Bethlehem, NH

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Municipal Office Hours	**Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Friday, 8 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 8 am - 7 pm, Tuesday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm**
County	**Grafton**
Labor Market Area	**Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part**
Tourism Region	**White Mountains**
Planning Commission	**North Country Council**
Regional Development	**Grafton County Economic Development Council**
Election Districts	
US Congress	**District 2**
Executive Council	**District 1**
State Senate	**District 1**
State Representative	**Grafton County District s1, 14**

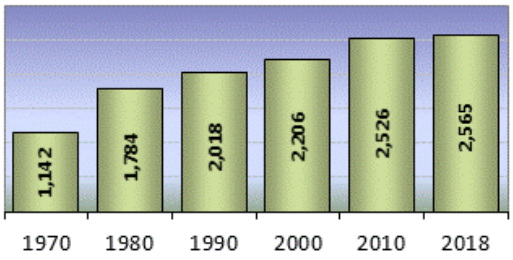
Incorporated: 1799

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 1,667 over 58 years, from 898 in 1960 to 2,565 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was between 1970 and 1980, when population increased by 56 percent. The 2018 Census estimate for Bethlehem was 2,565 residents, which ranked 121st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2018 *(US Census Bureau)***:** 28.2 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.

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Municipal Services

Type of Government	**Selectmen**
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	**$3,087,514**
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Zoning Ordinance	**1972/11**
Master Plan	**2016**
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)*

2018 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$30.72**
2018 Equalization Ratio	**82.2**
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$25.04**

2018 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 2014-2018)*

Total Housing Units	**1,504**
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	**1,057**
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	**106**
Five or More Units in Structure	**221**
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	**120**

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

Total Population	Community	County
2018	**2,565**	**89,786**
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) 2014-2018*

Population by Gender

Male	**1,224**	Female	**1,344**

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	**107**
Age 5 to 19	**346**
Age 20 to 34	**321**
Age 35 to 54	**688**
Age 55 to 64	**598**
Age 65 and over	**508**
Median Age	**52.3 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	**91.9%**
Bachelor's degree or higher	**30.1%**

Income, Inflation Adjusted $ *(ACS 2014-2018)*

Per capita income	**$31,123**
Median family income	**$64,615**
Median household income	**$53,190**

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	**$44,028**
Female	**$40,742**

Individuals below the poverty level	**13.3%**

Labor Force *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2008	2018
Civilian labor force	**1,472**	**1,402**
Employed	**1,424**	**1,372**
Unemployed	**48**	**30**
Unemployment rate	**3.3%**	**2.1%**

Employment & Wages *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2008	2018
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	**22**	**56**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 748**	**$ 539**
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	**421**	**374**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 612**	**$ 706**
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	**443**	**430**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 618**	**$ 685**
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	**163**	**179**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 700**	**$ 648**
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	**605**	**609**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 640**	**$ 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**	**P 1-12 PG**
Total Enrollment	**139**	**92**	**134**	**158**

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

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 2014-2018)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	**81.4%**
Carpooled, car/truck/van	**1.8%**
Public transportation	**0.2%**
Walked	**7.6%**
Other means	**9.0%**
Worked at home	**7.5%**
Mean Travel Time to Work	**21.2 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018

Working in community of residence	**24.5**
Commuting to another NH community	**70.2**
Commuting out-of-state	**5.3**

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**