Bath, NH

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County
Grafton

Labor Market Area
Haverhill, NH LMA

Tourism Region
White Mountains

Planning Commission
North Country Council

Regional Development
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts
US Congress
District 2

Executive Council
District 1

State Senate
District 1

State Representative
Grafton County Districts 3, 15

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 474 over 56 years, from 604 in 1960 to 1,078 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change occurred between 1970 and 1980, when the population increased by 25 percent, a numeric increase of 154. The 2016 Census estimate for Bath was 1,078 residents, which ranked 184th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 28.2 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.
**Municipal Services**

- **Type of Government**: Selectmen
- **Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016**: $1,407,261
- **Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017**: $2,303,205
- **Zoning Ordinance**: 1989/17
- **Master Plan**: 2007
- **Capital Improvement Plan**: No
- **Industrial Plans Reviewed By**: Boards and Commissions

- **Elected**: Selectmen; Library; Cemetery
- **Appointed**: Planning; Zoning; Conservation

**Public Library**: Bath Public

**Emergency Services**

- **Police Department**: Part-time
- **Fire Department**: Volunteer
- **Emergency Medical Service**: Private

- **Nearest Hospital(s)**: Distance: Staffed Beds
  - Cottage Hospital, Woodsville: 4 miles: 25

**Utilities**

- **Electric Supplier**: Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
- **Natural Gas Supplier**: None
- **Water Supplier**: Bath Village Water Works

- **Sanitation**: Private septic
- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**: No
- **Solid Waste Disposal**
  - Curbside Trash Pickup: Private
  - Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No
  - Recycling Program: None

- **Telephone Company**: Fairpoint
- **Cellular Telephone Access**: Limited
- **Cable Television Access**: Limited
- **Public Access Television Station**: No
- **High Speed Internet Service**
  - Business: unknown
  - Residential: unknown

**Property Taxes**

- **2016 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $20.43
- **2016 Equalization Ratio**: 98.7
- **2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $21.22

- **2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 80.9%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 2.2%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 16.9%

**Housing**

- **Total Housing Units**: 618
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 528
- **Units in Multiple-Family Structures**
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 36
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 0
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 54

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)**

- **Total Population**
  - Community: 1,078
  - County: 88,888

**Demographics, American Community Survey**

- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 576
  - Female: 401

- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 51
  - Age 5 to 19: 158
  - Age 20 to 34: 131
  - Age 35 to 54: 204
  - Age 55 to 64: 193
  - Age 65 and over: 240

- **Median Age**: 49.9 years

**Education**

- **High school graduate or higher**: 88.7%
- **Bachelor's degree or higher**: 24.6%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $**

- **Per capita income**: $27,873
- **Median family income**: $63,393
- **Median household income**: $48,472

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

- **Male**: $46,071
- **Female**: $36,111

**Individuals below the poverty level**: 9.1%

**Labor Force**

- **Civilian labor force**: 480
- **Employed**: 466
- **Unemployed**: 14

- **Unemployment rate**: 2.9%

**Employment & Wages**

- **Goods Producing Industries**
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n

- **Service Providing Industries**
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n

- **Total Private Industry**
  - Average Employment: 124
  - Average Weekly Wage: $478

- **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
  - Average Employment: 25
  - Average Weekly Wage: $464

**Total, Private Industry plus Government**

- **Average Employment**: 148
- **Average Weekly Wage**: $475

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

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### EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: Bath operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Haverhill Cooperative (Bath, Benton, Haverhill, Piermont, Warren)  
Career Technology Center(s): River Bend Career & Technical Center (VT)  

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<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
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<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
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<td>Number of Schools</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>K 1-6</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>77</td>
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Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 0  Total Capacity: 0

### LARGEST BUSINESSES

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<th>Business</th>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<td>Britton Lumber</td>
<td>Sawmill</td>
<td>32</td>
<td>2016</td>
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### TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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

### RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND 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
- Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Cannon

### COMING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)

- Workers 16 years and over:  
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van 79.8%  
  - Carpool, car/truck/van 8.6%  
  - Public transportation 0.0%  
  - Walked 1.4%  
  - Other means 0.0%  
  - Worked at home 10.2%  
- Mean Travel Time to Work 31.7 minutes

### PERCENT OF WORKING RESIDENTS: ACS 2012-2016

- Working in community of residence: 21.4%  
- Commuting to another NH community: 66.2%  
- Commuting out-of-state: 12.4%