

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 Districts 1, 14

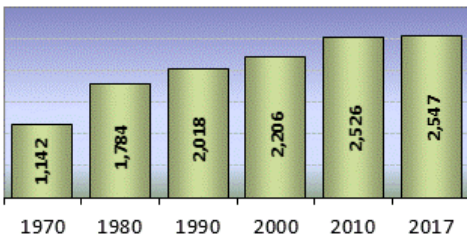
Incorporated: 1799

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		
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No	
Recycling Program	Voluntary	
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 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	1,554
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,072
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	134
Five or More Units in Structure	259
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	89

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) 2013-2017

Population by Gender
 Male **1,233** Female **1,312**

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	121
Age 5 to 19	371
Age 20 to 34	308
Age 35 to 54	772
Age 55 to 64	548
Age 65 and over	425
Median Age	49.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	91.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	31.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2013-2017)	
Per capita income	\$30,408
Median family income	\$67,604
Median household income	\$54,500
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$46,389
Female	\$39,115
Individuals below the poverty level	12.3%

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	2007	2017
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	19	35
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 712	\$ 592
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	465	347
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 599	\$ 692
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	485	381
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 603	\$ 683
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	173	183
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 639	\$ 636
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	658	564
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 613	\$ 667

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?	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 2013-2017)			
Workers 16 years and over			
	Drove alone, car/truck/van		79.2%
	Carpooled, car/truck/van		2.3%
	Public transportation		0.2%
	Walked		5.7%
	Other means		1.8%
	Worked at home		10.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work			18.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017			
	Working in community of residence		23.7
	Commuting to another NH community		69.5
	Commuting out-of-state		6.8

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