

Belmont, NH

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County	Belknap
Labor Market Area	Laconia NH Micro-NECTA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Belknap County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 4
State Representative	Belknap County District 5

Incorporated: 1727

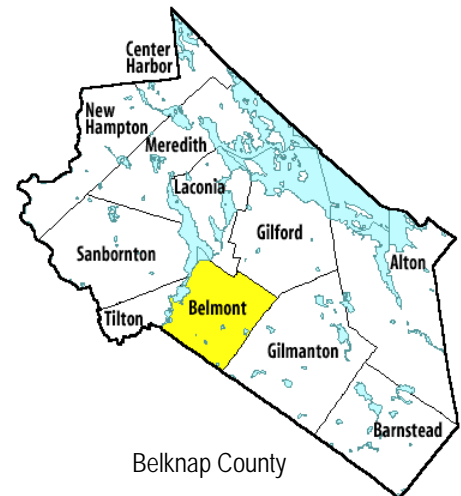
Origin: First chartered in 1727 as a parish of Gilmanton, known as Upper Gilmanton. In 1859, the voters of the town petitioned to rename the town Belmont, to honor Mr. August Belmont, a New York financier, in hopes that he might make a financial contribution to the town. Mr. Belmont, however, never even bothered to acknowledge the act. The town borders Lake Winnisquam.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,189 residents in 1860

Population Trends: Belmont's population has grown well above the statewide average rate over each of the last five decades. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 16 percent increase between 1990-2000 to a 61 percent increase between 1970-1980. Belmont's population grew more than four times larger, increasing by a total of 5,105 residents, going from 1,611 in 1950 to 6,716 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Belmont was 7,230 residents, which ranked 43rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 239.9 persons per square mile of land area. Belmont contains 30.1 square miles of land area and 1.8 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: Gardners Grove, Lochmere, Winnisquam, Tioga



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$7,194,361
Budget: School Appropriations	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1986/04
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

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

Public Library Belmont Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	4/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal

Nearest Hospital(s):

Lakes Region General, Laconia
Distance: 7 miles Staffed Beds: 106

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop.
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Belmont Water Department
Sanitation	Private septic & Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Yes
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.85
2004 Equalization Ratio	77.2
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.96
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	79.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	19.1%
Other Property including Utilities	0.9%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	3,356
2003 Single-Family Units	1,937
Building Permits Issued	45
2003 Multi-Family Units	486
Building Permits Issued	14
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	933

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	7,230	60,858
2000	6,747	56,576
1990	5,677	49,294
1980	4,026	42,884
1970	2,493	32,367

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	3,313	Female 3,403

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	360
Age 5 to 19	1,492
Age 20 to 34	1,112
Age 35 to 54	2,358
Age 55 to 64	630
Age 65 and over	764
Median Age	38.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	81.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	16.3%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$19,986
Median 4-person family income	\$53,125
Median household income	\$47,717

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$35,000
Female	\$25,882

Families below the poverty level

3.8%

LABOR FORCE

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	4,209	4,191
Employed	4,026	4,058
Unemployed	183	133
Unemployment rate	4.3%	3.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	289	559
Average Weekly Wage	\$507	\$812
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	960	1,493
Average Weekly Wage	\$407	\$646
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,249	2,052
Average Weekly Wage	\$430	\$691
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	205	272
Average Weekly Wage	\$539	\$724
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,453	2,324
Average Weekly Wage	\$446	\$695

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Shaker Regional (Belmont, Canterbury)** District: **SAU 80**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K R 1-4	5-8	9-12	K-12
Total Enrollment	485	466	453	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: 5 Total Capacity: 255

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Laconia**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Southern NH University, Laconia**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wilcom Products, Inc.	Telecommunication test equipment	108	1967
Verizon	Telecommunications	100+	1990
Noyes Fiber Systems	Fiber optic testing equipment	72	1987
All-Metals Industries, Inc.	Metal raw product	60	1986
Contract Support Group	Contract manufacturing	58	1997
Lakes Region Manufacturing	Seals	45	1996
Pike Industries	Asphalt paving offices	37	1997
Milpower Source, Inc.	Switched power supplies	35	1985
Laconia Magnetics, Inc.	Custom built transformers	32	1992

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	3
	State Routes	106, 107, 140
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	4 miles
Railroad	State owned line	
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Airport	Laconia	
	Runway	5,286 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport	Manchester	
	Distance	30 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	34 miles
	Portland, Maine	108 miles
	Boston, Mass.	88 miles
	New York City, NY	285 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	239 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.9%
Public transportation	0.9%
Walked	2.8%
Other means	0.8%
Worked at home	2.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	19%
Commuting to another NH community	78%
Commuting out-of-state	3%

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
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Belknap 4-H Fair