

Benton, 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 1
District 1
Grafton County Districts 3, 15

Incorporated: 1764

Origin: This community was first granted in 1764 as Coventry after the Connecticut home of many settlers, holding the name for over 75 years. In 1839, Governor Isaac Hill proposed renaming the town Benton in honor of Thomas Hart Benton, senator from Missouri. The town was incorporated as such in 1840. Senator Benton was known for championing Western expansion through establishment of express, railroad, navigation and telegraph interests. A prominent natural feature in Benton is Mount Moosilauke, a popular site for hikers.

Villages and Place Names: Boutin Corner, Coventry

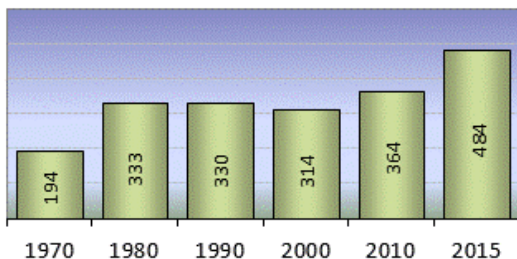
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 88 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Benton totaled 312 over 55 years, from 172 in 1960

to 484 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was 72 percent between 1970 and 1980, a numeric increase of 139. The 2015 Census estimate for Benton was 484 residents, which ranked 217th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 10.0 persons per square mile of land area. Benton contains 48.5 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014	\$138,000
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Zoning Ordinance	1976/86
Master Plan	Update in Progress
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning**
 Appointed:

Public Library **No Library**

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department	State Police	
Fire Department	Contracted out	
Emergency Medical Service	Private	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cottage Hospital, Woodsville	12 miles	25

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Private wells	
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	Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited	
Cable Television Access	Satellite only	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.68
2015 Equalization Ratio	99.1
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.19
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.0%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	200
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	162
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	0
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	38

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	484	89,341
2010	364	89,118
2000	314	81,826
1990	330	74,998
1980	333	65,806
1970	194	54,914

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	251	Female	233

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	19
Age 5 to 19	65
Age 20 to 34	58
Age 35 to 54	96
Age 55 to 64	96
Age 65 and over	150
Median Age	55.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	77.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	10.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	\$20,959
Median family income	\$52,000
Median household income	\$41,719

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$51,000
Female	\$35,625

Individuals below the poverty level	9.2%
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LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	112	145	
Employed	107	137	
Unemployed	5	8	
Unemployment rate	4.5%	5.5%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	0	n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	n	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	188	171	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 605	\$ 856	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	n	n	
Average Weekly Wage	n	n	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-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

Grade Levels

Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region; White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton; Plymouth State University**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Glenncliff Home for the Elderly	Nursing home	200	1971
Joe Boutin, Jr & Son	Logging & excavation	2	
Coventry Garage	Garage	1	1989
Elliott Construction	Construction	1	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access US Routes

 State Routes **112, 116**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91 (VT), Exit 17**

 Distance **13 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 **47 miles**

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **1**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH **95 miles**

Portland, Maine **112 miles**

Boston, Mass. **145 miles**

New York City, NY **307 miles**

Montreal, Quebec **179 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK

(ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van **79.2%**

Carpooled, car/truck/van **11.4%**

Public transportation **0.7%**

Walked **0.7%**

Other means **3.4%**

Worked at home **4.7%**

Mean Travel Time to Work **32.5 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence **10.1**

Commuting to another NH community **79.8**

Commuting out-of-state **10.1**

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

Tourist Attractions

Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

Youth Sports: Baseball

Youth Sports: Soccer

Youth Sports: Football

Youth Sports: Basketball

Youth Sports: Hockey

Campgrounds

X Fishing/Hunting

X Boating/Marinas

X Snowmobile Trails

Bicycle Trails

Cross Country Skiing

Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Loon & Cannon Mountains**

Other: **Hiking; White Mountain National Forest**