

# Coös County

## County Offices

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**County Services:** Administration Coös County Nursing Home (Berlin); Coös County Nursing Hospital (West Stewartstown); Coös County Conservation District; County Attorney; Department of Corrections; Registry of Deeds; Sheriff's Department; Victim/Witness Program; Unincorporated Places

UNH Cooperative Extension  
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Coös County covers the top fifth of the state, sharing a 71-mile straight border with Maine to the east, an 85-mile border with Vermont to the west, and a 58-mile border with Canada to the north. Established in 1803, the county was named after the Indian word 'cowass' or 'kohass,' meaning 'crooked river' because of the bend in the Connecticut River. The White Mountain National Forest and Nash Stream State Forest cover a sizable portion of the county.

Coös County contains 1,801.5 square miles of land area and 29.7 square miles of inland water area. As of the 2020 Census, the population density was 17.4 persons per square mile. Coös County includes one city, Berlin, 19 towns, and 23 unincorporated places, 14 of which were unpopulated as of the 2020 Census. The county seat is Lancaster.



COUNTY POPULATION				
2021	2010	2000	1990	1980
31,289	31,268	33,055	33,111	34,828

Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial/Annual Population Estimates

DEMOGRAPHICS		
By Gender:	Male	Female
Total	16,913	14,447
18 years and over	14,251	12,075
65 years and over	3,574	3,882
Median Age	46.3 years	51.6 years
By Age Group:		
	Under age 5	1,230
	Age 5 to 19	4,305
	Age 20 to 34	4,984
	Age 35 to 54	7,924
	Age 55 to 64	5,461
	Age 65 and over	7,456
	Median Age	48.8 years

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

Due to differing methodologies, Annual Population Estimates and 5-Year Average ACS Demographics data may not match.

LABOR FORCE		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian Labor Force	16,360	14,322
Employed	15,157	13,689
Unemployed	1,203	633
Unemployment Rate	7.4%	4.4%

2021 Annual Average Unemployment Rates by Town			
Berlin	4.9%	Lancaster	3.6%
Carrall	3.7%	Milan	4.4%
Clarksville	4.5%	Northumberland	4.8%
Colebrook	4.1%	Pittsburg	4.4%
Columbia	3.7%	Randolph	4.2%
Dalton	5.9%	Shelburne	2.9%
Dummer	6.9%	Stark	4.1%
Errol	5.7%	Stewartstown	3.8%
Gorham	4.6%	Stratford	7.2%
Jefferson	3.9%	Whitefield	3.7%

Source: NHES/ELMI

LARGEST BUSINESSES	COMMUNITY	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES
Mount Washington Hotel	Carroll	Hotel, restaurant, golf, etc.	350
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	Berlin	Health care services	341
Weeks Memorial Hospital	Lancaster	Health care services	320
Bretton Woods Ski Area	Carroll	Ski area	300
Federal Correctional Institution (FCI Berlin)	Berlin	Federal prison	229
Wal-Mart	Gorham	Retail store	210
Mountain View Grand	Whitefield	Hotel	200
Santa's Village	Jefferson	Seasonal amusement	200
Northern NH Correctional Facility	Berlin	Correctional facility	171
Berlin City Auto Group	Gorham	Car sales, service	156
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	Colebrook	Health care services	143
City of Berlin School System - SAU #3	Berlin	Education	132
White Mountain Regional High School	Whitefield	Education	122
Country Village Health Care	Lancaster	Health care services	112
City of Berlin	Berlin	Municipal services	107
Morrison Nursing Home	Whitefield	Nursing home	97
Northern Human Services	Berlin	Behavioral health services	96
Colebrook School District	Colebrook	Education	90
Coös County Family Health Services	Berlin	Health services	88
Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services	Berlin	Home care	83
Town of Gorham	Gorham	Municipal services	78
Family Resource Center	Gorham	Human services	71
Lancaster School	Lancaster	Education	70
Northway Bank	Berlin	Banking services	67
White Mountain Paper Co	Gorham	Manufacturing	65
NSA Industries	Northumberland	Machining, metal fabrication	60
Pak Solutions	Lancaster	Four color shopping bags	53
State Department of Transportation	Carroll	State police, highway maintenance	50
Milan Lumber	Milan	Saw mill lumber	48
Shaw's Supermarket	Lancaster	Supermarket	48

Source: Employer data were provided by individual municipalities; not all municipalities provided data.

COVERED EMPLOYMENT & WAGES – ANNUAL AVERAGE			
	2011	2021	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Annual Average Employment	12,555	11,341	
Average Weekly Wage	\$620	\$875	
Total Private Industry			
Annual Average Employment	9,785	8,617	
Average Weekly Wage	\$600	\$850	
Private Goods-Producing Establishments			
Annual Average Employment	1,473	1,357	
Average Weekly Wage	\$758	\$872	
Private Service-Providing Establishments			
Annual Average Employment	8,312	7,260	
Average Weekly Wage	\$573	\$845	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Annual Average Employment	2,770	2,724	
Average Weekly Wage	\$690	\$956	

Source: NHES/ELMI. 'n' = data do not meet disclosure standards.  
Data represent workers covered by unemployment insurance.

