

Coös County

County Offices

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County Services: Administration Coös County Nursing Home (Berlin); Coös County Nursing Hospital (West Stewartstown); Coös County Conservation District; County Attorney; Department of Corrections; Registry of Deeds; Sheriff's Department; Victim/Witness Program; Unincorporated Places

UNH Cooperative Extension
<https://extension.unh.edu/facility/coos-county-office>

Coös County covers the top fifth of the state, sharing a 71-mile straight border with Maine to the east, an 85-mile border with Vermont to the west, and a 58-mile border with Canada to the north. Established in 1803, the county was named after the Indian word 'cowass' or 'kohass,' meaning 'crooked river' because of the bend in the Connecticut River. The White Mountain National Forest and Nash Stream State Forest cover a sizable portion of the county.

Coös County contains 1,794.6 square miles of land area and 35.7 square miles of inland water area. As of the 2023 Census, the population density was 17.5 persons per square mile. Coös County includes one city, Berlin, 19 towns, and 23 unincorporated places, 16 of which were unpopulated as of the 2023 Census. The county seat is Lancaster.



COUNTY POPULATION

2023	2020	2010	2000	1990
31,372	31,227	33,055	33,111	34,828

Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial/Annual Population Estimates

DEMOGRAPHICS

By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	16,612	14,774
18 years and over	13,989	12,367
65 years and over	3,835	4,080
Median Age (years)	48.0	52.0

By Age Group:		
Under age 5		1,176
Age 5 to 19		4,327
Age 20 to 34		4,783
Age 35 to 54		7,679
Age 55 to 64		5,506
Age 65 and over		7,915

Median Age (years) 49.9

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	2013	2023
Civilian Labor Force	15,968	14,215
Employed	14,970	13,839
Unemployed	998	376
Unemployment Rate	6.3%	2.6%

2023 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town

Berlin	2.9%	Lancaster	1.9%
Carroll	2.8%	Milan	2.3%
Clarksville	3.7%	Northumberland	2.7%
Colebrook	3.1%	Pittsburg	3.0%
Columbia	2.9%	Randolph	3.5%
Dalton	1.9%	Shelburne	2.3%
Dummer	2.9%	Stark	3.6%
Errol	3.9%	Stewartstown	3.7%
Gorham	2.6%	Stratford	3.6%
Jefferson	1.9%	Whitefield	2.0%

Source: NHES/ELMIB

Due to differing methodologies, 1-Year Population Estimates and 5-Year Average ACS Demographics data may not match.

LARGEST BUSINESSES	COMMUNITY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Mount Washington Hotel	Carroll	Hotel, restaurant, golf, etc.	350
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	Berlin	Health care services	341
Weeks Memorial Hospital	Lancaster	Health care services	320
Bretton Woods Ski Area	Carroll	Ski area	300
Federal Correctional Institution (FCI Berlin)	Berlin	Federal prison	229
Wal-Mart	Gorham	Retail store	210
Mountain View Grand	Whitefield	Hotel	200
Santa's Village	Jefferson	Seasonal amusement	200
Northern NH Correctional Facility	Berlin	Correctional facility	171
Berlin City Auto Group	Gorham	Car sales, service	156
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	Colebrook	Health care services	143
City of Berlin School System - SAU #3	Berlin	Education	132
White Mountain Regional High School	Whitefield	Education	122
Country Village Health Care	Lancaster	Health care services	112
City of Berlin	Berlin	Municipal services	107
Morrison Nursing Home	Whitefield	Nursing home	97
Northern Human Services	Berlin	Behavioral health services	96
Colebrook School District	Colebrook	Education	90
Coös County Family Health Services	Berlin	Health services	88
Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services	Berlin	Home care	83
Town of Gorham	Gorham	Municipal services	78
Family Resource Center	Gorham	Human services	71
Lancaster School	Lancaster	Education	70
Northway Bank	Berlin	Banking services	67
White Mountain Paper Co	Gorham	Manufacturing	65
NSA Industries	Northumberland	Machining, metal fabrication	60
Pak Solutions	Lancaster	Four color shopping bags	53
State Department of Transportation	Carroll	State police, highway maintenance	50
Milan Lumber	Milan	Saw mill lumber	48
Shaw's Supermarket	Lancaster	Supermarket	48

Source: Employer data were provided by individual municipalities; not all municipalities provided data.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT & WAGES – ANNUAL AVERAGES			
	2013	2023	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	12,515	11,853	
Average Weekly Wage	\$667	\$996	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	9,564	9,122	
Average Weekly Wage	\$648	\$982	
Private Goods-Producing Establishments			
Average Employment	1,649	1,329	
Average Weekly Wage	\$856	\$1,334	
Private Service-Providing Establishments			
Average Employment	7,915	7,793	
Average Weekly Wage	\$604	\$922	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	2,952	2,731	
Average Weekly Wage	\$731	\$1,041	

Source: NHES/ELMIB. 'n' = data do not meet disclosures standards.
Data represent workers covered by unemployment insurance.

INCOME AND POVERTY	
Per Capita Income	\$36,850
Median Family Income	\$82,200
Median Household Income	\$58,439
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	
Male	\$52,102
Female	\$43,770
Percent of individuals below the poverty level	12.9%
Persons under 18 years of age	16.8%
Persons 65 years of age or older	9.8%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-year Estimates 2019-2023

NEAREST HOSPITALS	STAFFED BEDS
Androscoggin Valley, Berlin	25
Littleton Regional, Littleton	25
Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook	16
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	25

Source: NH Hospital Association

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population, age 25 and over	24,497
Less than 9th grade	772
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,792
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	9,490
Some college, no degree	4,579
Associate's degree	2,923
Bachelor's degree	3,160
Graduate or professional degree	1,781

Percent of age 25 and over population:

High school graduate or higher	89.5%
With a Bachelor's degree or higher	20.2%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

School Districts Serving Coös County Municipalities

- Berlin (grades K-12)
- White Mountains Regional: Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield (grades K-12)
- Colebrook (grades K-12)
- Errol (grades K-8)
- Gorham-Randolph-Shelburne Cooperative: Gorham, Randolph, Shelburne (grades K-8)
- Milan (grades K-6)
- Northumberland (grades K-12)
- Pittsburg (grades K-12)
- Stark (grades K-6)
- Stewartstown (grades K-8)
- Stratford (grades K-8)

Career Technology Centers

Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center
Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton)
White Mountains Regional High School (Whitefield)
Canaan Career Center (Canaan VT)

HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

Nearest Community College

White Mountains Community College

Nearest Colleges and Universities

Plymouth State University
Granite State College (online)
Lyndon State College (Lyndon, VT)
Bishop's University (Lennoxville, QC)
Champlain College (Lennoxville, QC)

Source: NH Department of Education

NH LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS, 2023

Total Licensed Facilities	12
Total Capacity	487

Source: NH DHHS, Bureau of Child Care Licensing

COMMUTING TO WORK

Total Workers, 16 years and over	13,930
Car, truck or van: drove alone	10,686
Car, truck or van: carpooled	1,370
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	20
Walked	378
Other means	338
Worked at home	1,138
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.8

Percent of working residents who:

Work in county of residence	79.5%
Commute to some other NH county	15.6%
Commute out of the state or the country	4.9%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	US Routes	2, 3, 302
	State Routes	16, 26, 110, 110A, 110B, 115, 115A, 116, 135, 142, 145

Nearest Interstate/Exits

I-93, Exits 35, 36 (Franconia), Exit 40 (Bethlehem),
Exits 41, 43 (Littleton)
I-91 Exit 28 (Derby VT)
Aut-55, Exit 21 (Ayer's Cliff, QC)

Nearest Airport(s) with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines
Lebanon Municipal	1
Portland International (Maine)	9

Source: Local mapping data

HOUSING UNITS

Total Housing Units	20,589
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	14,455
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,654
Five or More Units in Structure	1,349
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,131

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2019-2023

CURRENT HOUSING MARKET

New Hampshire Association of Realtors¹

YTD Dec 2023 Median Sale Price, Residential	\$230,000
YTD Dec 2023 Average Days on Market Until Sale	58

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey²

2023 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom	\$1,103
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Source: see footnotes

2023 LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY PROPERTY TYPE

Property Type	Share of Total Valuation
Residential Land and Buildings	71.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	14.1%

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

PROPERTY TAX RATES, 2023

Town	Total Tax Rate per \$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate per \$1000
Berlin	\$26.90	90.4	\$23.98
Carrroll	\$12.33	85.6	\$10.53
Clarksville	\$18.92	46.8	\$8.85
Colebrook	\$31.66	52.2	\$16.44
Columbia	\$16.84	54.3	\$8.89
Dalton	\$14.75	88.4	\$12.99
Dummer	\$18.10	52.2	\$8.86
Errol	\$9.56	95.4	\$9.03
Gorham	\$24.55	87.0	\$21.11
Jefferson	\$17.94	66.5	\$11.86
Lancaster	\$17.31	97.8	\$16.84
Milan	\$21.82	67.4	\$14.50
Northumberland	\$21.38	88.6	\$18.54
Pittsburg	\$9.60	96.3	\$9.22
Randolph	\$19.54	58.1	\$11.18
Shelburne	\$17.61	69.6	\$11.94
Stark	\$20.72	48.0	\$9.81
Stewartstown	\$14.68	101.5	\$14.79
Stratford	\$19.11	52.1	\$9.75
Whitefield	\$25.89	58.3	\$15.00

Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration

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² Source: 2023 NH Residential Rental Cost Survey, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. Copyright NHHFA 2023. <www.nhfa.org>

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Coös County Community Contacts

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Town of Carroll
 PO Box 146
 Twin Mountain NH 03595
 603-846-5754
 selectmen@townofcarroll.org
 www.carrollnh.org
 Selectmen: MTWTh 8-3, F closed to public;
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector: M 8:30-3 & 6-8,
 T-F 8:30-3

Town of Clarksville
 408 NH Route 145
 Clarksville NH 03592
 603-246-7751
 twnc Clark@yahoo.com
 not available
 Selectmen: meet every other M at 5;
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector: MW 1-5, TTh 9-5,
 closed Friday

Town of Colebrook
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 Colebrook NH 03576
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 Town Clerk: M-Th 8-3:30, F 8-1

Columbia Board of Selectmen
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 Colebrook NH 03576
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 towncolumbia@myfairpoint.net
 www.columbianh.org
 Selectmen's Assist./Town Clerk: M-Th 10-4;
 Tax Collector: 2nd & 4th Sat. 10-12

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 Dalton NH 03598
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Town of Dummer
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 Dummer NH 03588
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office hours Admin. Assistant: M-Th 8:30-12:30;
 Town Clerk/Tax Collector: T 8-6,
 W 11:30-5:30

Town of Errol
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 Errol NH 03579-0100
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 hours M to 6

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