

Gilford, NH



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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

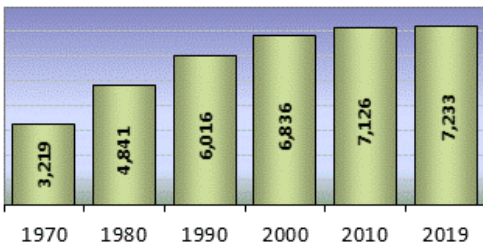
Incorporated: 1812

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 4,014 over 49 years, from 3,219 in 1970 to 7,233 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 24 percent increase over the next decade. The 2019 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,233 residents, which ranked 43rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 186.5 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, 2020	\$15,294,727		
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Zoning Ordinance	1962/20		
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	
Lakes Region General, Laconia	4 miles	96	
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	Private		
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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.86		
2019 Equalization Ratio	95.7		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.14		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	88.8%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.6%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.6%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Total Housing Units	5,178		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	4,220		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	88		
Five or More Units in Structure	355		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	515		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	7,233	61,303	
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 <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	3,449	Female	3,704
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	304		
Age 5 to 19	1,250		
Age 20 to 34	1,072		
Age 35 to 54	1,738		
Age 55 to 64	1,135		
Age 65 and over	1,654		
Median Age	47.8 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	97.8%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	42.0%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Per capita income	\$50,245		
Median family income	\$110,650		
Median household income	\$84,192		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$71,487		
Female	\$39,442		
Individuals below the poverty level	5.5%		
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	3,686	3,688	
Employed	3,470	3,590	
Unemployed	216	98	
Unemployment rate	5.9%	2.7%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	294	315	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 868	\$1,220	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	2,176	2,355	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 613	\$ 769	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,471	2,670	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 643	\$ 822	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	569	637	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 683	\$ 742	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,040	3,307	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 651	\$ 807	

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	343	311	475	

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **194**

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
Bank of New Hampshire	Banking services	115	2002
Shaws Supermarket	Supermarket	113	2001
Town of Gilford	Municipal services	101	1812
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 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	90.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.4%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.5%
Other means	4.2%
Worked at home	2.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019

Working in community of residence	18.5
Commuting to another NH community	78.6
Commuting out-of-state	2.9

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**