

Gorham, NH



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County	Coös
Labor Market Area	Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	White Mountains
Planning Commission	North Country Council
Regional Development	Coös Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 1
State Representative	Coös County District 6

Incorporated: 1836

Origin: This territory was first granted in 1770 as part of Shelburne called Shelburne Addition. Shelburne settlers petitioned the Legislature in 1786 for an "addition" of land because they felt a large portion of their grant was useless due to the mountains and rocks. It was incorporated as a separate town in 1836 and renamed Gorham at the suggestion of Sylvester Davis, a resident from Gorham, Maine, and a relative of the Gorham family who founded that town in 1764. The Gorham family has long been part of New England history, first settling in Barnstable, Massachusetts, in 1643.

Villages and Place Names: Mount Washington, Upper Village, Cascade, Lead Mines

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 111 residents in 1830

Population Trends: Population change for Gorham totaled a negative 368 over 50 years, from 2,998 in 1970 down to 2,630 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was an 11 percent increase from 1970 to 1980; population has decreased since. The town's population decreased by eight percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2021 Census estimate for Gorham was 2,631 residents, which ranked 119th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 82.5 persons per square mile of land area. Gorham contains 31.9 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.



Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, April 2023. Community Response Received **8/19/2022**

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$66,736,663
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Zoning Ordinance	1988/21
Master Plan	2020
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Water & Sewer; Library; Budget**

Appointed: **Zoning; Conservation; Town Forest**

Public Library **Gorham Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time Chief & on-call
Emergency Medical Service	3 Full-time & on-call
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Androscoggin Valley, Berlin	9 miles 25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	PNGTS
Water Supplier	Gorham Water Department
Sanitation	Gorham Sewer Department
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
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	No
High Speed Internet:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$35.60
2021 Equalization Ratio	75.1
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.68
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	48.5%
Commercial Land and Buildings	28.4%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	23.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)

Total Housing Units	1,696
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	908
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	284
Five or More Units in Structure	221
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	283

POPULATION (Decennial Census/ACS 2017-2021)

Total Population	Community	County
2021	2,641	31,360
2020	2,698	31,268
2010	2,848	33,055
2000	2,902	33,156
1990	3,204	34,879

DEMOGRAPHICS (ACS 2017-2021)

Population by Gender		
Male	1,325	Female 1,316
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		35
Age 5 to 19		283
Age 20 to 34		294
Age 35 to 54		717
Age 55 to 64		560
Age 65 and over		752
Median Age		54.7 years
Educational Attainment		
Population age 25 or older		2,195
High school graduate or higher		95.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher		27.7%

INCOME, INFLATION-ADJUSTED (ACS 2017-2021)

Per capita income	\$39,217
Median family income	\$88,203
Median household income	\$54,325
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$58,203
Female	\$47,454
Percent of individuals below poverty level	3.2%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	1,555	1,244
Employed	1,423	1,187
Unemployed	132	57
Unemployment rate	8.5%	4.6%

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Total, Private Industry plus Government	1,811	1,665
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 547	\$ 778
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,560	1,410
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 519	\$ 772
Goods-Producing Industries		
Average Employment	133	159
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 839	\$ 924
Service-Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,427	1,251
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 489	\$ 752
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	252	255
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 720	\$ 814

n = data do not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Department of Education)*Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Gorham-Randolph-Shelburne Cooperative** District: **SAU 20**Career Technology Center(s): **Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	K 1-5	6-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	143	102	141	

Nearest NH Community College: **White Mountains**Nearest Colleges or Universities *(with a physical campus)*: **Plymouth State; Northern VT - Lyndon (VT)**NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2021 *(DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)* Total Facilities: **2** Capacity: **111**

BUSINESSES <i>(provided by municipality)</i>	PRODUCT OR SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Retail store	210	1998
Berlin City Auto Group	Car sales, service	156	1983
Town of Gorham	Municipal services	78	1836
Family Resource Center	Human services	71	1999
White Mountain Paper Co	Manufacturing	65	2011
Mr. Pizza	Restaurant	42	1986
Kelley Trucking	Trucking & logging	32	
Yokohama Restaurant	Restaurant	30	1964
Quality Inn & Suites	Health club, motel	18	2020
Nucar Preowned Superstore, Inc.	Car sales, service	17	2010

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

Road Access	US Routes	2
	State Routes	16
Nearest Interstate/Exit	I-93, