

# Bath, NH



## Community Contact

### Town of Bath

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Administrative Assistant: Monday to Thursday, 8:30-12 and 1-4:30, Friday, 8:30-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8-12 and 1-4, Tuesday, 8-6, Friday, 8-12**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Grafton**  
**Haverhill, NH LMA**  
**White Mountains**  
**North Country Council**  
**Grafton County Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 2**  
**District 1**  
**Grafton County District 1**

**Incorporated:** 1761

**Origin:** The Bath town charter, granted in 1761, set aside land in equal shares for 68 families, with a church and a school. The town was named for a prominent English statesman, William Pulteney, first Earl of Bath, who served as Secretary of War and was known as one of the best orators in Parliament. Bath was one of the 16 towns involved in a protracted border dispute with the independent state of Vermont, before it was admitted to the Union in 1791. The town has three covered bridges crossing the Ammonoosuc River that were built in the early 1800's.

**Villages and Place Names:** Nutter, Pettyboro, Swiftwater, Upper Village, West Bath

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 493 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Bath totaled 475 over 50 years, from 607 in 1970 to 1,082 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 25 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population grew by half a percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2021 Census estimate for Bath was 1,096 residents, which ranked 181st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau):** 28.7 persons per square mile of land area. Bath contains 38.2 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, April 2023. Community Response Received **6/02/2022**

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**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Type of Government                       | <b>Selectmen</b>   |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022   | <b>\$1,426,589</b> |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022 | <b>\$3,016,687</b> |
| Zoning Ordinance                         | <b>1989/17</b>     |
| Master Plan                              | <b>2007</b>        |
| Capital Improvement Plan                 | <b>No</b>          |
| Industrial Plans Reviewed By             |                    |

## Boards and Commissions

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Elected:  | <b>Selectmen; Library; Cemetery</b>   |
| Appointed | <b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation</b> |

Public Library **Bath Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

|                           |                  |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Police Department         | <b>Part-time</b> |
| Fire Department           | <b>Volunteer</b> |
| Emergency Medical Service | <b>Private</b>   |

|                                     |                |              |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Nearest Hospital(s)                 | Distance       | Staffed Beds |
| <b>Cottage Hospital, Woodsville</b> | <b>4 miles</b> | <b>35</b>    |

**UTILITIES**

|                                      |  |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| Electric Supplier                    | <b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b> |
| Natural Gas Supplier                 | <b>None</b>                                |
| Water Supplier                       | <b>Bath Village Water Works</b>            |
| Sanitation                           | <b>Private septic</b>                      |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | <b>No</b>                                  |
| Solid Waste Disposal                 |  |
| Curbside Trash Pickup                | <b>Private</b>                             |
| Pay-As-You-Throw Program             | <b>No</b>                                  |
| Recycling Program                    | <b>None</b>                                |

|                                  |                                    |                |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Telephone Company                | <b>Consolidated Communications</b> |                |
| Cellular Telephone Access        | <b>Limited</b>                     |                |
| Cable Television Access          | <b>Limited</b>                     |                |
| Public Access Television Station | <b>No</b>                          |                |
| High Speed Internet:             | Business                           | <b>unknown</b> |
|                                  | Residential                        | <b>unknown</b> |

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

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| 2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)      | <b>\$20.08</b> |
| 2021 Equalization Ratio                        | <b>93.2</b>    |
| 2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | <b>\$17.56</b> |

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| 2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type |              |
| Residential Land and Buildings                            | <b>80.4%</b> |
| Commercial Land and Buildings                             | <b>2.8%</b>  |
| Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other                  | <b>16.8%</b> |

**HOUSING** (ACS 2017-2021)

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Total Housing Units                       | <b>567</b> |
| Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | <b>469</b> |
| Units in Multiple-Family Structures:      |            |
| Two to Four Units in Structure            | <b>12</b>  |
| Five or More Units in Structure           | <b>0</b>   |
| Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units      | <b>86</b>  |

**POPULATION** (Decennial Census/ACS 2017-2021)

|                  |              |               |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Total Population | Community    | County        |
| 2021             | <b>1,063</b> | <b>91,025</b> |
| 2020             | <b>1,077</b> | <b>91,118</b> |
| 2010             | <b>1,077</b> | <b>89,118</b> |
| 2000             | <b>895</b>   | <b>81,826</b> |
| 1990             | <b>734</b>   | <b>74,998</b> |

**DEMOGRAPHICS** (ACS 2017-2021)

|                                |            |        |                   |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------|-------------------|
| Population by Gender           |            |        |                   |
| Male                           | <b>545</b> | Female | <b>518</b>        |
| Population by Age Group        |            |        |                   |
| Under age 5                    |            |        | <b>38</b>         |
| Age 5 to 19                    |            |        | <b>172</b>        |
| Age 20 to 34                   |            |        | <b>165</b>        |
| Age 35 to 54                   |            |        | <b>183</b>        |
| Age 55 to 64                   |            |        | <b>224</b>        |
| Age 65 and over                |            |        | <b>281</b>        |
| Median Age                     |            |        | <b>49.8 years</b> |
| Educational Attainment         |            |        |                   |
| Population age 25 or older     |            |        | <b>834</b>        |
| High school graduate or higher |            |        | <b>91.2%</b>      |
| Bachelor's degree or higher    |            |        | <b>32.4%</b>      |

