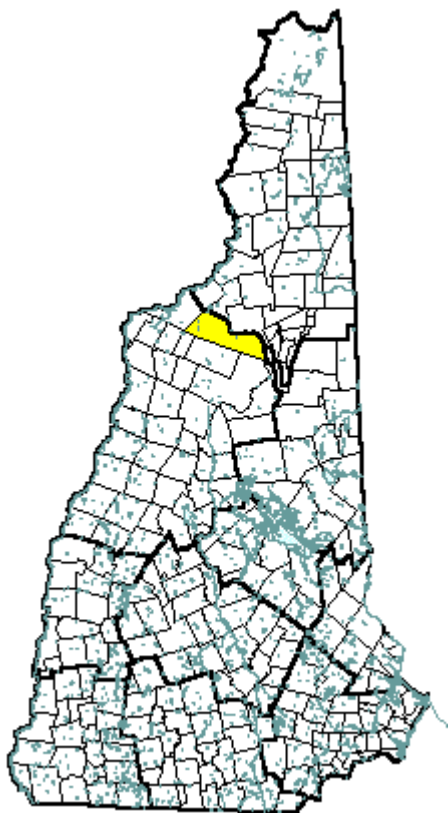


Bethlehem, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 4 pm, and Friday, 8 am - 12 noon
County	Grafton
Labor Market Area	Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion
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 2

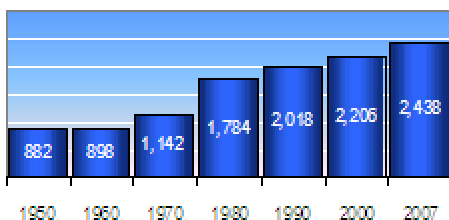
Incorporated: 1799

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 to 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.

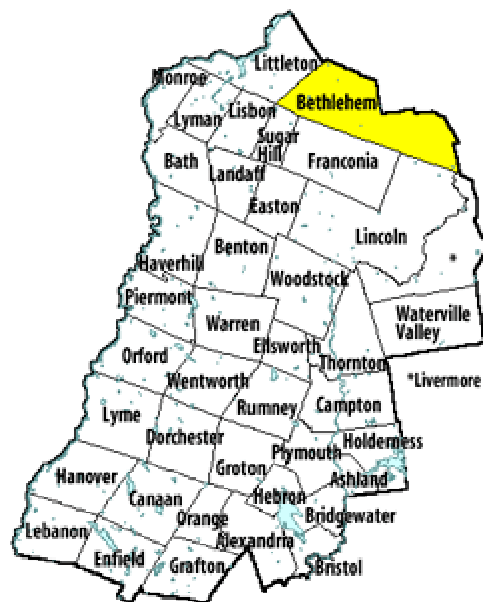
Villages and Place Names: Alderbrook, Five Corners, Maplewood, Pierce Bridge

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

Population Trends: Population change for Bethlehem totaled 1,324 over 50 years, from 882 in 1950 to 2,206 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was between 1970 and 1980, when population increased by 56 percent. The 2007 Census estimate for Bethlehem was 2,438 residents, which ranked 120th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 27.1 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.



Grafton County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	\$2,088,453
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1972/07
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

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

Public Library **Bethlehem Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Volunteer	
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9	
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Littleton Regional, Littleton	8 miles	25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; 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	Yes
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	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)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.14
2007 Equalization Ratio	89.7
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.36
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	85.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	11.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.0%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	1,523
2007 Single-Family Units	1,031
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	6
2007 Multi-Family Units	397
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	95

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	2,438	85,514
2000	2,206	81,826
1990	2,018	74,998
1980	1,784	65,806
1970	1,142	54,914

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	1,119	Female 1,080

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	120
Age 5 to 19	459
Age 20 to 34	350
Age 35 to 54	833
Age 55 to 64	201
Age 65 and over	236
Median Age	39 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	88.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.1%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$20,155
Median 4-person family income	\$48,333
Median household income	\$35,547

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$30,133
Female	\$24,333

Families below the poverty level **7.9%****LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	1,250	1,478
Employed	1,190	1,438
Unemployed	60	40
Unemployment rate	4.8%	2.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	28	19
Average Weekly Wage	\$358	\$712
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	248	465
Average Weekly Wage	\$371	\$599
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	276	485
Average Weekly Wage	\$370	\$603
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	111	173
Average Weekly Wage	\$444	\$639
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	387	658
Average Weekly Wage	\$391	\$613

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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): **Gallen Regional Voc. Center, Littleton; White Mountain Regional High, Whitefield** Region: **03**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	3
Grade Levels	K 1-6	7-8	9-12	1-12
Total Enrollment	204	98	188	124

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **53**

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Littleton**

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	

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?	Call ahead	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		107 miles
Boston, Mass.		150 miles
New York City, NY		333 miles
Montreal, Quebec		173 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	10.3%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	3.7%
Other means	1.0%
Worked at home	6.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	20.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	26%
Commuting to another NH community	71%
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
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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Cannon Mountain, Bretton Woods
	Other: Antiques; The Rocks Tree Farm; Hiking; Mountain Biking