

Gilford, NH



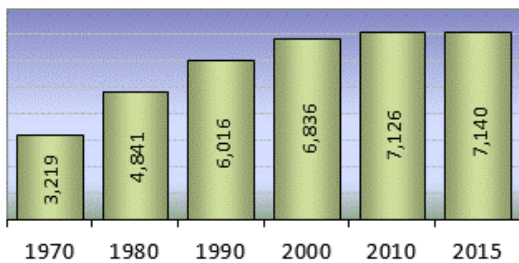
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Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 6 pm
County	Belknap
Labor Market Area	Laconia, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning 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 5,097 over 55 years, from 2,043 in 1960 to 7,140 in 2015. 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 2015 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,140 residents, which ranked 44th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (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 2011-2015)
Total Housing Units	5,100	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	3,929	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	337	
Five or More Units in Structure	312	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	522	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2015	7,140	60,399	
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) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	3,434	Female	3,706

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	266
Age 5 to 19	1,118
Age 20 to 34	1,146
Age 35 to 54	1,709
Age 55 to 64	1,313
Age 65 and over	1,588
Median Age	50.0 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	92.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	35.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2011-2015)
Per capita income		\$41,375
Median family income		\$75,703
Median household income		\$67,643

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$44,938
Female	\$46,026

Individuals below the poverty level	7.8%
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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	2005	2015	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	545	329	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 712	\$ 964	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	2,148	2,316	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 547	\$ 702	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,693	2,645	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 580	\$ 735	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	561	651	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 604	\$ 671	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,254	3,296	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 584	\$ 722	

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

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**

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	86.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.9%
Other means	1.9%
Worked at home	4.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015	
Working in community of residence	27.3
Commuting to another NH community	70.5
Commuting out-of-state	2.2