: by appointment
Town of Shelburne	74 Village Road Shelburne NH	03581	P: 466-2262 F: 466-5271	townofshelburnenh@gmail.com www.shelburnenh.com	Administrative Assistant: Open daily by appointment; TC/TC: M 4-6, T 3-6:30, F 10-2
Stark Board of Selectmen	1189 Stark Highway Stark NH	03582	P: 636-2118 F: 636-6199	starktownof@myfairpoint.net www.townofstark.com	MTTh 8-4, W 8-12, closed Fri.
Town of Stewartstown	PO Box 119 W Stewartstown NH	03597	P: 246-3329 F: 246-3329	townofstewartstown@hotmail.com Not Available	Selectmen/Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 9-4 & 6-8, T 9-2, W-F 9-4
Town of Stratford	1956 US Route 3 PO Box 366 N Stratford NH	03590-0366	P: 922-5533 F: 922-3317	stratfordnh@gmail.com www.stratfordnh.org	Selectmen: M-Th 9-3:30; TC/TC: M 4-7, T 3-6, 1 st & 3 rd Sat. 9:30-12, other hours by appointment
Whitefield Economic Development Corp.	56 Littleton Road Whitefield NH	03598	P: 837-2551 F: 837-3148	townofwhitefield@ne.rr.com www.whitefieldnh.org	MWThF 9-4, T 9-6

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