

# Berlin, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm</b>
County	<b>Coös</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Great North Woods</b>
Planning Commission	<b>North Country Council</b>
Regional Development	<b>Coös Economic Development Corp.</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2 (All Wards)</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1 (All Wards)</b>
State Senate	<b>District 1 (All Wards)</b>
State Representative	<b>Coös County District 3 (All Wards)</b>

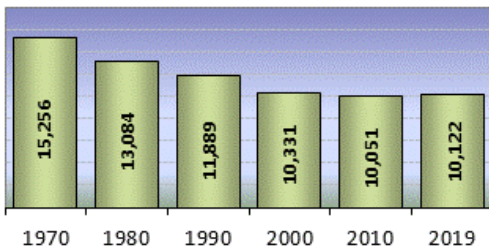
**Incorporated:** 1829

**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

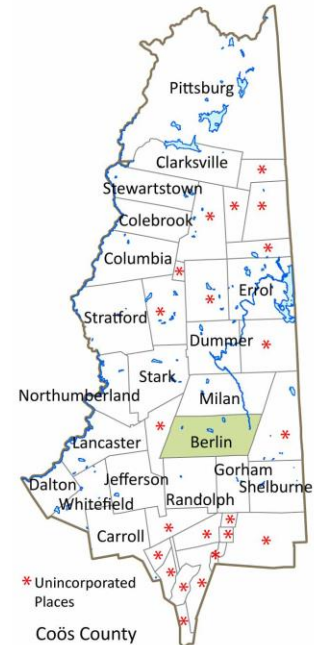
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 73 residents in 1830

**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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Manager &amp; Council</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$16,530,130</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$19,276,007</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1964/09</b>
Master Plan	<b>2010</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

<b>Boards and Commissions</b>	
Elected:	<b>City Council; School; Library; Trust Funds</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Berlin Industrial Development Park Authority; Water</b>

Public Library	<b>Berlin Public</b>
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<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Private</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Androscoggin Valley, Berlin</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>TransCanada</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Berlin Water Works</b>

<b>Sanitation</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Municipal Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>Municipal</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

<b>Telephone Company</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Consolidated Communications Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</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)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$39.82</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>89.5</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$31.77</b>

<b>2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type</b>	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>57.4%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>9.7%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>32.9%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>4,784</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>2,400</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>1,705</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>642</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>37</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>10,122</b>	<b>31,563</b>	
2010	<b>10,051</b>	<b>33,055</b>	
2000	<b>10,331</b>	<b>33,156</b>	
1990	<b>11,889</b>	<b>34,879</b>	
1980	<b>13,084</b>	<b>35,014</b>	
1970	<b>15,256</b>	<b>34,189</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>5,741</b>	Female	<b>4,480</b>

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

<b>Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over</b>	
High school graduate or higher	<b>84.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>12.4%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	<b>\$21,057</b>
Median family income	<b>\$58,218</b>
Median household income	<b>\$39,130</b>

<b>Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers</b>	
Male	<b>\$40,441</b>
Female	<b>\$40,156</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>18.5%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>4,496</b>	<b>3,917</b>
Employed	<b>4,148</b>	<b>3,767</b>
Unemployed	<b>348</b>	<b>150</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>3.8%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>556</b>	<b>222</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 744</b>	<b>\$ 945</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>2,011</b>	<b>1,740</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 623</b>	<b>\$ 844</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>2,567</b>	<b>1,962</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 649</b>	<b>\$ 856</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,164</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 768</b>	<b>\$1,072</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>3,669</b>	<b>3,127</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 685</b>	<b>\$ 936</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

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

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>497</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>28</b>

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **329**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	Health care services	341	1971
Federal Correctional Institution (FCI Berlin)	Federal prison	229	2013
Northern NH Correctional Facility	Correctional facility	171	2001
City of Berlin School System - SAU #3	Education	132	
City of Berlin	Municipal services	107	1825
Northern Human Services	Behavioral health services	96	
Coös County Family Health Services	Health services	88	
Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services	Home care	83	1975
Northway Bank	Banking services	67	

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>16, 110</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 35</b>
	Distance	<b>43 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>Canadian National/B&amp;M</b>
Public Transportation		<b>NCT</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Berlin Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,200 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Portland (ME) International</b>	Distance	<b>99 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>6</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>132 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>101 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>182 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>378 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>173 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>70.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>16.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>2.3%</b>
Other means	<b>10.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>3.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>16.9 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

Working in community of residence	<b>56.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>40.5</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>3.1</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Wildcat, Sunday River</b>
	Other: <b>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</b>