Benton, NH



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County Grafton

Labor Market Area Haverhill, NH LMA
Tourism Region White Mountains
Planning Commission North Country Council

Regional Development Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress District 2
Executive Council District 2
State Senate District 1

State Representative Grafton County District 5

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 171 over 50 years, from 194 in 1970 to 365 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 72 percent increase from 1970 to 1980; the town lost population over the next two decades. The town's population was unchanged from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Benton was 369 residents, which ranked 220th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 7.6 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 SERVICESPOPULATION (1-YEAR ESTINGType of GovernmentSelectmenBudget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023\$127,475		
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Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023 \$127.475 2022	Community	County
	369	91,126
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023 \$614,173 2020	374	91,118
Zoning Ordinance 2021 2010	364	89,118
	314	81,826
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Capital Improvement Plan No 1990	330	74,998
Industrial Plans Reviewed By 1980	333	65,806
Boards and Commissions Elected: Selectmen: Planning Population by Gender	AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY ((ACS) 2017-2021
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Appointed: Male 187	Female	186
Public Library No Library Population by Age Grou	ıp	
Under age 5		1
EMERGENCY SERVICES Age 5 to 19		24
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Police Department State Police Age 35 to 54		47
Fire Department Contracted out Age 55 to 64		132
Emergency Medical Service Woodsville Ambulance Age 65 and over		139
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Nearest Hospital(s) Distance Staffed Beds Median Age	b	2.3 years
Cottage Hospital, Woodsville 12 miles 35 Educational Attainment	t, population 25 years and ove	er: 340
High school graduate Bachelor's degree or	or higher	78.5% 16.8%
UTILITIES INCOME, INFLATION ADJUS	TED \$	(ACS 2017-2021)
Electric Supplier NH Electric Coop Per capita income		\$25,895
Natural Gas Supplier None Median family income		\$75,625
Water Supplier Private wells Median household income	ome	\$59,000
Sumuton Trivate Septie	ime, year-round workers	400.00
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant No Male		\$33,125
Solid Waste Disposal Female		\$31,250
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Curbside Trash Pickup Private Individuals below the r	overty level	
individuals below the p	poverty level	12.0%
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Grades K-12 are tuitioned to Haverhill Cooperative (Bath, Benton, Haverhill, Piermont, Schools students attend:

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 Grade Levels Total Enrollment

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region; White Mountains

Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	Product/Service	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Glenncliff Home NH DHHS	Nursing home	200	1971
Coventry Garage	Garage	1	1989
Elliott Construction	Construction	1	
Joe Boutin, Jr & Son	Logging & excavation	2	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

Transportation (distances estimated f	rom city/town hall)	RECRE	ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS
Road Access US Routes			Municipal Parks
State Routes	112, 116		YMCA/YWCA
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 17		Boys Club/Girls Club
Distance	13 miles		Golf Courses
Railroad	No		Swimming: Indoor Facility
Public Transportation	No		Swimming: Outdoor Facility
rubile transportation	NO		Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
Nearest Public Use Airport, General A	viation		Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Dean Memorial, Haverhill	Runway 2,500 ft. asphalt		Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids? No		Bowling Facilities
			Museums
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			Cinemas
Lebanon Municipal	Distance 47 miles		Performing Arts Facilities
Number of Passenger Airlines Servi	ng Airport 1		Tourist Attractions
Driving distance to select cities:			Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
Manchester, NH	95 miles		Youth Sports: Baseball
Portland, Maine	112 miles		Youth Sports: Soccer
Boston, Mass.	145 miles		Youth Sports: Football
New York City, NY	307 miles		Youth Sports: Basketball
Montreal, Quebec	179 miles		Youth Sports: Hockey
Montreal, Quebec	27363	.,	Campgrounds
COMMUTING TO WORK	(ACS 2017-2021)	X	Fishing/Hunting
Workers 16 years and over	(ACS 2017-2021)	X	Boating/Marinas
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.0%	X	Snowmobile Trails
Carpooled, car/truck/van	14.2%	X	Bicycle Trails
Public transportation	0.0%	X X	Cross Country Skiing
Walked	0.0%	Х	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Other means	7.5%		Overnight or Day Camps
Worked at home	3.3%		Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon & Cannon Mountains
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.4 minutes		Nearest Ski Area(s). Loon & Camion Mountains
Wealt Havel Hille to Work	27.4 Illillutes		Other: Hiking; White Mountain National Forest:
Percent of Working Residents			Mount Moosilauke; Black Mountain
Working in community of residence	32.5%		Would wooshauke, black wouldant
Commuting to another NH commur	nity 61.7 %		
Commuting out-of-state	5.8%		

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