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 5,112 over 56 years, from 2,043 in 1960 to 7,155 in 2016. 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 2016 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,155 residents, which ranked 43rd among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 184.5 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**

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**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**

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**Nearest Hospital(s)**

- Lakes Region General, Laconia: Distance 4 miles, Staffed Beds 88

**Utilities**

| Electric Supplier | Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop |
| Natural Gas Supplier | Liberty Utilities |
| Water Supplier | Gilford Village District; Gunstock Acres |

**Sanitation**

- Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant: No
- Solid Waste Disposal: Private
- Curbside Trash Pickup: No
- Pay-As-You-Throw Program: No Recyling 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)**
  - 2016 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) | $17.95 |
  - 2016 Equalization Ratio | 93.8 |
  - 2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) | $16.78 |

**2016 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 2012-2016)**
  - Total Housing Units: 5,155
  - Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 3,930
  - Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
    - Two to Four Units in Structure: 301
    - Five or More Units in Structure: 303
    - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 621

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)**

- **(US Census Bureau)**
  - Total Population
    - Community 2016: 7,155
    - County 2016: 60,779
    - 2010: 7,126
    - County 2010: 60,088
    - 2000: 6,836
    - County 2000: 56,576
    - 1990: 6,016
    - County 1990: 49,294
    - 1980: 4,841
    - County 1980: 42,884
    - 1970: 3,219
    - County 1970: 32,367

**Demographics, American Community Survey**

- **(ACS) 2012-2016**
  - Population by Gender
    - Male: 3,340
    - Female: 3,763
  - Population by Age Group
    - Under age 5: 197
    - Age 5 to 19: 1,171
    - Age 20 to 34: 1,068
    - Age 35 to 54: 1,660
    - Age 55 to 64: 1,263
    - Age 65 and over: 1,744
    - Median Age: 50.7 years
  - Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
    - High school graduate or higher: 93.6%
    - Bachelor's degree or higher: 38.4%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $**

- **(ACS 2012-2016)**
  - Per capita income: $42,138
  - Median family income: $75,941
  - Median household income: $63,125
  - Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over
    - Male: $50,217
    - Female: $36,480

  - Individuals below the poverty level: 7.7%

**Labor Force**

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - Annual Average 2006 2016
    - Civilian labor force: 3,714
    - Employed: 3,593
    - Unemployed: 121
    - Unemployment rate: 3.3%

**Employment & Wages**

- **(NHES – ELMI)**
  - Annual Average Covered Employment 2006 2016
    - Goods Producing Industries
      - Average Employment: 485
      - Average Weekly Wage: $763
    - Service Providing Industries
      - Average Employment: 2,167
      - Average Weekly Wage: $566
    - Total Private Industry
      - Average Employment: 2,652
      - Average Weekly Wage: $602
    - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
      - Average Employment: 526
      - Average Weekly Wage: $631
    - Total, Private Industry plus Government
      - Average Employment: 3,178
      - Average Weekly Wage: $607

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**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)  
Number of Schools: 1  
Grade Levels: K-12  
Total Enrollment: 339 334 491  
Private/Parochial

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 6  
Total Capacity: 141

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<td>Gunstock Recreation Area</td>
<td>550</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gilford School District</td>
<td>260</td>
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<td>Hannaford Brothers</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>1991</td>
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<td>Wal-Mart</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>1998</td>
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<td>Town of Gilford</td>
<td>175</td>
<td>1812</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bank of New Hampshire</td>
<td>115</td>
<td>2002</td>
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<td>Orthopedic Professional Association</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>1999</td>
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<td>WLNH/WLKZ/WEMJ Radio stations</td>
<td>33</td>
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**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 2012-2016)**

Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van 88.0%  
Carpooled, car/truck/van 5.7%  
Public transportation 0.0%  
Walked 0.9%  
Other means 1.7%  
Worked at home 3.7%  
Mean Travel Time to Work 23.5 minutes  
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016  
Working in community of residence 26.5  
Commuting to another NH community 70.6  
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

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