

Bethlehem, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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Grafton

Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part
White Mountains
North Country Council
Grafton County Economic Development Council

District 2

District 2

District 1

Grafton County District 2

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 1,353 over 50 years, from 1,142 in 1970 to 2,495 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 56 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by one percent from 2010 to 2020, the only decrease in five decades. The 2022 Census estimate for Bethlehem was 2,552 residents, which ranked 123rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 28.1 persons per square mile of land area. Bethlehem contains 90.9 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$3,370,220	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$6,670,000	
Zoning Ordinance		1972/23	
Master Plan		2016	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning		
Appointed:	Conservation; Library; Energy Commission; Transfer Station Committee		
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; Consolidated Communications		
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$23.89	
2022 Equalization Ratio		55.0	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.07	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		78.7%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		17.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		3.5%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		1,370	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,138	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		84	
Five or More Units in Structure		75	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		73	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	2,552		91,126
2020	2,484		91,118
2010	2,526		89,118
2000	2,206		81,826
1990	2,018		74,998
1980	1,784		65,806
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	1,081	Female	1,437
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		69	
Age 5 to 19		316	
Age 20 to 34		279	
Age 35 to 54		731	
Age 55 to 64		552	
Age 65 and over		571	
Median Age		53.2 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		2,046	
High school graduate or higher		97.4%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		37.7%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$34,438	
Median family income		\$79,236	
Median household income		\$68,929	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$53,661	
Female		\$43,403	
Individuals below the poverty level		8.5%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		1,416	1,490
Employed		1,342	1,454
Unemployed		74	36
Unemployment rate		5.2%	2.4%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		13	95
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 559	\$ 667
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		345	326
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 661	\$ 833
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		357	420
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 658	\$ 796
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		187	166
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 591	\$ 821
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		545	586
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 635	\$ 803
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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 (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	K 1-12
Total Enrollment	151	64	146	134

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; Northern VT - Lyndon (VT)**

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

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **36**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Rek-Lis Brewery	Brewery/restaurant	60	2018
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	
Ice cream store		30	

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 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	69.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.8%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	4.1%
Other means	0.9%
Worked at home	20.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	34.9%
Commuting to another NH community	58.9%
Commuting out-of-state	6.2%

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**