

# Bath, NH



## Community Contact

## Town of Bath

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Administrative Assistant: Monday to Thursday, 8:30-12 and 1-4:30, Friday, 8:30-12; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 8-12 and 1-4, Tuesday, 8-6, Friday, 8-12**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Grafton  
Haverhill, NH LMA  
White Mountains  
North Country Council  
Grafton County Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2  
District 2  
District 1  
Grafton County District 1**

**Incorporated:** 1761

**Origin:** The Bath town charter, granted in 1761, set aside land in equal shares for 68 families, with a church and a school. The town was named for a prominent English statesman, William Pulteney, first Earl of Bath, who served as Secretary of War and was known as one of the best orators in Parliament. Bath was one of the 16 towns involved in a protracted border dispute with the independent state of Vermont, before it was admitted to the Union in 1791. The town has three covered bridges crossing the Ammonoosuc River that were built in the early 1800's.

**Villages and Place Names:** Nutter, Pettyboro, Swiftwater, Upper Village, West Bath

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 493 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Bath totaled 475 over 50 years, from 607 in 1970 to 1,082 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 25 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by half a percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Bath was 1,111 residents, which ranked 182nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 29.1 persons per square mile of land area. Bath contains 38.2 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



Grafton County

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023	<b>\$1,714,356</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	<b>\$3,068,833</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1989/17</b>
Master Plan	<b>2007</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Library; Cemetery**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Zoning; Conservation**

Public Library **Bath Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Part-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Private</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Cottage Hospital, Woodsville</b>	<b>4 miles</b>	<b>35</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Bath Village Water Works</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>None</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>unknown</b>
Residential	<b>unknown</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.10</b>
2022 Equalization Ratio	<b>74.1</b>
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$14.79</b>

2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>79.8%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>2.8%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>17.5%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	<b>567</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>469</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>12</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>86</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	<b>1,111</b>	<b>91,126</b>	
2020	<b>1,077</b>	<b>91,118</b>	
2010	<b>1,077</b>	<b>89,118</b>	
2000	<b>895</b>	<b>81,826</b>	
1990	<b>734</b>	<b>74,998</b>	
1980	<b>761</b>	<b>65,806</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>545</b>	Female	<b>518</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>38</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>172</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>165</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>183</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>224</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>281</b>
Median Age	<b>49.8 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:	
High school graduate or higher	<b>91.2%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>32.4%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income	<b>\$33,859</b>
Median family income	<b>\$66,875</b>
Median household income	<b>\$60,813</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$52,768</b>
Female	<b>\$41,875</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>7.3%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	<b>537</b>	<b>525</b>
Employed	<b>510</b>	<b>507</b>
Unemployed	<b>27</b>	<b>18</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>50</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$1,017</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>n</b>	<b>12</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>n</b>	<b>\$ 640</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 566</b>	<b>\$ 947</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 527</b>	<b>\$ 776</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>94</b>	<b>90</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 555</b>	<b>\$ 894</b>

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Bath operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Haverhill Cooperative (Bath, Benton, Haverhill, Piermont, Warren)** District: **SAU 23**

Career Technology Center(s): **River Bend Career & Technical Center (VT)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	61			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Goddard (VT); Northern Vermont (VT); Dartmouth; Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Plymouth State**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Britton Lumber	Sawmill	32	2016

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	<b>302</b>
	State Routes	<b>10, 112, 135</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 17</b>	
	Distance	<b>8 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Dean Memorial, Haverhill</b>	Runway	<b>2,500 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>51 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>102 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>121 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>152 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>311 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>176 miles</b>

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>87.0%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>1.2%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.6%</b>
Walked	<b>4.7%</b>
Other means	<b>2.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>25.0 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>13.4%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>66.8%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>19.8%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

Municipal Parks
YMCA/YWCA
Boys Club/Girls Club
Golf Courses
Swimming: Indoor Facility
Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Bowling Facilities
Museums
Cinemas
Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b> Tourist Attractions
Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b> Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b> Youth Sports: Soccer
Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b> Youth Sports: Basketball
Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b> Campgrounds
<b>X</b> Fishing/Hunting
Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b> Snowmobile Trails
Bicycle Trails
Cross Country Skiing
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
Overnight or Day Camps
Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Cannon</b>
Other: