

Gorham, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Coös
Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA
White Mountains
North Country Council
Coös Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 1
Coös County District 6

Incorporated: 1836

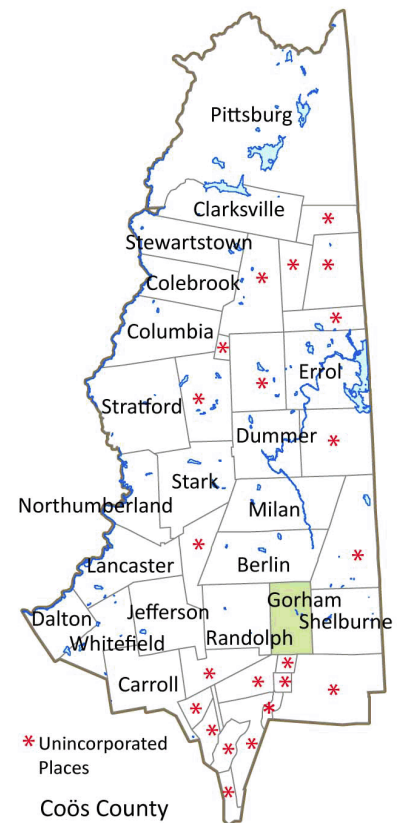
Origin: This territory was first granted in 1770 as part of Shelburne called Shelburne Addition. Shelburne settlers petitioned the Legislature in 1786 for an "addition" of land because they felt a large portion of their grant was useless due to the mountains and rocks. It was incorporated as a separate town in 1836 and renamed Gorham at the suggestion of Sylvester Davis, a resident from Gorham, Maine, and a relative of the Gorham family who founded that town in 1764. The Gorham family has long been part of New England history, first settling in Barnstable, Massachusetts, in 1643.

Villages and Place Names: Mount Washington, Upper Village, Cascade, Lead Mines

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 111 residents in 1830

Population Trends: Population change for Gorham totaled a negative 368 over 50 years, from 2,998 in 1970 down to 2,630 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was an 11 percent increase from 1970 to 1980; population has decreased since. The town's population decreased by eight percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Gorham was 2,702 residents, which ranked 117th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 84.7 persons per square mile of land area. Gorham contains 31.9 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$5,279,006
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Zoning Ordinance	1988/21
Master Plan	2020
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board
Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Water & Sewer; Library;
	Budget
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Town Forest
Public Library	Gorham Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time Chief & on-call
Emergency Medical Service	3 Full-time & on-call
Nearest Hospital(s)	
Androscoggin Valley, Berlin	Distance 9 miles Staffed Beds 25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	PNGTS
Water Supplier	Gorham Water Department
Sanitation	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
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)	\$24.25
2022 Equalization Ratio	91.0
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.87
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	55.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	25.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	19.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	1,696
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	908
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	284
Five or More Units in Structure	221
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	283

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2022	2,702	31,504
2020	2,698	31,268
2010	2,848	33,055
2000	2,902	33,156
1990	3,204	34,879
1980	3,322	35,014

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021		
Population by Gender		
Male	1,325	Female 1,316
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		35
Age 5 to 19		283
Age 20 to 34		294
Age 35 to 54		717
Age 55 to 64		560
Age 65 and over		752
Median Age		54.7 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 2,195		
High school graduate or higher		95.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher		27.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income	\$39,217
Median family income	\$88,203
Median household income	\$54,325
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$58,203
Female	\$47,454
Individuals below the poverty level	3.2%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	1,530	1,242
Employed	1,422	1,199
Unemployed	108	43
Unemployment rate	7.1%	3.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	261	155
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 916	\$1,046
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,319	1,340
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 527	\$ 802
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,580	1,494
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 592	\$ 828
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	253	234
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 717	\$ 830
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,833	1,728
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 609	\$ 828

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Gorham-Randolph-Shelburne Cooperative** District: **SAU 20**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	K 1-5	6-8	9-12	P K 1-8
Total Enrollment	151	94	135	63

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: **2** Total Capacity: **108**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Retail store	210	1998
Berlin City Auto Group	Car sales, service	156	1983
Quality Inn & Suites	Health club, motel	18	2020
Town of Gorham	Municipal services	78	1836
Family Resource Center	Human services	71	1999
Mr. Pizza	Restaurant	42	1986
Kelley Trucking	Trucking & logging	32	
Nucar Preowned Superstore, Inc.	Car sales, service	17	2010
White Mountain Paper Co	Manufacturing	65	2011
Yokohama Restaurant	Restaurant	30	1964

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		2
	State Routes		16
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 35	
	Distance		35 miles
Railroad		St. Lawrence & Atlantic	
Public Transportation			NCT
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Gorham Airport	Runway	2,800 ft. turf	
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?		No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Portland (ME) International	Distance		92 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			8
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			127 miles
Portland, Maine			94 miles
Boston, Mass.			178 miles
New York City, NY			377 miles
Montreal, Quebec			179 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			82.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			9.3%
Public transportation			0.0%
Walked			3.6%
Other means			3.3%
Worked at home			1.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work			25.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence			36.1%
Commuting to another NH community			62.4%
Commuting out-of-state			1.5%

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
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
	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
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Wildcat, Nansen Ski Club Trails
	Other: Youth Softball; Co-Ed Adult Softball; Moose Tours; Mount Washington Auto Road; Moose Brook State Park; Summer Concert Series; 4th of July Celebration; ATV Trails; Hiking Trails; ATV Festival; Fitness Trails; Wildman Biathlon; Great Glen Outdoor Trails