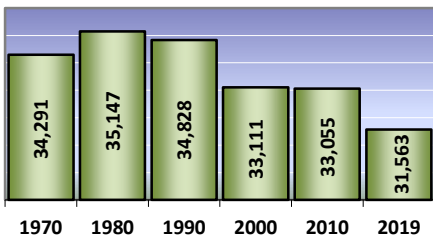


Coös County

Coös County covers the top fifth of New Hampshire, 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, when it was separated from Grafton County, 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 1,795.0 square miles of land area and 35.1 square miles of inland water area. Based on the 2010 Census population, the population density is 18.4 persons per square mile. Coös County includes one city, Berlin, 19 towns, and 23 unincorporated places, 16 of which are unpopulated. The county seat is Lancaster.

Population Trends: Coös County claimed the smallest population among New Hampshire's ten counties in 2019, and has held that position since the 1990 Census. Prior to 1980, Belknap, Carroll, and Sullivan Counties all had fewer residents. Population in Coös County grew between 1950 and 1960, then experienced its greatest loss of population between 1960 and 1970, decreasing by 7.7 percent. After a small gain between 1970 and 1980, the county decreased in population over the next three decades. In 2019, the population dropped by 1,492 residents from 2010.



Population (1-Year Population Estimates, US Census Bureau)				
2019	2010	2000	1990	1980
31,563	33,055	33,111	34,828	35,147

Demographics (2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)		
By Gender:		
	Male	Female
Total	16,723	15,018
18 years and over	14,017	12,478
65 years and over	3,490	3,830
Median Age (years)	46.3	50.4
By Age Group:		
	Under age 5	1,269
	Age 5 to 19	4,536
	Age 20 to 34	5,097
	Age 35 to 54	8,086
	Age 55 to 64	5,433
	Age 65 and over	7,320
	Median Age (years)	48.2

Labor Force (NHES-ELMI)		
	2009	2019
Annual Average		
Civilian Labor Force	16,390	14,740
Employed	15,090	14,270
Unemployed	1,300	470
Unemployment Rate	7.9%	3.2%

2019 Annual Average Unemployment Rate by Town

Berlin	3.8%	Lancaster	2.3%
Carroll	2.8%	Milan	3.6%
Clarksville	3.5%	Northumberland	3.3%
Colebrook	2.9%	Pittsburg	2.6%
Columbia	3.1%	Randolph	4.1%
Dalton	3.5%	Shelburne	2.2%
Dummer	3.5%	Stark	3.1%
Errol	3.7%	Stewartstown	2.9%
Gorham	3.4%	Stratford	5.5%
Jefferson	2.5%	Whitefield	2.3%

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
Berlin City Auto Group	Gorham	Car sales, service	243
Wal-Mart	Gorham	Retail store	242
Federal Correctional Institution (FCI Berlin)	Berlin	Federal prison	229
Santa's Village	Jefferson	Seasonal amusement	200
Mountain View Grand	Whitefield	Hotel	200
Northern NH Correctional Facility	Berlin	Correctional facility	171
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
Gorham Paper & Tissue, LLC	Gorham	Manufacturing	105
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
Family Resource Center	Gorham	Human services	73
Lancaster School	Lancaster	Education	70
Northway Bank	Berlin	Banking services	67
NSA Industries	Northumberland	Precision machining, metal fabrication, powder coating	60
Town of Gorham	Gorham	Municipal services	53
Pak Solutions	Lancaster	Four color shopping bags	53
Perras Ace	Northumberland	Hardware store	50
Ocean State Job Lots	Northumberland	Department store	50
State Department of Transportation	Carroll	State police, highway maintenance	50

Note: All employer information, including number of employees, was provided by the individual communities.

