

Bethlehem, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part
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 District s1, 14

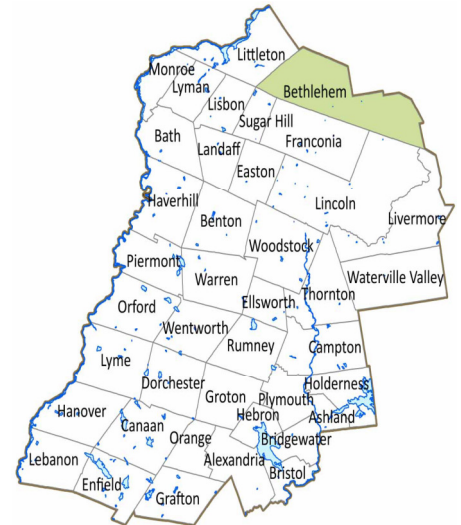
Incorporated: 1799

Origin: This community was first established in 1774 as Lloyd's Hills, the last of the provincial land grants. Probably because James Lloyd, for whom the town was named, was a loyalist, voters elected to change the name following the Revolution. The name Bethlehem was selected on the last Christmas Day in the century, and the town was so incorporated on December 27, 1799. According to the US Postal Service, Bethlehem is one of several US communities with holiday-themed names who have special holiday postmarks.

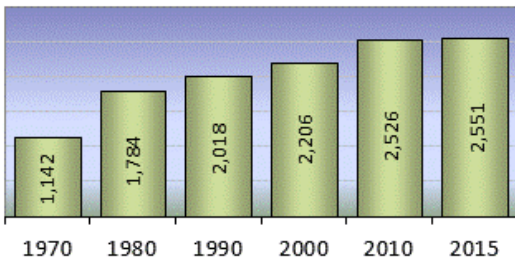
Villages and Place Names: Alderbrook, Five Corners, Maplewood, Pierce Bridge

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 171 residents in 1800

Population Trends: Population change for Bethlehem totaled 1,653 over 55 years, from 898 in 1960 to 2,551 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was between 1970 and 1980, when population increased by 56 percent. The 2015 Census estimate for Bethlehem was 2,551 residents, which ranked 120th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 28.1 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Richmond. Bethlehem contains 90.9 square miles of land area and 0.06 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$2,775,927
Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016	\$4,871,015
Zoning Ordinance	1972/11
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Planning; Zoning
Appointed:	Conservation

Public Library **Bethlehem Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Full-time Chief & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Littleton Regional, Littleton	8 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Littleton Water & Light	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Bethlehem Village District	
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No	
Recycling Program	Voluntary	
Telephone Company	Time Warner; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes	
Cable Television Access	Yes	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$29.62
2015 Equalization Ratio	97.5
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.48
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	82.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.2%

HOUSING *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Total Housing Units	1,526
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	984
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	177
Five or More Units in Structure	268
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	97

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2015	2,551	89,341
2010	2,526	89,118
2000	2,206	81,826
1990	2,018	74,998
1980	1,784	65,806
1970	1,142	54,914

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender	Male	Female
	1,206	1,345

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	119
Age 5 to 19	525
Age 20 to 34	319
Age 35 to 54	825
Age 55 to 64	420
Age 65 and over	343
Median Age	42.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	89.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	32.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2011-2015)*

Per capita income	\$27,853
Median family income	\$56,458
Median household income	\$49,329

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over

Male	\$43,447
Female	\$41,563

Individuals below the poverty level **19.7%**

LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMII)*

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	1,399	1,381
Employed	1,351	1,330
Unemployed	48	51
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMII)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	29	29
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 493	\$ 526
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	467	313
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 609	\$ 680
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	497	342
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 602	\$ 667
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	178	184
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 570	\$ 632
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	675	526
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 594	\$ 655

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Bethlehem operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are part of Profile Cooperative (Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill)** District: **SAU 35**

Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center** Region: **3**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	3
Grade Levels	K 1-6	7-8	9-12	1-12 PG
Total Enrollment	170	63	178	159

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: **1** Total Capacity: **15**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Profile Junior/Senior High School	Education	55	1976
White Mountain School	Education	54	
Bethlehem Elementary School	Education	35	
Pinetree Power Inc.	Electric plant	20	1988
Town of Bethlehem	Municipal services	15	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3, 302
	State Routes	18, 116, 142
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exits 39 - 40
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Twin Mountain	Runway	2,640 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	67 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		100 miles
Portland, Maine		105 miles
Boston, Mass.		151 miles
New York City, NY		344 miles
Montreal, Quebec		173 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	2.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.8%
Other means	2.3%
Worked at home	7.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	18.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
Working in community of residence	22.7
Commuting to another NH community	73.1
Commuting out-of-state	4.2

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
X	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	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
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Cannon Mountain, Bretton Woods
	Other: Antiques; The Rocks Tree Farm; Hiking; Moutain Biking; Bretz Fielder Park