Gilford, NH

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Municipal Office Hours	**Town Hall: Monday to Friday 8-4:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8-4:30, Thursdays, 8-6**
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 2**
State Representative	**Belknap County District 6**

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 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 4,474 over 50 years, from 3,219 in 1970 to 7,693 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by eight percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,860 residents, which ranked 41st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 *(US Census Bureau)***:** 202.6 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.

Belknap County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	**Selectmen**
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023	**$18,665,532**
Budget: School Appropriations, 2023-2024	**$27,475,567**
Zoning Ordinance	**1962/23**
Master Plan	**2017**
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
Concord Hospital - Laconia	**4 miles**	**72**

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	**Mandatory**

Telephone Company	**Consolidated Communications**
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)*

2022 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$12.25**
2022 Equalization Ratio	**70.1**
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$ 8.58**

2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
Residential Land and Buildings	**90.2%**
Commercial Land and Buildings	**9.0%**
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	**0.8%**

HOUSING   *(ACS 2017-2021)*

Total Housing Units	**5,247**
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	**4,329**

Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure	**115**
Five or More Units in Structure	**332**
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	**471**

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)   *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2022	**7,860**	**64,781**
2020	**7,699**	**63,705**
2010	**7,126**	**60,088**
2000	**6,836**	**56,576**
1990	**6,016**	**49,294**
1980	**4,841**	**42,884**

DEMOGRAPHICS   AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY *(ACS) 2017-2021*

Population by Gender
Male	**3,519**	Female	**4,123**

Population by Age Group
Under age 5	**491**
Age 5 to 19	**1,149**
Age 20 to 34	**865**
Age 35 to 54	**2,144**
Age 55 to 64	**1,364**
Age 65 and over	**1,629**
Median Age	**47.0 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: **5,750**
High school graduate or higher	**98.3%**
Bachelor's degree or higher	**41.9%**

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $ *(ACS 2017-2021)*

Per capita income	**$51,039**
Median family income	**$112,171**
Median household income	**$102,358**

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
Male	**$84,630**
Female	**$44,737**
Individuals below the poverty level	**4.7%**

LABOR FORCE   *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	**3,851**	**3,646**
Employed	**3,648**	**3,548**
Unemployed	**203**	**98**
Unemployment rate	**5.3%**	**2.7%**

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES   *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	**269**	**341**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 834**	**$1,499**
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	**2,087**	**2,432**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 658**	**$ 902**
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	**2,356**	**2,773**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 678**	**$ 975**
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	**650**	**679**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 637**	**$ 776**
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	**3,006**	**3,452**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 669**	**$ 936**

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

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	**322**	**305**	**499**	

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region; NHTI-Concord**
Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State; Granite State; UNH School of Law**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)   Total Facilities: **4**   Total Capacity: **300**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Gunstock Recreation Area	Ski, recreation area	550	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	200	1991
Wal-Mart	Retail store	200	1998
Gilford School District	Education	260	
Town of Gilford	Municipal services	101	1812
Orthopedic Professional Association	Medical services	50	1999
WLNH/WLKZ/WEMJ	Radio stations	33	
Shaws Supermarket	Supermarket	113	2001
Bank of New Hampshire	Banking services	115	2002

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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**

Workers 16 years and over
Drove alone, car/truck/van   **86.6%**
Carpooled, car/truck/van   **3.7%**
Public transportation   **0.0%**
Walked   **0.7%**
Other means   **0.0%**
Worked at home   **9.0%**
Mean Travel Time to Work   **23.0 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents
Working in community of residence   **27.5%**
Commuting to another NH community   **70.0%**
Commuting out-of-state   **2.5%**

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**