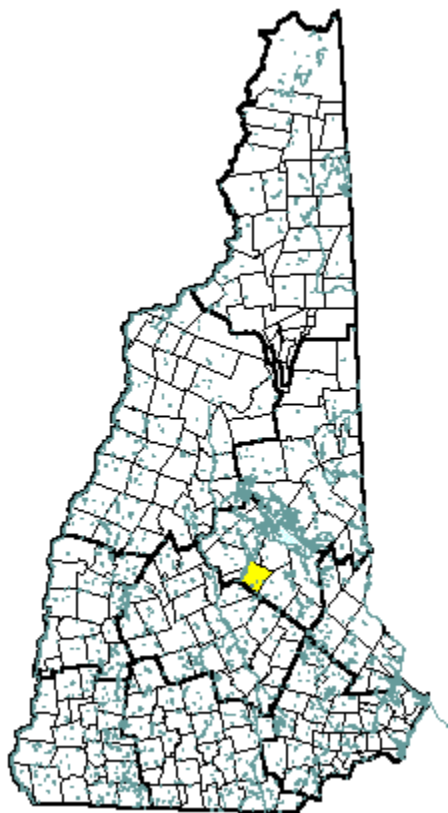


# Belmont, NH



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County	Belknap
Labor Market Area	Laconia NH Micro-NECTA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Belknap County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 4
State Representative	Belknap County District 5

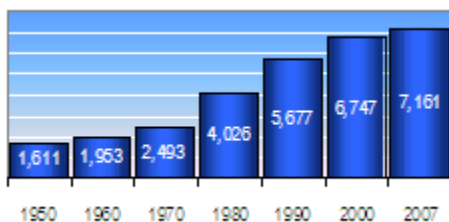
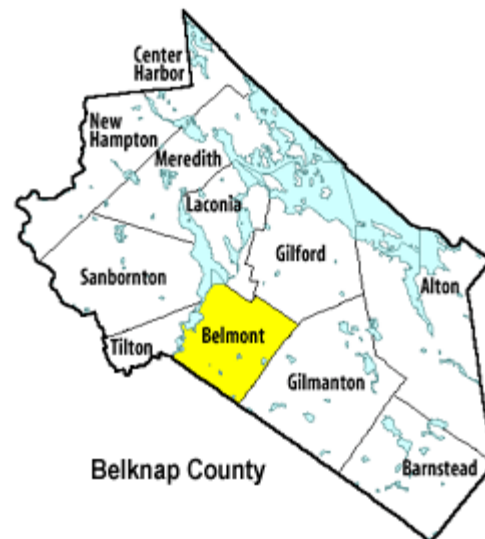
**Incorporated:** 1727

**Origin:** The town was first chartered in 1727 as a parish of Gilmanton known as Upper Gilmanton, and incorporated as such in 1859. In 1869, the voters of the town, who felt the many locations named Gilmanton was confusing, petitioned to rename the town Belmont, to honor Mr. August Belmont, a New York financier, in hopes that he might make a financial contribution to the town. Mr. Belmont never acknowledged the act, having passed away that same year. Belmont was the residence of Governor William Badger, first elected in 1834.

**Villages and Place Names:** Gardners Grove, Lochmere, Winnisquam, Tioga

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,189 residents in 1860

**Population Trends:** Population change for Belmont totaled 5,136 over 50 years, from 1,611 in 1950 to 6,747 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 41 percent increase over the next decade. The 2007 Census estimate for Belmont was 7,161 residents, which ranked 45th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area** (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 238.4 persons per square mile of land area. Belmont contains 30.1 square miles of land area and 1.8 square miles of inland water area.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	\$10,356,192
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1986/07
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning
Appointed:	Conservation; Library; Cemetery

Public Library Belmont Public

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	4/9
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia	6 miles 137

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Belmont Water Department; private wells
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Yes
Residential	Yes

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.64
2007 Equalization Ratio	100
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.47
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	82.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	17.0%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.9%

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	3,461
2007 Single-Family Units	2,040
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	19
2007 Multi-Family Units	505
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	2
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	916

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	7,161	61,048
2000	6,747	56,576
1990	5,677	49,294
1980	4,026	42,884
1970	2,493	32,367

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender			
Male	3,313	Female	3,403
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			360
Age 5 to 19			1,492
Age 20 to 34			1,112
Age 35 to 54			2,358
Age 55 to 64			630
Age 65 and over			764
Median Age			38.4 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

High school graduate or higher	81.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	16.3%

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$19,986
Median 4-person family income	\$53,125
Median household income	\$47,717
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$35,000
Female	\$25,882
Families below the poverty level	3.8%

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	3,719	4,224
Employed	3,615	4,067
Unemployed	104	157
Unemployment rate	2.8%	3.7%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	408	704
Average Weekly Wage	\$583	\$1,076
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,258	1,641
Average Weekly Wage	\$476	\$704
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,666	2,345
Average Weekly Wage	\$502	\$816
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	232	321
Average Weekly Wage	\$571	\$770
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,898	2,666
Average Weekly Wage	\$510	\$810

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Shaker Regional (Belmont, Canterbury)** District: **SAU 80**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K R 1-4	5-8	9-12	P K 1-8
Total Enrollment	439	476	460	42

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **6** Total Capacity: **261**

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Southern NH University, Laconia**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Lodge at Belmont	Racing	130	
Wilcom Products, Inc.	Telecommunication test equipment	108	1967
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	95	
Bruce Transportation Group	Bus transportation	80	
All Metals Industries, Inc.	Metal product supplier	80	
Belmont Elementary School	Education	76	
Metrocast Cablevision	Provide cable service	73	
Lakes Region Coca-Cola	Bottling & distribution center	70	
Belmont High School	Education	69	
Belmont Middle School	Education	68	

## TRANSPORTATION *(distances estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	106, 107, 140
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	5 miles
Railroad		State owned line
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Laconia Municipal</b>	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	40 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		38 miles
Portland, Maine		85 miles
Boston, Mass.		88 miles
New York City, NY		292 miles
Montreal, Quebec		241 miles

## COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.9%
Public transportation	0.9%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	0.8%
Worked at home	2.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	19%
Commuting to another NH community	78%
Commuting out-of-state	3%

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Belknap 4-H Fair</b>