

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.

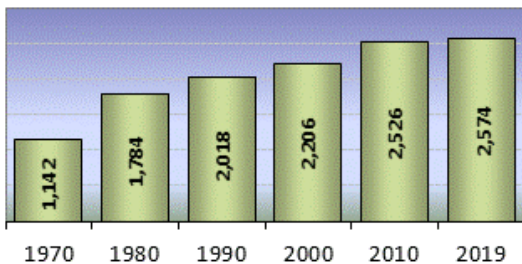
Villages and Place Names: Alderbrook, Five Corners, Maplewood, Pierce Bridge

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

Population Trends: Population change for Bethlehem totaled 1,432 over 49 years, from 1,142 in 1970 to 2,574 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was between 1970 and 1980, when population increased by 56 percent. The 2019 Census estimate for Bethlehem was 2,574 residents, which ranked 121st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Grafton County



Population Density and Land

Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 28.3 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)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.73
2019 Equalization Ratio	88.2
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.29

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	82.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.0%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	1,535
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,189
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	53
Five or More Units in Structure	190
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	103

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	2,574	89,886	
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) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,207	Female	1,362

Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	110		
Age 5 to 19	245		
Age 20 to 34	406		
Age 35 to 54	690		
Age 55 to 64	585		
Age 65 and over	533		
Median Age	52.3 years		

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	95.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	31.5%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2015-2019)
Per capita income	\$32,719	
Median family income	\$72,895	
Median household income	\$55,556	

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$48,824
Female	\$41,864

Individuals below the poverty level	9.4%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	1,472	1,440
Employed	1,384	1,405
Unemployed	88	35
Unemployment rate	6.0%	2.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	14	66
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 952	\$ 607
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	393	369
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 624	\$ 750
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	407	435
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 636	\$ 728
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	170	172
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 607	\$ 681
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	577	607
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 627	\$ 715

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 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			82.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			3.5%
Public transportation			0.3%
Walked			3.8%
Other means			10.0%
Worked at home			7.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work			23.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence			21.0
Commuting to another NH community			71.9
Commuting out-of-state			7.1

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