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 57 years, with total change of 7,596, from 17,821 in 1960 down to 10,225 in 2017. The 2017 Census estimate for Berlin was 10,225 residents, which ranked 29th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 166.3 persons per square mile of land area. 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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<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017-2018</td>
<td>$12,551,624</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018</td>
<td>$18,190,437</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1964/09</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2010</td>
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<tr>
<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
- 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

**Distance**

- Local

**Staffed Beds**

- 25

### Utilities

- **Electric Supplier**: Eversource Energy
- **Natural Gas Supplier**: TransCanada
- **Water Supplier**: Berlin Water Works

**Sanitation**

- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: Yes
- Solid Waste Disposal: Yes
- Curbside Trash Pickup: Municipal
- Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No
- Recycling Program: Mandatory

**Telephone Company**

- Fairpoint

**Cellular Telephone Access**

- Yes

**Cable Television Access**

- Yes

**Public Access Television Station**

- Yes

**High Speed Internet Service**: Business

- Yes

**Residential**

- Yes

### Property Taxes

- **(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)**

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
<th>Total Full Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
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<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>$39.19</td>
<td>99.4</td>
<td>$43.67</td>
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**2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**

- Residential Land and Buildings: 53.6%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 10.0%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 37.1%

### Housing

- **(ACS 2012-2016)**

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<th>Category</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Housing Units</td>
<td>4,832</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
<td>2,649</td>
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<tr>
<td>Units in Multiple-Family Structures:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two to Four Units in Structure</td>
<td>1,694</td>
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<td>Three to Five Units in Structure</td>
<td>425</td>
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<td>Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units</td>
<td>64</td>
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### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

- **(US Census Bureau)**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>10,225</td>
<td>31,634</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>10,051</td>
<td>33,055</td>
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<tr>
<td>2000</td>
<td>10,331</td>
<td>33,156</td>
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<tr>
<td>1990</td>
<td>11,889</td>
<td>34,879</td>
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<tr>
<td>1980</td>
<td>13,084</td>
<td>35,014</td>
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<tr>
<td>1970</td>
<td>15,256</td>
<td>34,189</td>
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### Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2012-2016

- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 5,720
  - Female: 4,434

- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 378
  - Age 5 to 19: 1,426
  - Age 20 to 34: 2,059
  - Age 35 to 54: 3,021
  - Age 55 to 64: 1,332
  - Age 65 and over: 1,938
  - Median Age: 41.6 years

- **Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
  - High school graduate or higher: 85.3%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 12.0%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2012-2016)**

- Per capita income: $22,643
- Median family income: $52,250
- Median household income: $38,863

** Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over**

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<th>Gender</th>
<th>Median Earnings</th>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>$47,448</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>$34,075</td>
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- **Individuals below the poverty level**: 19.0%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELMI)

- **Annual Average**
  - 2007: 4,739
  - 2017: 4,494

- **Civilian labor force**: 3,893

- **Employed**: 4,494

- **Unemployed**: 245

- **Unemployment rate**: 5.2%

- **(4.1%)**

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELMI)

- **Annual Average Covered Employment**
  - 2006: 2,482
  - 2016: 2,482

- **Goods Producing Industries**
  - Average Employment: 509
  - Average Weekly Wage: $685

- **Service Providing Industries**
  - Average Employment: 1,973
  - Average Weekly Wage: $587

- **Total Private Industry**
  - Average Employment: 2,482
  - Average Weekly Wage: $607

- **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
  - Average Employment: 1,386
  - Average Weekly Wage: $619

- **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
  - Average Employment: 3,868
  - Average Weekly Wage: $611

- **Per $1000 of value**:
  - Goods Producing Industries: $59
  - Service Providing Industries: $57

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  - Goods Producing Industries: $59
  - Service Providing Industries: $57

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  - Goods Producing Industries: $59
  - Service Providing Industries: $57
### 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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<tr>
<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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<tr>
<td>Number of Schools</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>K-5</td>
<td>6-8</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>K-12</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>484</td>
<td>286</td>
<td>392</td>
<td>26</td>
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Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 7  Total Capacity: 723

### 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>363</td>
<td>1971</td>
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<tr>
<td>Federal Correctional Institution (FCI Berlin)</td>
<td>254</td>
<td>2013</td>
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<tr>
<td>City of Berlin School System - SAU #3</td>
<td>237</td>
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<tr>
<td>Northern NH Correctional Facility</td>
<td>198</td>
<td>2001</td>
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<tr>
<td>City of Berlin</td>
<td>135</td>
<td>1825</td>
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<tr>
<td>Northern Human Services</td>
<td>100</td>
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<td>Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>1975</td>
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<td>Coös County Family Health Services</td>
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<td>Northway Bank (fka Berlin City Bank)</td>
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### Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Nearest Interstate, Exit</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>16, 110</td>
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<td>I-93, Exit 35</td>
<td>43 miles</td>
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<th>Railroad</th>
<th>Canadian National/B&amp;M</th>
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<th>Public Transportation</th>
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<th>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</th>
<th>Berlin Municipal</th>
<th>Runway</th>
<th>5,200 ft. asphalt</th>
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<td>Lighted?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Navigation Aids?</td>
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<th>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service</th>
<th>Portland (ME) International</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>99 miles</th>
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<td>Number of Passenger Airlines Servicing Airport</td>
<td>6</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 2012-2016)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
<th>80.4%</th>
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<td>Carpooled, car/truck/van</td>
<td>11.8%</td>
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<td>Public transportation</td>
<td>0.2%</td>
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<td>Walked</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
<td>1.4%</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>3.5%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mean Travel Time to Work</td>
<td>15.4 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