INCOME AND POVERTY	
Per Capita Income	\$30,829
Median Family Income	\$52,054
Median Household Income	\$70,177
Median Earnings (Full-Time Year-Round)	
Male	\$47,431
Female	\$39,667
Percent of individuals below the poverty level	10.9%
Persons under 18 years of age	15.7%
Persons 65 years of age or older	8.9%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

NEAREST HOSPITALS	STAFFED BEDS
Androscoggin Valley, Berlin	25
Littleton Regional, Littleton	25
Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook	16
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	25

Source: NH Hospital Association

## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population, age 25 and over	24,323
Less than 9th grade	875
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	1,759
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	9,530
Some college, no degree	4,580
Associate's degree	2,719
Bachelor's degree	3,068
Graduate or professional degree	1,792

### Percent of age 25 and over population:

High school graduate or higher	89.2%
With a Bachelor's degree or higher	20.0%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year 2017-2021

## EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

### School Districts Serving Coös County Municipalities

- Berlin (grades K-12)
- White Mountains Regional: Carroll, Dalton, Jefferson, Lancaster, Whitefield (grades K-12)
- Colebrook (grades K-12)
- Errol (grades K-8)
- Gorham-Randolph-Shelburne Cooperative: Gorham, Randolph, Shelburne (grades K-8)
- Milan (grades K-6)
- Northumberland (grades K-12)
- Pittsburg (grades K-12)
- Stark (grades K-6)
- Stewartstown (grades K-8)
- Stratford (grades K-8)

### Career Technology Centers

Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center  
Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton)  
White Mountains Regional High School (Whitefield)  
Canaan Career Center (Canaan VT)

## HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES

### Nearest Community Colleges

White Mountains Community College

### Nearest Colleges and Universities

Plymouth State University  
Granite State College (online)  
Lyndon State College (Lyndon VT)  
Bishop's University (Lennoxville QC)  
Champlain College (Lennoxville QC)

Source: NH Department of Education

## NH LICENSED CHILD CARE FACILITIES, 2021

Total Licensed Facilities	12
Total Capacity	487

Source: NH DHHS, Bureau of Child Care Licensing

## COMMUTING TO WORK

<b>Total Workers, 16 years and over</b>	14,243
Car, truck or van: drove alone	11,084
Car, truck or van: carpooled	1,366
Public transportation (excluding taxi)	23
Walked	228
Other means	507
Worked at home	1,035
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.1

### Percent of working residents who:

Work in county of residence	78.9%
Commute to some other NH county	16.4%
Commute out of the state or the country	4.8%

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year Estimates 2017-2021

## TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	US Routes	2, 3, 302
	State Routes	16, 26, 110, 110A, 110B, 115, 115A, 116, 135, 142, 145

### Nearest Interstate/Exits

I-93, Exits 35, 36 (Franconia), Exit 40 (Bethlehem), Exits 41, 43 (Littleton)  
I-91 Exit 28 (Derby VT)  
Aut-55, Exit 21 (Ayer's Cliff, QC)

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service	Passenger Airlines
Lebanon Municipal	1
Portland International (Maine)	7

Source: Local mapping data

**HOUSING UNITS**

<i>Total Housing Units</i>	20,562
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	14,532
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	2,474
Five or More Units in Structure	1,352
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	2,204

*Source: US Census Bureau, ACS 5-Year 2017-2021*

**CURRENT HOUSING MARKET****New Hampshire Association of Realtors<sup>1</sup>**

YTD Dec 2022 Median Sale Price, Residential	\$199,900
YTD Dec 2022 Average Days on Market Until Sale	40

**NHHFA Residential Rental Cost Survey<sup>2</sup>**

2022 Median Monthly Gross Rent, 2 Bedroom	\$954
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*Source: see footnotes*

**2021 LOCAL ASSESSED VALUATION BY PROPERTY TYPE**

<i>Property Type</i>	<i>Share of Total Valuation</i>
Residential Land and Buildings	68.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	17.6%

*Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration*

**PROPERTY TAX RATES, 2021**

Town	Total Tax Rate per \$1000	Equalization Ratio	Full Value Rate per \$1000
Berlin	\$36.54	73.2	\$22.43
Carroll	\$19.13	57.0	\$10.84
Clarksville	\$18.98	60.4	\$10.66
Colebrook	\$29.32	85.5	\$24.78
Columbia	\$15.31	74.2	\$10.94
Dalton	\$25.15	65.4	\$15.33
Dummer	\$16.07	84.8	\$14.41
Errol	\$13.86	72.7	\$9.82
Gorham	\$35.60	75.1	\$25.68
Jefferson	\$17.82	94.0	\$16.62
Lancaster	\$26.19	73.6	\$19.00
Milan	\$21.08	80.2	\$16.64
Northumberland	\$35.31	61.0	\$20.88
Pittsburg	\$15.56	65.7	\$10.06
Randolph	\$15.46	84.2	\$12.58
Shelburne	\$16.25	99.7	\$15.54
Stark	\$19.92	86.7	\$16.75
Stewartstown	\$23.87	76.0	\$17.88
Stratford	\$19.28	95.7	\$17.80
Whitefield	\$25.56	77.2	\$19.39

*Source: NH Department of Revenue Administration*

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<sup>2</sup> **Source:** 2022 NH Residential Rental Cost Survey, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority. Copyright NHHFA 2022. <[www.nhhfa.org](http://www.nhhfa.org)>

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