Covered Employment & Wages			(NHES-ELMI)		Commuting to Work			(2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	<i>Workers, 16 years and over</i>			13,972			
Goods Producing Industries			Car, truck or van: drove alone			10,660			
Average Employment	156	1,304	Car, truck or van: carpoled			1,525			
Average Weekly Wage	\$751	\$914	Public transportation (excluding taxi)			26			
Service Providing Industries			Walked			341			
Average Employment	8,414	1,304	Other means			388			
Average Weekly Wage	\$560	\$706	Worked at home			1,032			
Total Private Industry			Mean travel time to work (minutes)			21.4			
Average Employment	10,134	9,226	Percent of working residents:						
Average Weekly Wage	\$593	\$735	Working in county of residence			80.8%			
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			Commuting to some other NH county			14.3%			
Average Employment	2,868	2,857	Commuting out-of-state/country			4.9%			
Average Weekly Wage	\$669	\$868	Transportation						
Total, Private Industry plus Government			Road Access			US Routes 2; 3; 302			
Average Employment	13,002	12,083	State Routes			16; 26; 110; 110A; 110B; 115; 115A; 116; 135; 142; 145			
Average Weekly Wage	\$610	\$767	Nearest Interstates			I-93, Exits 35 or 36 (Franconia), Exits 40, 41 or 43 (Littleton); I-91, Exit 28 (Derby, Vermont); Aut-55 (Quebec), Exit 21			
Income	(2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)		Nearest Airports with Scheduled Service			Passenger Airlines			
Per Capita Income		\$27,393	Lebanon Municipal			1			
Median Family Income		\$63,096	Portland (Maine) International			9			
Median Household Income		\$47,117							
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	Male	\$44,431							
	Female	\$36,877							
Individuals below poverty level		12.5%							

Educational Attainment (2015-2019 5-Year Average, ACS)

Population, Age 25 and Over	24,304
Less than 9th grade	1,022
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,932
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	9,474
Some college, no degree	4,858
Associate's degree	2,584
Bachelor's degree	2,917
Graduate or professional degree	1,517
Percent high school graduates or higher	87.8%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	18.2%

Educational and Child Care Facilities*School Districts in Coös County municipalities:*

▪ Berlin (Grades K-12)	▪ Gorham-Randolph-Shelburne Cooperative—Gorham, Randolph, Shelburne (Grades K-12)
▪ Colebrook (Grades K-12)	
▪ Errol (Grades K-8)	
▪ Milan (Grades K-6)	
▪ Northumberland (Grades K-12)	▪ White Mountains Regional – Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield (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 (Berlin)
 Hugh Gallen Regional Career & Technical Center (Littleton)
 White Mountains Regional High School - CTE (Whitefield)
 Canaan Career Center (VT)

Nearest Community College: White Mountains, Berlin

Nearest Colleges/Universities:

Granite State College (Berlin or Littleton); Plymouth State University; Lyndon State (Vermont); Bishop's University (Quebec)

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2020

(NH Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 19 Total Capacity: 858

Nearest Hospitals (NH Hospital Assoc.) Staffed Beds

Androscoggin Valley, Berlin	25
Littleton Regional, Littleton	25
Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook	12
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	25

Housing (2015-2019 5-year Average, ACS)

Total Housing Units	21,594
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	14,811
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	3,056
Five or More Units in Structure	1,365
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,362

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YTD 2020 Median Sale Price, Residential \$132,500

NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey**

2020 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom \$888

Property Tax Rates, 2019 (NH Dept. of Revenue Admin.)

Town	Total Tax Rate/\$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate/\$1000
Berlin	\$39.82	89.5	\$31.77
Carroll	\$20.00	85.9	\$17.06
Clarksville	\$15.55	82.8	\$12.01
Colebrook	\$30.13	98.0	\$29.34
Columbia	\$18.92	79.5	\$14.53
Dalton	\$23.86	83.9	\$18.53
Dummer	\$14.16	99.9	\$14.30
Errol	\$13.43	101.6	\$13.15
Gorham	\$33.77	92.4	\$30.58
Jefferson	\$21.99	87.0	\$18.87
Lancaster	\$24.90	93.4	\$22.88
Milan	\$23.69	91.3	\$21.18
Northumberland	\$32.44	91.3	\$28.59
Pittsburg	\$16.00	88.9	\$13.98
Randolph	\$14.80	101.6	\$14.50
Shelburne	\$15.44	110.0	\$16.04
Stark	\$18.07	99.6	\$17.36
Stewartstown	\$23.58	96.1	\$22.25
Stratford	\$25.74	89.4	\$22.04
Whitefield	\$24.04	98.2	\$23.17

2019 Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type, County Totals

Residential Land and Buildings	68.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	17.9%

