Belmont, NH

Incorporated: 1727

Origin: The town was first chartered in 1727 as a parish of Gilmanton known as Upper Gilmanton, and incorporated as such in 1859. In 1869, the voters of the town, who felt the many locations named Gilmanton was confusing, petitioned to rename the town Belmont, to honor Mr. August Belmont, a New York financier, in hopes that he might make a financial contribution to the town. Mr. Belmont never acknowledged the act, having passed away that same year. Belmont was the residence of Governor William Badger, first elected in 1834.

Villages and Place Names: Gardners Grove, Lochmere, Winnisquam, Tioga

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,189 residents in 1860

Population Trends: Population change for Belmont totaled 4,840 over 49 years, from 2,493 in 1970 to 7,333 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 41 percent increase over the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Belmont was 7,333 residents, which ranked 42nd among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 243.2 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Plymouth. Belmont contains 30.2 square miles of land area and 1.8 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

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<td>Master Plan</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
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**Boards and Commissions**
- Elected: Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Budget; Library
- Appointed: Conservation; Cemetery; Heritage

**Public Library** | Belmont Public

### Emergency Services

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<td>Police Department</td>
<td>Lakes Region General, Laconia</td>
<td>6 miles</td>
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<td>Fire Department</td>
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<td>Emergency Medical Service</td>
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### Utilities

- **Electric Supplier**: Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
- **Natural Gas Supplier**: Liberty Utilities
- **Water Supplier**: Belmont Water Department; private wells
- **Sanitation**: Private septic & municipal
- **Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant**: No
- **Solid Waste Disposal**: Curbside
- **Curbside Trash Pickup**: Municipal
- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**: No
- **Recycling Program**: Voluntary - Curbside
- **Telephone Company**: Fairpoint
- **Cellular Telephone Access**: Yes
- **Cable Television Access**: Yes
- **Public Access Television Station**: Yes
- **High Speed Internet Service**: Business Yes; Residential Yes

### Property Taxes

- **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $25.01
- **2019 Equalization Ratio**: 89.6
- **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $22.17

### Property Taxes

- **2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**:
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 81.1%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 17.2%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 1.6%

### Housing

- **Total Housing Units**: 3,699
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 2,333
- **Units in Multiple-Family Structures**: 2,333
- **Two to Four Units in Structure**: 294
- **Five or More Units in Structure**: 252
- **Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units**: 820

### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial) (US Census Bureau)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>7,333</td>
<td>61,303</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>7,356</td>
<td>60,088</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>6,747</td>
<td>56,576</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>5,677</td>
<td>49,294</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>4,026</td>
<td>42,884</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>2,493</td>
<td>32,367</td>
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### Demographics (American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019)

**Population by Gender**
- **Male**: 3,300
- **Female**: 4,011

**Population by Age Group**
- **Under age 5**: 291
- **Age 5 to 19**: 1,301
- **Age 20 to 34**: 1,220
- **Age 35 to 54**: 1,868
- **Age 55 to 64**: 1,482
- **Age 65 and over**: 1,149
- **Median Age**: 44.4 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
- **Bachelor’s degree or higher**: 8,860
- **High school graduate or higher**: 10,647
- **Less than high school degree**: 10,647

**Economic & Labor Market Information**

- **Per capita income**: $35,434
- **Median family income**: $87,755
- **Median household income**: $70,407

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**
- **Male**: $54,214
- **Female**: $46,587

**Individuals below the poverty level**: 9.5%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELMI)

- **Annual Average**: 2009 – 2019
- **Civilian labor force**: 4,182 – 3,634
- **Employed**: 3,845 – 3,541
- **Unemployed**: 297 – 93
- **Unemployment rate**: 7.2% – 2.6%

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELMI)

- **Annual Average Covered Employment**: 2009 – 2019
- **Goods Producing Industries**
  - Average Employment: 570 – 514
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,079 – $1,309
- **Service Providing Industries**
  - Average Employment: 1,509 – 1,521
  - Average Weekly Wage: $692 – $935
- **Total Private Industry**
  - Average Employment: 2,080 – 2,035
  - Average Weekly Wage: $798 – $1,030
- **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
  - Average Employment: 327 – 348
  - Average Weekly Wage: $828 – $889
- **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
  - Average Employment: 2,406 – 2,383
  - Average Weekly Wage: $802 – $1,009

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Shaker Regional (Belmont, Canterbury)
Career Technology Center(s): J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs

District: SAU 80
Region: 8

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)
- Number of Schools: 1
- Grade Levels: PK 1-4, 5-8, 9-12
- Total Enrollment: 412, 368, 391

Nearest Community College: Lakes Region
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Plymouth State University; Southern NH University, Laconia

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)
- Total Facilities: 5
- Total Capacity: 202

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
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<td>First Student</td>
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<td>All Metals Industries, Inc.</td>
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<td>Belmont Elementary School</td>
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<td>Atlantic Broadband</td>
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<td>Lakes Region Coca-Cola</td>
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<td>Belmont High School</td>
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<td>Belmont Middle School</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

- Road Access: US Routes 3, State Routes 106, 107, 140, Nearest Interstate, Exit I-93, Exit 20, Distance 5 miles
- Railroad: State owned line
- Public Transportation: WTS
- Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service: Manchester-Boston Regional, Distance 40 miles, Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 4
- Driving distance to select cities:
  - Manchester, NH: 41 miles
  - Portland, Maine: 82 miles
  - Boston, Mass.: 91 miles
  - New York City, NY: 288 miles
  - Montreal, Quebec: 239 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Employees 16 years and over</th>
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<td>Drove alone, car/truck/van</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>1.8%</td>
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<td>Mean Travel Time to Work</td>
<td>23.0 minutes</td>
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**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- Youth Organizations: Scouts, 4-H
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- 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): Gunstock
- Other: Belknap 4-H Fair

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