Berlin, NH

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County: Coös
Labor Market Area: Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region: Great North Woods
Planning Commission: North Country Council
Regional Development: Coös Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts:
- US Congress: District 2 (All Wards)
- Executive Council: District 1 (All Wards)
- State Senate: District 1 (All Wards)
- State Representative: Coös County District 3 (All Wards)

Incorporated: 1829

Origin: This community was first granted in 1771 as Maynesborough in honor of Sir William Mayne, an associate of Governor John Wentworth in the West Indies trade. The area was not settled by the original grantees, and the town was renamed Berlin in 1829 by new settlers originally from Berlin, Massachusetts. According to historical information from the City of Berlin website, the first attempt at building a sawmill powered by the river was in the early 1820s. This was the start of a booming lumber and paper business in Berlin, and at one time it was the largest newsprint supplier in the world. Berlin was incorporated as a city in 1897, and is the northernmost city in New Hampshire.

Villages and Place Names: Cascade, Berlin Mills

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 73 residents in 1830

Population Trends: Berlin had the largest decrease in numeric population change over 49 years, with total change of 5,134, from 15,256 in 1970 down to 10,122 in 2019. The 2019 Census estimate for Berlin was 10,122 residents, which ranked 30th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019
(US Census Bureau): 164.7 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with New Ipswich. Berlin contains 61.5 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.
### Municipal Services

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<tr>
<th>Type of Government</th>
<th>Manager &amp; Council</th>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021</td>
<td>$16,530,130</td>
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<td>$19,276,007</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1964/09</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2010</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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### Boards and Commissions

- Elected: City Council; School; Library; Trust Funds
- Appointed: Planning; Zoning; Berlin Industrial Development Park Authority; Water

### Public Library

- Berlin Public

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

- Police Department: Full-time
- Fire Department: Full-time
- Emergency Medical Service: Private
- Nearest Hospital(s): Androscoggin Valley, Berlin (Local 25 Staffed Beds)

### Utilities

- Electric Supplier: Eversource Energy
- Natural Gas Supplier: TransCanada
- Water Supplier: Berlin Water Works
- Sanitation: Municipal
- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: Yes
- Solid Waste Disposal: Yes
- Curbside Trash Pickup: Municipal
- Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No
- Recycling Program: Mandatory
- Telephone Company: Consolidated Communications
- Cellular Telephone Access: Yes
- Cable Television Access: Yes
- Public Access Television Station: No
- High Speed Internet Service: Business Yes, Residential Yes

### Property Taxes

- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) | $39.82 |
- 2019 Equalization Ratio | 89.5 |
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) | $31.77 |
- 2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 57.4%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 9.7%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 32.9%

### Housing

- Total Housing Units | 4,784 |
- Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached | 2,400 |
- Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 1,705
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 642
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 37

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

- Total Population 2019 | Community 10,122 | County 31,563 |
- 2010 | 10,051 | 33,055 |
- 2000 | 10,331 | 33,156 |
- 1990 | 11,889 | 34,879 |
- 1980 | 13,084 | 35,014 |
- 1970 | 15,256 | 34,189 |

### Demographics (ACS 2015-2019)

#### Population by Gender
- Male: 5,741
- Female: 4,480

#### Population by Age Group
- Under age 5: 401
- Age 5 to 19: 1,426
- Age 20 to 34: 2,196
- Age 35 to 54: 2,980
- Age 55 to 64: 1,306
- Age 65 and over: 1,912
- Median Age: 42.3 years

#### Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 84.7%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 12.4%

### Incomes, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)

- Per capita income: $21,057
- Median family income: $58,218
- Median household income: $39,130

#### Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
- Male: $40,441
- Female: $40,156

#### Individuals below the poverty level: 18.5%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average 2009/2019
- Civilian labor force: 4,496
- Employed: 4,184
- Unemployed: 348
- Unemployment rate: 7.7%

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

- Annual Average Covered Employment 2009/2019
- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 556
  - Average Weekly Wage: $744
- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 2,011
  - Average Weekly Wage: $623
- Total Private Industry
  - Average Employment: 2,567
  - Average Weekly Wage: $649
- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 1,101
  - Average Weekly Wage: $768
- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 3,669
  - Average Weekly Wage: $685
## Education and Child Care

Schools students attend: Berlin operates grades K-12  
Career Technology Center(s): Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center  
District: SAU 3  
Region: 2

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<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<td>Number of Schools</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>K 1-5</td>
<td>6-8</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>K 1-12</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>497</td>
<td>264</td>
<td>383</td>
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Nearest Community College: White Mountains  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Granite State College-Berlin

### Largest Businesses

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<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>ESTABLISHED</th>
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<tr>
<td>Androscoggin Valley Hospital</td>
<td>Health care services</td>
<td>341</td>
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<td>Federal Correctional Institution (FCI Berlin)</td>
<td>Federal prison</td>
<td>229</td>
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<td>Northern NH Correctional Facility</td>
<td>Correctional facility</td>
<td>171</td>
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<td>City of Berlin School System - SAU #3</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>132</td>
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<td>City of Berlin</td>
<td>Municipal services</td>
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<td>Northern Human Services</td>
<td>Behavioral health services</td>
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<td>Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services</td>
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<td>Northway Bank</td>
<td>Banking services</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

### Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<tr>
<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Nearest Interstate, Exit</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<td></td>
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<td>16, 110</td>
<td>I-93, Exit 35</td>
<td>43 miles</td>
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<td>Railroad</td>
<td>Canadian National/B&amp;M</td>
<td>NCT</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
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<th>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</th>
<th>Runway</th>
<th>Lighted?</th>
<th>Navigation Aids?</th>
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<td>Berlin Municipal</td>
<td>5,200 ft. asphalt</td>
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<th>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport</th>
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<td>Portland (ME) International</td>
<td>99 miles</td>
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Driving distance to select cities:

- Manchester, NH: 132 miles
- Portland, Maine: 101 miles
- Boston, Mass.: 182 miles
- New York City, NY: 378 miles
- Montreal, Quebec: 173 miles

### Commuting to Work (ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
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<td>Carpool, car/truck/van</td>
<td>16.9%</td>
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<td>Public transportation</td>
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<td>Walked</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
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<td>Mean Travel Time to Work</td>
<td>16.9 minutes</td>
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### 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
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): Wildcat, Sunday River

Other: Northern Forest Heritage Park; Nansen Ski Jump; Historic Churches; Moose Tours; Hiking; Canoe/Kayak; ATV Trails; Boom Piers; River Fire; Jericho Park; Jericho ATV Festival