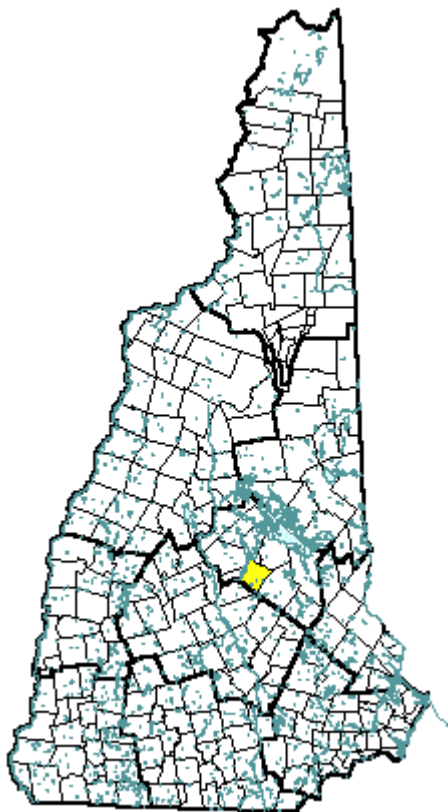


# Belmont, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 4 pm**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Belknap**  
**Laconia NH Micro-NECTA**  
**Lakes**  
**Lakes Region**  
**Belknap County Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 1**  
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**District 4**  
**Belknap County District 5**

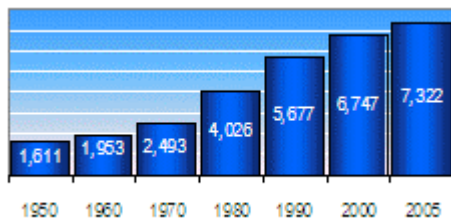
**Incorporated:** 1727

**Origin:** The town was first chartered in 1727 as a parish of Gilmanton known as Upper Gilmanton, and incorporated as such in 1859. In 1869, the voters of the town, who felt the many locations named Gilmanton was confusing, 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 never acknowledged the act, having passed away that same year. Belmont was the residence of Governor William Badger, first elected in 1834.

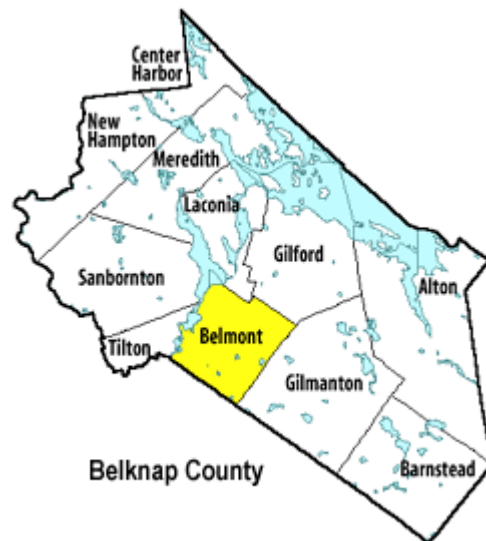
**Villages and Place Names:** Gardners Grove, Lochmere, Winnisquam, Tioga

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

**Population Trends:** Population change for Belmont totaled 5,136 over 50 years, from 1,611 in 1950 to 6,747 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 61 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 41 percent increase over the next decade. The 2005 Census estimate for Belmont was 7,322 residents, which ranked 43rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density, 2005:** 242.9 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.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	<b>\$7,474,514</b>
Budget: School Appropriations	<b>not available</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1986/06</b>
Master Plan	<b>2002</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Zoning</b>
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Library; Cemetery</b>

Public Library **Belmont Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Lakes Region General, Laconia</b>	<b>6 miles</b>	<b>137</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; NH Electric Coop.</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>KeySpan</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Belmont Water Department</b>

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

Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2005 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.59</b>
2005 Equalization Ratio	<b>72.3</b>
2005 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.57</b>

2005 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>81.1%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>17.9%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.0%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** *(NH Office of Energy and Planning)*

2005 Total Estimated Housing Units	<b>3,406</b>
2005 Single-Family Units	<b>1,995</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>23</b>
2005 Multi-Family Units	<b>491</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>2</b>
2005 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>920</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS***(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2005	<b>7,322</b>	<b>61,547</b>
2000	<b>6,747</b>	<b>56,576</b>
1990	<b>5,677</b>	<b>49,294</b>
1980	<b>4,026</b>	<b>42,884</b>
1970	<b>2,493</b>	<b>32,367</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

## Population by Gender

Male	<b>3,313</b>	Female	<b>3,403</b>
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## Population by Age Group

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

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>81.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>16.3%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999***(US Census Bureau)*

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

## Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	<b>\$35,000</b>
Female	<b>\$25,882</b>

## Families below the poverty level

**3.8%****LABOR FORCE***(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1995	2005
Civilian labor force	<b>3,439</b>	<b>4,180</b>
Employed	<b>3,301</b>	<b>4,049</b>
Unemployed	<b>138</b>	<b>131</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES***(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1995	2005
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>361</b>	<b>555</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$514</b>	<b>\$889</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,071</b>	<b>1,452</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$415</b>	<b>\$647</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>1,432</b>	<b>2,007</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$440</b>	<b>\$714</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>232</b>	<b>291</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$507</b>	<b>\$727</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>1,664</b>	<b>2,298</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$450</b>	<b>\$716</b>

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE***(NH Dept. of Education)*

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, 2006: 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
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	95	
Bruce Transportation Group	Student bus transportation	95	
Lakes Region Coca-Cola	Bottling & distribution center	79	
Belmont Elementary School	Education	71	
Lodge at Belmont	Racing	70	
Noyes Fiber Systems	Fiber optic testing equipment	70	1987
Belmont Middle School	Education	68	
Belmont High School	Education	67	
Metrocast Cablevision	Provide cable service	67	

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

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	106, 107, 140
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	5 miles
Railroad		State owned line
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Laconia Municipal</b>	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	40 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		38 miles
Portland, Maine		85 miles
Boston, Mass.		88 miles
New York City, NY		292 miles
Montreal, Quebec		241 miles

**COMMUTING TO WORK***(US Census Bureau)*

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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Belknap 4-H Fair</b>