**INCOME, INFLATION-ADJUSTED** (ACS 2017-2021)

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Per capita income                              | <b>\$33,859</b> |
| Median family income                           | <b>\$66,875</b> |
| Median household income                        | <b>\$60,813</b> |
| Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers |                 |
| Male   | <b>\$52,768</b> |
| Female   | <b>\$41,875</b> |
| Percent of individuals below poverty level     | <b>7.3%</b>     |

**LABOR FORCE** (NHES – ELMI)

|                      |             |             |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Annual Average       | 2011        | 2021        |
| Civilian labor force | <b>529</b>  | <b>530</b>  |
| Employed             | <b>506</b>  | <b>511</b>  |
| Unemployed           | <b>23</b>   | <b>19</b>   |
| Unemployment rate    | <b>4.3%</b> | <b>3.6%</b> |

**EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES** (NHES – ELMI)

|   |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Annual Average Covered Employment       | 2011          | 2021          |
| Total, Private Industry plus Government |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>104</b>    | <b>n</b>      |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$ 537</b> | <b>n</b>      |
| Total Private Industry                  |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>77</b>     | <b>n</b>      |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$ 543</b> | <b>n</b>      |
| Goods-Producing Industries              |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>n</b>      | <b>n</b>      |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>n</b>      | <b>n</b>      |
| Service-Providing Industries            |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>n</b>      | <b>n</b>      |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>n</b>      | <b>n</b>      |
| Government (Federal, State, and Local)  |               |               |
| Average Employment                      | <b>28</b>     | <b>26</b>     |
| Average Weekly Wage                     | <b>\$ 519</b> | <b>\$ 814</b> |

n = data do not meet disclosure standards

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Department of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Bath operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Haverhill Cooperative** District: **SAU 23**  
**(Bath, Benton, Haverhill, Piermont, Warren)**

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                                 | 1          |                    |             |                   |
| Grade Levels                                      | K 1-6      |                    |             |                   |
| Total Enrollment                                  | 69         |                    |             |                   |

Nearest NH Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities (*with a physical campus*): **Northern Vermont (VT); Dartmouth; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Plymouth State**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2021 (*DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing*) Total Facilities: Capacity:

| <b>BUSINESSES</b> ( <i>provided by municipality</i> ) | <b>PRODUCT OR SERVICE</b> | <b>EMPLOYEES</b> | <b>ESTABLISHED</b> |
|---|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Britton Lumber  | Sawmill                   | 32               | 2016               |

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distance estimated from city/town hall*)

|   |                           |                          |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Road Access                                       | US Routes                 | <b>302</b>               |
|   | State Routes              | <b>10, 112, 135</b>      |
| Nearest Interstate/Exit                           | <b>I-91 (VT), Exit 17</b> |                          |
|   | Distance                  | <b>8 miles</b>           |
| Railroad  |                           | <b>No</b>                |
| Public Transportation                             |                           | <b>No</b>                |
| Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation      |                           |                          |
| <b>Dean Memorial, Haverhill</b>                   | Runway                    | <b>2,500 ft. asphalt</b> |
| Lighted? <b>Yes</b>                               | Navigation Aids?          | <b>No</b>                |
| Nearest Commercial Airport with Scheduled Service |                           |                          |
| <b>Lebanon Municipal</b>                          | Distance                  | <b>51 miles</b>          |
| Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport      |                           | <b>1</b>                 |
| Driving distance to select cities:                |                           |                          |
| Manchester, New Hampshire                         |                           | <b>102 miles</b>         |
| Portland, Maine                                   |                           | <b>121 miles</b>         |
| Boston, Massachusetts                             |                           | <b>152 miles</b>         |
| New York City, New York                           |                           | <b>311 miles</b>         |
| Montreal, Quebec, Canada                          |                           | <b>176 miles</b>         |

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2017-2021*)

|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Workers 16 years of age and over: | <b>486</b>          |
| Drove alone, car/truck/van        | <b>87.0%</b>        |
| Carpooled, car/truck/van          | <b>1.2%</b>         |
| Used public transportation        | <b>0.6%</b>         |
| Walked                            | <b>4.7%</b>         |
| Traveled by other means           | <b>2.3%</b>         |
| Worked at home                    | <b>4.1%</b>         |
| Mean Travel Time to Work          | <b>25.0 minutes</b> |
| Percent of Working Residents Who: |                     |
| Work in community of residence    | <b>13.4%</b>        |
| Commute to other NH community     | <b>66.8%</b>        |
| Commute out-of-state              | <b>19.8%</b>        |

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS**

|   |
|---|
| Municipal Parks                         |
| YMCA/YWCA                               |
| Boys Club/Girls Club                    |
| Golf Courses                            |
| Swimming: Indoor Facility               |
| Swimming: Outdoor Facility              |
| Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility          |
| Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility         |
| Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility       |
| Bowling Facilities                      |
| Museums                                 |
| Cinemas                                 |
| Performing Arts Facilities              |
| <b>X</b> Tourist Attractions            |
| Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H) |
| <b>X</b> Youth Sports: Baseball         |
| <b>X</b> Youth Sports: Soccer           |
| Youth Sports: Football                  |
| <b>X</b> Youth Sports: Basketball       |
| Youth Sports: Hockey                    |
| <b>X</b> Campgrounds                    |
| <b>X</b> Fishing/Hunting                |
| Boating/Marinas                         |
| <b>X</b> Snowmobile Trails              |
| Bicycle Trails                          |
| Cross Country Skiing                    |
| Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area     |
| Overnight or Day Camps                  |
| Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Canon</b>       |
| Other:                                  |