

# Berlin, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**City Hall, City Manager, City Clerk, and Tax Collector: Monday to Friday, 8:30-4:30**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Coös**  
**Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA**  
**Great North Woods**  
**North Country Council**  
**Coös Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2 (All Wards)**  
**District 1**  
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**Coös County Districts 5, 7**

**Incorporated:** 1829

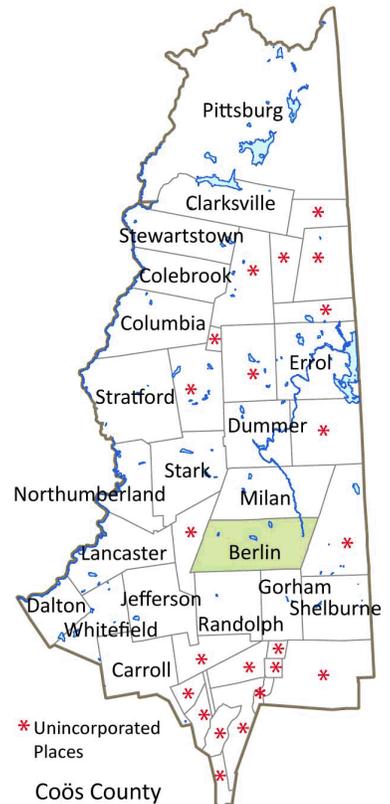
**Origin:** This community was first granted in 1771 as Maynesborough in honor of Sir William Mayne, an associate of Governor John Wentworth in the West Indies trade. The area was not settled by the original grantees, and the town was renamed Berlin in 1829 by new settlers originally from Berlin, Massachusetts. According to historical information from the City of Berlin website, the first attempt at building a sawmill powered by the river was in the early 1820s. This was the start of a booming lumber and paper business in Berlin, and at one time it was the largest newsprint supplier in the world. Berlin was incorporated as a city in 1897, and is the northernmost city in New Hampshire.

**Villages and Place Names:** Cascade, Berlin Mills

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 73 residents in 1830

**Population Trends:** Population change for Berlin totaled a negative 5,530 over 50 years, declining from 15,256 in 1970 to 9,726 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 14 percent drop from 1970 to 1980; the city has lost population in each of the last five decades. The city's population declined by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Berlin was 9,518 residents, which ranked 30th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 154.8 persons per square mile of land area. Berlin contains 61.5 square miles of land area and 0.7 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Manager &amp; Council</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$16,530,130</b>		
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	<b>\$22,538,967</b>		
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1964/09</b>		
Master Plan	<b>2023</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>		
<b>Boards and Commissions</b>			
Elected:	<b>City Council; School; Library; Trust Funds</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Berlin Industrial Development Park Authority; Water</b>		
Public Library	<b>Berlin Public</b>		

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Private</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Androscoggin Valley, Berlin</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>25</b>	

<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>TransCanada</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Berlin Water Works</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>Municipal</b>		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Mandatory</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>	
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>	

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		<b>\$27.26</b>	
2022 Equalization Ratio		<b>100.4</b>	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		<b>\$27.09</b>	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		<b>67.5%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings		<b>7.7%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		<b>24.8%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units		<b>4,352</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		<b>2,532</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		<b>1,278</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure		<b>514</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		<b>28</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	<b>9,518</b>	<b>31,504</b>	
2020	<b>9,425</b>	<b>31,268</b>	
2010	<b>10,051</b>	<b>33,055</b>	
2000	<b>10,331</b>	<b>33,156</b>	
1990	<b>11,889</b>	<b>34,879</b>	
1980	<b>13,084</b>	<b>35,014</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>	
<b>Population by Gender</b>					
Male	<b>5,917</b>	Female	<b>3,793</b>		
<b>Population by Age Group</b>					
Under age 5	<b>405</b>				
Age 5 to 19	<b>1,339</b>				
Age 20 to 34	<b>1,935</b>				
Age 35 to 54	<b>2,876</b>				
Age 55 to 64	<b>1,331</b>				
Age 65 and over	<b>1,824</b>				
Median Age	<b>43.9 years</b>				
<b>Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 7,571</b>					
High school graduate or higher	<b>86.5%</b>				
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>15.0%</b>				

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income		<b>\$24,569</b>	
Median family income		<b>\$63,887</b>	
Median household income		<b>\$39,479</b>	
<b>Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers</b>			
Male	<b>\$46,445</b>		
Female	<b>\$40,661</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>13.9%</b>		

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2012	2022		
Civilian labor force	<b>4,321</b>	<b>3,713</b>		
Employed	<b>3,936</b>	<b>3,583</b>		
Unemployed	<b>385</b>	<b>130</b>		
Unemployment rate	<b>8.9%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>		

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022			
<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>					
Average Employment	<b>573</b>	<b>240</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 926</b>	<b>\$1,234</b>			
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>					
Average Employment	<b>1,882</b>	<b>1,586</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 691</b>	<b>\$1,043</b>			
<b>Total Private Industry</b>					
Average Employment	<b>2,455</b>	<b>1,826</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 746</b>	<b>\$1,068</b>			
<b>Government (Federal, State, and Local)</b>					
Average Employment	<b>1,117</b>	<b>1,101</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 813</b>	<b>\$1,243</b>			
<b>Total, Private Industry plus Government</b>					
Average Employment	<b>3,572</b>	<b>2,927</b>			
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 767</b>	<b>\$1,134</b>			

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Berlin operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 3**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>K 1-12</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>422</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>38</b>

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; Northern VT - Lyndon (VT)**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **77**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Northern NH Correctional Facility	Correctional facility	171	2001
Androscoggin Valley Hospital	Health care services	341	1971
City of Berlin	Municipal services	107	1825
City of Berlin School System - SAU #3	Education	132	
Androscoggin Valley Home Care Services	Home care	83	1975
Coös County Family Health Services	Health services	88	
Northern Human Services	Behavioral health services	96	
Northway Bank	Banking services	67	
Federal Correctional Institution (FCI Berlin)	Federal prison	229	2013

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>16, 110</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 35</b>
	Distance	<b>43 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>Canadian National/B&amp;M</b>
Public Transportation		<b>NCT</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Berlin Municipal</b>	Runway	<b>5,200 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Portland (ME) International</b>	Distance	<b>99 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>132 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>101 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>182 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>378 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>173 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>77.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>12.3%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.7%</b>
Other means	<b>5.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.5%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>17.5 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>60.4%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>36.9%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>2.7%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Wildcat, Sunday River</b>
	Other: <b>Northern Forest Heritage Park; Nansen Ski Jump; Historic Churches; Moose Tours; Hiking; Canoe/Kayak; ATV Trails; Boom Piers; River Fire; Jericho Park; Jericho ATV Festival</b>