

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

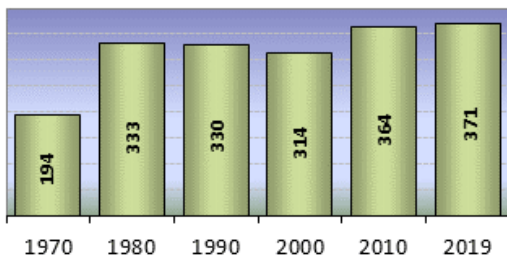
Incorporated: 1764

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 177 over 49 years, from 194 in 1970 to 371 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was 72 percent between 1970 and 1980, a numeric increase of 139. The 2019 Census estimate for Benton was 371 residents, which ranked 219th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (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	35

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)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.67
2019 Equalization Ratio	94.0
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.10

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	0.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	5.5%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	170
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	150
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	20

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	371	89,886	
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) 2015-2019	
Population by Gender				
Male	232	Female	225	
Population by Age Group				
Under age 5	3			
Age 5 to 19	44			
Age 20 to 34	52			
Age 35 to 54	66			
Age 55 to 64	113			
Age 65 and over	179			
Median Age	60.7 years			
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over				
High school graduate or higher	76.1%			
Bachelor's degree or higher	19.1%			

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	\$24,759		
Median family income	\$65,000		
Median household income	\$52,500		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$31,471		
Female	\$27,143		
Individuals below the poverty level	3.5%		

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average	2009	2019		
Civilian labor force	125	147		
Employed	115	143		
Unemployed	10	4		
Unemployment rate	8.0%	2.7%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMII)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019		
Goods Producing Industries				
Average Employment	n	n		
Average Weekly Wage	n	n		
Service Providing Industries				
Average Employment	0	n		
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	n		
Total Private Industry				
Average Employment	n	n		
Average Weekly Wage	n	n		
Government (Federal, State, and Local)				
Average Employment	185	165		
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 792	\$ 964		
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**

2020 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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		83.2%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		6.6%	
Public transportation		0.0%	
Walked		4.2%	
Other means		6.0%	
Worked at home		9.6%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		31.4 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence		13.2	
Commuting to another NH community		77.2	
Commuting out-of-state		9.6	

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 and Mount Moosilauke