

Bath, NH



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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 2
District 1
Grafton County District 1**

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 475 over 50 years, from 607 in 1970 to 1,082 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 25 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by half a percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Bath was 1,111 residents, which ranked 182nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 29.1 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.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$1,714,356	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023		\$3,068,833	
Zoning Ordinance		1989/17	
Master Plan		2007	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By			
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation		
Public Library	Bath Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Part-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Private	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Cottage Hospital, Woodsville		4 miles	35
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Bath Village Water Works	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		None	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Limited	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	unknown	
	Residential	unknown	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$20.10	
2022 Equalization Ratio		74.1	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.79	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		79.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		2.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		17.5%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		567	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		469	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		12	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		86	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,111		91,126
2020	1,077		91,118
2010	1,077		89,118
2000	895		81,826
1990	734		74,998
1980	761		65,806
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	545	Female	518
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			38
Age 5 to 19			172
Age 20 to 34			165
Age 35 to 54			183
Age 55 to 64			224
Age 65 and over			281
Median Age			49.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		834	
High school graduate or higher			91.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			32.4%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$33,859
Median family income			\$66,875
Median household income			\$60,813
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$52,768
Female			\$41,875
Individuals below the poverty level			7.3%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		537	525
Employed		510	507
Unemployed		27	18
Unemployment rate		5.0%	3.4%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		n	50
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$1,017
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		n	12
Average Weekly Wage		n	\$ 640
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		67	62
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 566	\$ 947
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		28	28
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 527	\$ 776
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		94	90
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 555	\$ 894
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)				
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	K 1-6				
Total Enrollment	61				

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Goddard (VT); Northern Vermont (VT); Dartmouth; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Plymouth State**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Britton Lumber	Sawmill	32	2016

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	1.2%
Public transportation	0.6%
Walked	4.7%
Other means	2.3%
Worked at home	4.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	13.4%
Commuting to another NH community	66.8%
Commuting out-of-state	19.8%

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
X Youth Sports: Soccer
Youth Sports: Football
X 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: