

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

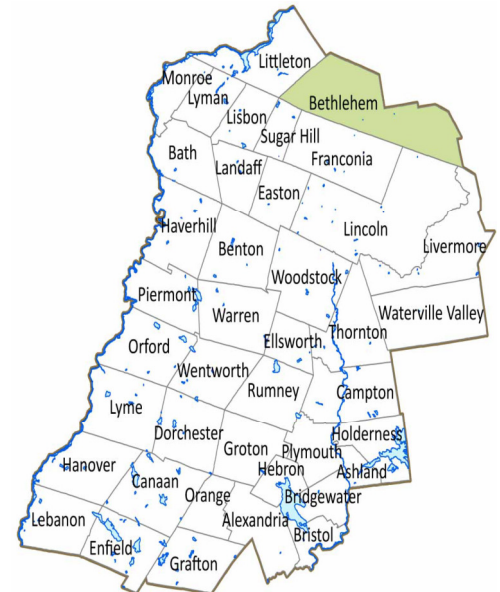
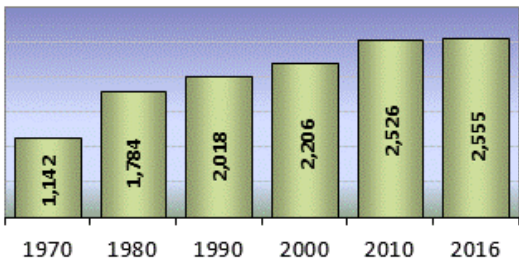
Incorporated: 1799

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 1,657 over 56 years, from 898 in 1960 to 2,555 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was between 1970 and 1980, when population increased by 56 percent. The 2016 Census estimate for Bethlehem was 2,555 residents, which ranked 118th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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Population Density and Land Area,

2016 (US Census Bureau): 28.1 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, 2017	\$3,298,130
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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		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.46		
2016 Equalization Ratio	88.4		
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.03		
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	80.2%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	16.5%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.3%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
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)			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2016	2,555	88,888	
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				<i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>
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 \$		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
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				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average		2006		2016	
Civilian labor force		1,492		1,348	
Employed		1,446		1,313	
Unemployed		46		35	
Unemployment rate		3.1%		2.6%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
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	167	76	142	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