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Town of Carroll	PO Box 146 Twin Mountain NH	03595	P: 846-5754 F: 846-5713	selectmen@townofcarroll.org www.townofcarroll.org	Selectmen: MTThF 8-3, W closed to public; TC/TC: M 8:30-3 & 6-8, T-Th 8:30-3, closed F
Town of Clarksville	408 NH Route 145 Clarksville NH	03592	P: 246-7751 F: 246-3480	twnc Clark@yahoo.com Not Available	Selectmen meet every other Monday 5pm; TC/TC: MW 1-5, TTh 9-5, closed F
Town of Colebrook	17 Bridge Street Colebrook NH	03576	P: 237-4142 F: 237-5069	mmathieu@colebrooknh.org www.colebrooknh.org	M-F 8-4; Town Clerk: M-Th 8-3:30, F 8-1
Columbia Board of Selectmen	PO Box 157 Colebrook NH	03576	P: 237-5255 F: 237-8270	towncolumbia@myfairpoint.net www.columbianh.org	M-F 10-4
Town of Dalton	756 Dalton Road Dalton NH	03598	P: 837-7027 F: 837-9642	selectmen@townofdalton.com http://townofdalton.com	Selectmen Mtg every other M 6:30; Town Clerk: MTW 8-2, Th 10-5
Town of Dummer	75 Hill Road Dummer NH	03588	P: 449-2468 F: 449-2315	townofdummer@gmail.com www.dummernh.com	Selectmen's Office: M-Th 8:30-12:30; TC/TC: T-Th 12-6
Town of Errol	33 Main Street, PO Box 100 Errol NH	03579-0100	P: 482-3351 F: 482-3804	errolhselectmen@gmail.com Not Available	Selectmen: M-Th 8:30-1:30; TC/TC: M 9-11, T 5-7:30, Th 8:30-11
Town of Gorham	20 Park Street Gorham NH	03581	P: 466-3322 F: 466-2463	townmgr@gorhamnh.org www.gorhamnh.org	M-F 8:30-4:30
Town of Jefferson	PO Box 81 Jefferson NH	03583	P: 586-4553 Not Available	townofjefferson@myfairpoint.net www.jeffersonnh.org	Selectmen Office: M-Th 7:30-12, 12:30-3:30, F 7:30-12; TClrk: M 1:30-4:30, T 9-11:30, Th 3-7
Town of Lancaster	25 Main Street Lancaster NH	03584	P: 788-3391 F: 788-2114	info@lancasternh.org www.lancasternh.org	M-Th 8:30-5, F 8:30-4:30
Milan Board of Selectmen	PO Box 300 Milan NH	03588	P: 449-2484 F: 449-2142	townofmilan@gmail.com www.townofmilan.org	Selectmen: M 7-3 & 6-7, TWTh 7-3; TC/TC: M-Th 8-1, 2-7
Town of Northumberland	19 Main Street Groveton NH	03582	P: 636-1450 F: 636-6098	b.craggy@northumberlandnh.org www.northumberlandnh.weebly.com	Selectmen's Office: MTWF 8-4, Th 8-12; TC/TC: MTWF 8-4, Th 8-12, last day of month 8-12 noon
Town of Pittsburg	1526 Main Street Pittsburg NH	03592	P: 538-6697 F: 538-6706	townoffice@pittsburg-nh.com www.pittsburg-nh.com	M-F 8:30-12, 1-4:30
Town of Randolph	130 Durand Road Randolph NH	03593	P: 466-5771 F: 466-9856	TownClerk@Randolph.nh.gov www.randolph.nh.gov	Selectmen/Assessors/Treasurer: M-F 8:30-12:30; TClrk: W 8-10, 7-9; TClctr: by appointment
Town of Shelburne	74 Village Road Shelburne NH	03581	P: 466-2262 F: 466-5271	townofshelburnenh@gmail.com www.townofshelburnenh.com	Town Hall: M-Th 11-5; Admin Assist: Open Fri by appointment; TC/TC: T 12-6, W 10-2
Stark Board of Selectmen	1189 Stark Highway Stark NH	03582	P: 636-2118 F: 636-6199	starktownof@myfairpoint.net http://townofstark.com	Selectmen: MTTh 8-4, W 8-12; TClrk: TTh 8-3:45; TClctr: Th 9-4, closed Fri
Town of Stewartstown	PO Box 119 W Stewartstown NH	03597	P: 246-3329 F: 246-3329	townofstewartstown@hotmail.com Not Available	Selectmen/TC/TC: M 9-4, T 9-2, WThF 9-4; Selectmen extended hours Mon until 6 pm
Town of Stratford	1956 US Route 3, PO Box 366 N Stratford NH	03590-0366	P: 922-5533 F: 922-3317	stratfordnh@gmail.com www.stratfordnh.org	Selectmen: M-Th 9-3:30; TC/TC: T 12-6, W 1-7, 1st Sat 9:30-12, other hours by appointment
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