

Bethlehem, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Grafton
Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part
White Mountains
North Country Council
Grafton County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 1
Grafton County District s1, 14

Incorporated: 1799

Origin: This community was first established in 1774 as Lloyd's Hills, the last of the provincial land grants. Probably because James Lloyd, for whom the town was named, was a loyalist, voters elected to change the name following the Revolution. The name Bethlehem was selected on the last Christmas Day in the century, and the town was so incorporated on December 27, 1799. According to the US Postal Service, Bethlehem is one of several US communities with holiday-themed names who have special holiday postmarks.

Villages and Place Names: Alderbrook, Five Corners, Maplewood, Pierce Bridge

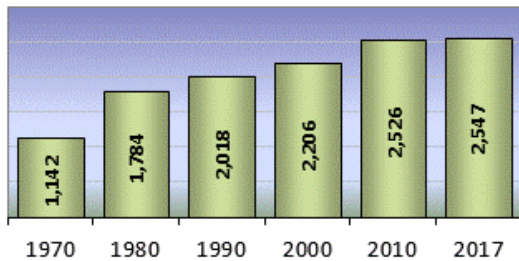
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 171 residents in 1800

Population Trends: Population change for Bethlehem totaled 1,649 over 57 years, from 898 in 1960 to 2,547 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was between

1970 and 1980, when population increased by 56 percent. The 2017 Census estimate for Bethlehem was 2,547 residents, which ranked 120th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 28.0 persons per square mile of land area. Bethlehem contains 90.9 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$3,087,514
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$5,768,447
Zoning Ordinance	1972/11
Master Plan	Yes
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning**
 Appointed: **Conservation; Library**

Public Library **Bethlehem Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Full-time Chief & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service		Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Littleton Regional, Littleton	8 miles	25

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; Littleton Water & Light	
Natural Gas Supplier	None	
Water Supplier	Bethlehem Village District	
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal	Municipal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	No	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	Voluntary	
Recycling Program	Yes	
Telephone Company	Time Warner; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes	
Cable Television Access	Yes	
Public Access Television Station	No	
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes	
Residential	Yes	

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$30.72
2017 Equalization Ratio	82.2
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.04
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	80.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.4%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)	
Total Housing Units	1,549
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,054
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	132
Five or More Units in Structure	256
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	107

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2017	2,547	89,386
2010	2,526	89,118
2000	2,206	81,826
1990	2,018	74,998
1980	1,784	65,806
1970	1,142	54,914

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016		
Population by Gender		
Male	1,250	Female 1,290
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		123
Age 5 to 19		442
Age 20 to 34		305
Age 35 to 54		799
Age 55 to 64		512
Age 65 and over		359
Median Age		45.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		91.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher		33.2%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)	
Per capita income	\$28,541
Median family income	\$60,515
Median household income	\$51,029
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$42,739
Female	\$38,333
Individuals below the poverty level	15.9%

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMi)		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	1,503	1,355
Employed	1,463	1,324
Unemployed	40	31
Unemployment rate	2.7%	2.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMi)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	26	36
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 570	\$ 560
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	465	321
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 625	\$ 710
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	490	357
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 622	\$ 694
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	167	183
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 644	\$ 633
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	658	540
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 628	\$ 674

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Bethlehem operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are part of Profile Cooperative (Bethlehem, Easton, Franconia, Sugar Hill)** District: **SAU 35**

Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)** Region: **3**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	1-12 PG
Total Enrollment	157	85	144	147

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **15**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Profile Junior/Senior High School	Education	55	1976
White Mountain School	Education	54	
Bethlehem Elementary School	Education	35	
Pinetree Power Inc.	Electric plant	20	1988
Town of Bethlehem	Municipal services	15	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		3, 302
	State Routes		18, 116, 142
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exits 39 - 40	
	Distance		Local access
Railroad			No
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
	Twin Mountain	Runway	2,640 ft. asphalt
	Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
	Lebanon Municipal	Distance	67 miles
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:			
	Manchester, NH		100 miles
	Portland, Maine		105 miles
	Boston, Mass.		151 miles
	New York City, NY		344 miles
	Montreal, Quebec		173 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2012-2016)	
Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	2.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.8%
Other means	1.7%
Worked at home	7.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	19.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	23.0
Commuting to another NH community	72.9
Commuting out-of-state	4.1

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
X	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Cannon Mountain, Bretton Woods
	Other: Antiques; The Rocks Tree Farm; Hiking; Moutain Biking; Bretz Fielder Park