

# Goffstown, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Hillsborough**  
**Manchester, NH Metropolitan NECTA**  
**Merrimack Valley**  
**Southern NH**  
**Capital Regional Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 1**  
**District 4**  
**District 20**  
**Hillsborough County Districts 6, 39**

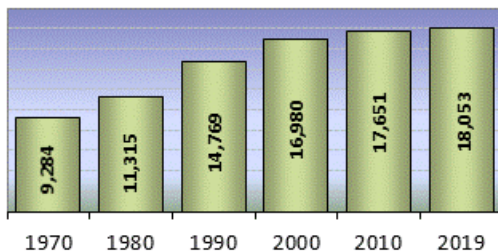
**Incorporated:** 1761

**Origin:** This town started as a part of Massachusetts, and was known as Narragansett Number 4, Piscataquog Village, and then Shovestown before installation of the New Hampshire provincial government. In 1748, the area was granted to new settlers, including Colonel John Goffe. He had fought in the French and Indian Wars, worked for Governor Wentworth as a surveyor, and became judge of probate for Hillsborough County. Goffstown was officially named for Colonel Goffe when it was incorporated in 1761. The town includes the village of Grasmere, named for the English home of poets Wordsworth and Coleridge.

**Villages and Place Names:** Grasmere, Pinardville, Goffstown Village

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,275 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population in Goffstown had the 16th largest numeric change over 49 years, increasing by a total of 8,769 from 9,284 in 1970 to 18,053 in 2019.



The largest decennial percent change was a 31 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Goffstown was 18,053 residents, which ranked 14th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 486.1 persons per square mile of land area. Goffstown contains 37.1 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	<b>\$21,121,008</b>		
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1961/19</b>		
Master Plan	<b>2006</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	<b>Selectboard; Planning; Budget; Library; School; Zoning</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Conservation; Cemetery; Historic; Economic Development; Parks &amp; Recreation</b>		
Public Library	<b>Goffstown Public</b>		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Full-time</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Elliot Hospital, Manchester</b>	<b>10 miles</b>	<b>268</b>	
<b>Catholic Medical Center, Manchester</b>	<b>8 miles</b>	<b>251</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Liberty Utilities</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Grasmere Water; Goffstown Village; Manchester Water</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>Municipal</b>		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Mandatory</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Fairpoint</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Yes</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Public Access Television Station	<b>Yes</b>		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>	
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>	
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.58</b>		
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>89.5</b>		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.72</b>		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>85.1%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>10.4%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.5%</b>		
<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Total Housing Units	<b>6,333</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>4,683</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>710</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>756</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>184</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>18,053</b>	<b>417,025</b>	
2010	<b>17,651</b>	<b>400,721</b>	
2000	<b>16,980</b>	<b>382,384</b>	
1990	<b>14,769</b>	<b>336,549</b>	
1980	<b>11,315</b>	<b>276,608</b>	
1970	<b>9,284</b>	<b>223,941</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>8,377</b>	Female	<b>9,684</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>956</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>4,002</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>3,392</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>4,561</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>2,193</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>2,957</b>		
Median Age	<b>38.8 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.9%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>29.0%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Per capita income	<b>\$35,668</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$100,659</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$89,317</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$58,669</b>		
Female	<b>\$52,378</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>6.4%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	<b>10,340</b>	<b>10,857</b>	
Employed	<b>9,826</b>	<b>10,616</b>	
Unemployed	<b>514</b>	<b>241</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>368</b>	<b>494</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 927</b>	<b>\$1,323</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>2,008</b>	<b>1,874</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 514</b>	<b>\$ 617</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>2,376</b>	<b>2,367</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 578</b>	<b>\$ 764</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>1,159</b>	<b>1,289</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 723</b>	<b>\$ 891</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>3,535</b>	<b>3,656</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 626</b>	<b>\$ 809</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Goffstown operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 19**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Concord Regional Technical Center; Manchester School of Technology** Region: **11 & 15**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>P K 1-3</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>892</b>	<b>878</b>	<b>1,124</b>	<b>20</b>

Nearest Community College: **Manchester**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Southern NH University; UNH-Manchester**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **14** Total Capacity: **678**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Saint Anselm College	Education	475	1889
Goffstown School District	Education	350	1769
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	200	1993
Town of Goffstown	Municipal services	125	1761
Northeast Sheet Metal, Inc.	Sheet metal fabrication	100	1976
Hillsborough County	County services	70	1769
New Hampshire Steel Fabricators	Steel Fabrication	40	1993
Happy House Amusement	Arcade machines	35	1986

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>13, 114</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-293, Exit 4</b>
	Distance	<b>8 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Runway	<b>9,250 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>13 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>9 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>107 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>61 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>257 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>250 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>76.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.8%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.5%</b>
Walked	<b>5.2%</b>
Other means	<b>8.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>26.3 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>25.3</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>68.5</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>6.2</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
<b>X</b>	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Bowling Facilities
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak, Crotched Mountain</b>
	Other: <b>Giant Pumpkin Weigh-off &amp; Regatta; Municipal Rail Trail; Uncanoonuc Mountain Hiking Trails</b>