

# Benton, NH



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County	<b>Grafton</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Haverhill, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>White Mountains</b>
Planning Commission	<b>North Country Council</b>
Regional Development	<b>Grafton County Economic Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 1</b>
State Representative	<b>Grafton County Districts 3, 15</b>

**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.

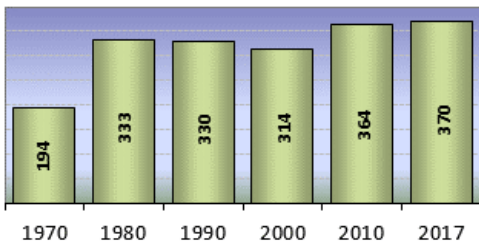
**Villages and Place Names:** Boutin Corner, Coventry

**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.



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**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.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	<b>\$175,000</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	<b>\$683,154</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1976/86</b>
Master Plan	<b>Update in Progress</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

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

Public Library **No Library**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>State Police</b>
Fire Department	<b>Contracted out</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Private</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Cottage Hospital, Woodsville</b>	<b>12 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>None</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Satellite only</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.83</b>
2017 Equalization Ratio	<b>90.7</b>
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.74</b>

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>94.7%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>0.2%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>5.2%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	<b>161</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>135</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>26</b>

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

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>216</b>	Female	<b>199</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>3</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>31</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>40</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>70</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>105</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>166</b>
Median Age	<b>60.8 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>78.6%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>18.8%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2013-2017)	
Per capita income	<b>\$26,407</b>
Median family income	<b>\$56,250</b>
Median household income	<b>\$51,250</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$39,375</b>
Female	<b>\$35,313</b>

Individuals below the poverty level	<b>6.4%</b>
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<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	<b>114</b>	<b>145</b>
Employed	<b>109</b>	<b>142</b>
Unemployed	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>0</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$0</b>	<b>n</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>201</b>	<b>165</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 653</b>	<b>\$ 894</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>n</b>

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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 2013-2017)**

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van      **85.2%**

Carpooled, car/truck/van      **7.0%**

Public transportation      **1.4%**

Walked      **2.1%**

Other means      **0.0%**

Worked at home      **4.2%**

Mean Travel Time to Work      **33.8 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017**

Working in community of residence      **10.6**

Commuting to another NH community      **73.9**

Commuting out-of-state      **15.5**

**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**