

Benton, NH



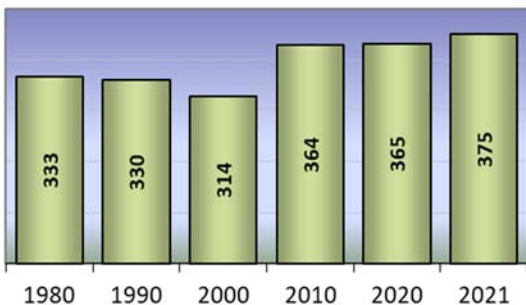
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County	Grafton
Labor Market Area	Haverhill, NH LMA
Tourism Region	White Mountains
Planning Commission	North Country Council
Regional Development	Grafton County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 1
State Representative	Grafton County District 5

Incorporated: 1764

Origin: This community was first granted in 1764 as Coventry after the Connecticut home of many settlers, holding the name for over 75 years. In 1839, Governor Isaac Hill proposed renaming the town Benton in honor of Thomas Hart Benton, senator from Missouri. The town was incorporated as such in 1840. Senator Benton was known for championing Western expansion through establishment of express, railroad, navigation and telegraph interests. A prominent natural feature in Benton is Mount Moosilauke, a popular site for hikers.

Villages and Place Names: Boutin Corner, Coventry

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 88 residents in 1790



Population Trends:

Population change for Benton totaled 42 over 41 years, from 333 in 1980 to 375 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was 16 percent between 2000 and 2010. The 2021 Census estimate for Benton was 375 residents, which ranked 220th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 7.7 persons per square mile of land area. Benton contains 48.5 square miles of land area and 0.2 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$175,000
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$786,428
Zoning Ordinance	1976/86
Master Plan	0
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning**
 Appointed:

Public Library **No Library**

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department	State Police	
Fire Department	Contracted out	
Emergency Medical Service	Woodsville Ambulance	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cottage Hospital, Woodsville	12 miles	35

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Private wells	
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	Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited	
Cable Television Access	Satellite only	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.26
2021 Equalization Ratio	77.5
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$12.99
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	93.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	6.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	153
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	142
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	11

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2021	375	92,201
2020	367	91,123
2010	364	89,118
2000	314	81,826
1990	330	74,998
1980	333	65,806

DEMOGRAPHICS			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020
Population by Gender			
Male	222	Female	215
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1
Age 5 to 19			38
Age 20 to 34			41
Age 35 to 54			51
Age 55 to 64			144
Age 65 and over			162
Median Age			61.9 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			76.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher			18.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2016-2020)
Per capita income		\$24,566
Median family income		\$74,250
Median household income		\$56,691
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$32,500
Female		\$30,000
Individuals below the poverty level		10.8%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average	2011		2021
Civilian labor force	141		146
Employed	136		138
Unemployed	5		8
Unemployment rate	3.5%		5.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011		2021
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n		n
Average Weekly Wage	n		n
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment			n
Average Weekly Wage	\$		n
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	n		n
Average Weekly Wage	n		n
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	176		148
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 797		\$ 959
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	n		n
Average Weekly Wage	n		n

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are tuitioned to Haverhill Cooperative (Bath, Benton, Haverhill, Piermont, Warren)** District: **SAU 23**
 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				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region; White Mountains**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton; Plymouth State University**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Glenncliff Home for the Elderly	Nursing home	200	1971
Joe Boutin, Jr & Son	Logging & excavation	2	
Coventry Garage	Garage	1	1989
Elliott Construction	Construction	1	

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality***TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	112, 116
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 17
	Distance	13 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Dean Memorial, Haverhill	Runway	2,500 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	47 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		95 miles
Portland, Maine		112 miles
Boston, Mass.		145 miles
New York City, NY		307 miles
Montreal, Quebec		179 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.5%
Other means	1.4%
Worked at home	4.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	30.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	86.1%
Commuting to another NH community	6.9%
Commuting out-of-state	6.9%

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
X Fishing/Hunting
X Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
X Bicycle Trails
X Cross Country Skiing
X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Overnight or Day Camps
Nearest Ski Area(s): Loon & Cannon Mountains
Other: Hiking; White Mountain National Forest: Long Pond; Mount Moosilauke; Black Mountain