

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 1
State Senate	District 1
State Representative	Grafton County Districts 3, 15

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.

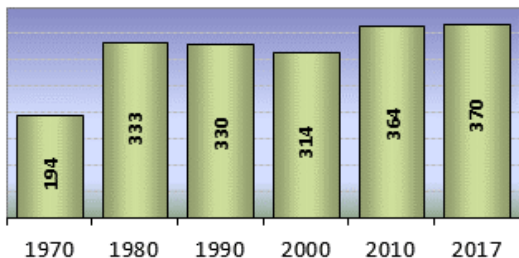
Villages and Place Names: Boutin Corner, Coventry

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

Population Trends: Population change for Benton totaled 198 over 57 years, from 172 in 1960 to 370 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was 72 percent between 1970 and 1980, a numeric increase of 139. The 2016 Census estimate for Benton was 370 residents, which ranked 219th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 7.6 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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$175,000
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Zoning Ordinance	1976/86
Master Plan	Update in Progress
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	Private

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cottage Hospital, Woodsville	12 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; 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	Fairpoint
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)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.83
2017 Equalization Ratio	90.7
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.74
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	0.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.2%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)	
Total Housing Units	197
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	168
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	0
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	29

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	370	89,386	
2010	364	89,118	
2000	314	81,826	
1990	330	74,998	
1980	333	65,806	
1970	194	54,914	

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY			(ACS) 2012-2016	
Population by Gender				
Male	240	Female	229	
Population by Age Group				
Under age 5	21			
Age 5 to 19	37			
Age 20 to 34	64			
Age 35 to 54	68			
Age 55 to 64	103			
Age 65 and over	176			
Median Age	59.6 years			
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over				
High school graduate or higher	79.7%			
Bachelor's degree or higher	17.4%			

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2012-2016)	
Per capita income	\$26,048		
Median family income	\$56,250		
Median household income	\$55,000		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over			
Male	\$40,625		
Female	\$34,625		
Individuals below the poverty level	5.5%		

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2007	2017		
Civilian labor force	114	145		
Employed	109	142		
Unemployed	5	3		
Unemployment rate	4.4%	2.1%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	n	n		
Average Weekly Wage	n	n		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	n	n		
Average Weekly Wage	n	n		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	n	n		
Average Weekly Wage	n	n		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	195	170		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 640	\$ 852		
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)			Region: 4
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**

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

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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.2%
Public transportation	1.2%
Walked	1.9%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	3.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	35.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	7.4
Commuting to another NH community	80.3
Commuting out-of-state	12.3

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