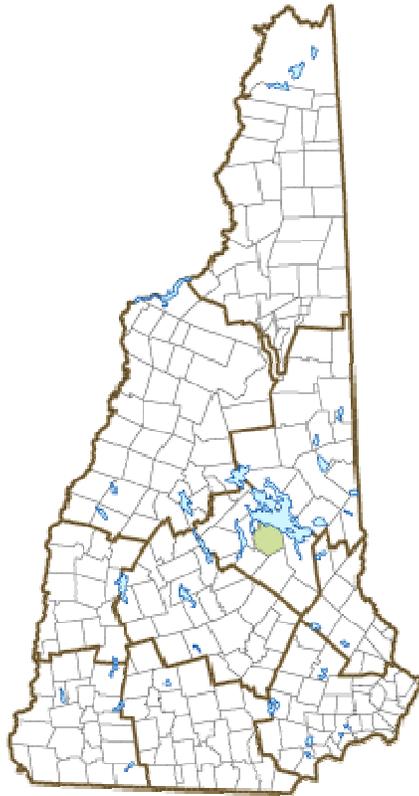


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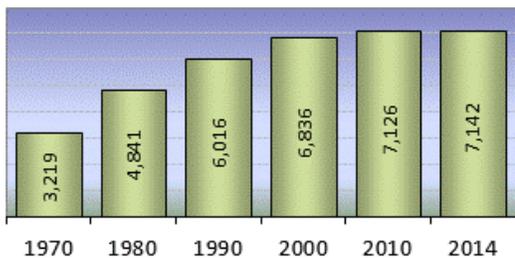
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E-mail	selectmen@gilfordnh.org
Web Site	www.gilfordnh.org
Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 6 pm
County	Belknap
Labor Market Area	Laconia, NH Micropolitan 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 7
State Representative	Belknap County District 2

Incorporated: 1812

Origin: Once a part of Gilmanton called Gunstock Parish, this town was named for a key battle at the end of the revolution, the Battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina. The American forces managed to deplete Cornwallis's army so they were forced to retreat, leading to the surrender at Yorktown. Sargent Lemuel B. Mason, who had fought in that battle, had retired to Gunstock Parish. As the town's oldest citizen when it was incorporated in 1812, Sargent Mason had the honor of selecting a name, and he chose Gilford. North Carolina's Guilford Court House has long since been renamed Martinsville.

Villages and Place Names: Ames, Dockham Shore, Glendale, Lake Shore Park, Belknap Point

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,816 residents in 1820



Population Trends: Population change for Gilford totaled 5,099 over 54 years, from 2,043 in 1960 to 7,142 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, followed by increases of 50 and 24 percent, respectively over the next two decades. The 2014 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,142 residents, which ranked 44th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 184.1 persons per square mile of land area. Gilford contains 38.8 square miles of land area and 14.7 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$12,513,515
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$24,722,508
Zoning Ordinance	1962/16
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Fire Engineers; School; Library; Budget; Cemetery; Checklist; Trust Funds
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recreation; Historic

Public Library **Gilford Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia	4 miles	88

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities	
Water Supplier	Gilford Village District; Gunstock Acres Village District	
Sanitation	Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No	
Recycling Program	Voluntary	
Telephone Company	Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes	
Cable Television Access	Yes	
Public Access Television Station	Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes
	Residential	Yes

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

2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.97
2015 Equalization Ratio	92.7
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.60
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	89.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.6%

HOUSING *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Total Housing Units	4,899
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	3,630
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	407
Five or More Units in Structure	369
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	493

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2014	7,142	60,252
2010	7,126	60,088
2000	6,836	56,576
1990	6,016	49,294
1980	4,841	42,884
1970	3,219	32,367

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender	Male	Female
	3,533	3,609

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	250
Age 5 to 19	1,236
Age 20 to 34	1,137
Age 35 to 54	1,722
Age 55 to 64	1,325
Age 65 and over	1,472
Median Age	49.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	93.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	39.5%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Per capita income	\$39,349
Median family income	\$74,253
Median household income	\$67,440
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$46,891
Female	\$46,607
Individuals below the poverty level	7.8%

LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	3,641	3,785
Employed	3,519	3,638
Unemployed	122	147
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	599	289
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 678	\$ 956
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,242	2,238
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 517	\$ 674
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,840	2,527
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 550	\$ 706
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	522	680
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 598	\$ 620
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	3,362	3,207
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 558	\$ 688

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Gilford operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 73**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs** Region: **8**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	K 1-4	5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	360	338	511	

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **129**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Gunstock Recreation Area	Ski, recreation area	550	
Gilford School District	Education	260	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	200	1991
Wal-Mart	Retail store	200	1998
Town of Gilford	Municipal services	175	1812
Bank of New Hampshire	Banking services	115	2002
Shaws Supermarket	Supermarket	113	2001
Orthopedic Professional Association	Medical services	50	1999
WLNH/WLKZ/WEMJ	Radio stations	33	

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	11, 11A, 11B, 11C
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	12 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		WTS
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	54 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		48 miles
Portland, Maine		81 miles
Boston, Mass.		99 miles
New York City, NY		298 miles
Montreal, Quebec		239 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	89.7%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.3%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	1.5%
Worked at home	3.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.8 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014

Working in community of residence	28.1
Commuting to another NH community	69.9
Commuting out-of-state	2.0

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	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
X	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Meadowbrook Musical Arts Center; Ellacoya State Beach; Outdoor skating rink**