

Berlin, NH



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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

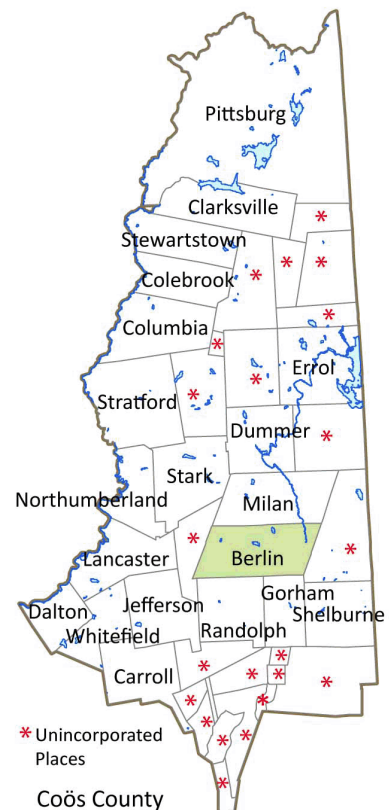
Origin: This community was first granted in 1771 as Maynesborough in honor of Sir William Mayne, an associate of Governor John Wentworth in the West Indies trade. The area was not settled by the original grantees, and the town was renamed Berlin in 1829 by new settlers originally from Berlin, Massachusetts. 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.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Manager & Council	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$16,530,130	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$22,538,967	
Zoning Ordinance		1964/09	
Master Plan		2023	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	City Council; School; Library; Trust Funds		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Berlin Industrial Development Park Authority; Water		
Public Library	Berlin Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Private	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Androscoggin Valley, Berlin		Local	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		TransCanada	
Water Supplier		Berlin Water Works	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal		Municipal	
Curbside Trash Pickup		No	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Mandatory	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
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)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$27.26	
2022 Equalization Ratio		100.4	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$27.09	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		67.5%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		7.7%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		24.8%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		4,352	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,532	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		1,278	
Five or More Units in Structure		514	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		28	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	9,518		31,504
2020	9,425		31,268
2010	10,051		33,055
2000	10,331		33,156
1990	11,889		34,879
1980	13,084		35,014
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	5,917	Female	3,793
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			405
Age 5 to 19			1,339
Age 20 to 34			1,935
Age 35 to 54			2,876
Age 55 to 64			1,331
Age 65 and over			1,824
Median Age			43.9 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 7,571			
High school graduate or higher			86.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher			15.0%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$24,569
Median family income			\$63,887
Median household income			\$39,479
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$46,445
Female			\$40,661
Individuals below the poverty level			13.9%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2012	2022	
Civilian labor force	4,321	3,713	
Employed	3,936	3,583	
Unemployed	385	130	
Unemployment rate	8.9%	3.5%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	573	240	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 926	\$1,234	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,882	1,586	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 691	\$1,043	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,455	1,826	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 746	\$1,068	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	1,117	1,101	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 813	\$1,243	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,572	2,927	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 767	\$1,134	
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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

District: **SAU 3**

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

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 (<i>distances estimated from city/town hall</i>)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	16, 110	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 35	
	Distance	43 miles	
Railroad	Canadian National/B&M		
Public Transportation	NCT		
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Berlin Municipal	Runway	5,200 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Portland (ME) International	Distance	99 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		132 miles	
Portland, Maine		101 miles	
Boston, Mass.		182 miles	
New York City, NY		378 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		173 miles	
COMMUTING TO WORK (<i>ACS 2017-2021</i>)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		77.2%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		12.3%	
Public transportation		0.0%	
Walked		0.7%	
Other means		5.3%	
Worked at home		4.5%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		17.5 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence		60.4%	
Commuting to another NH community		36.9%	
Commuting out-of-state		2.7%	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
X	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	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): **Wildcat, Sunday River**

Other: **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**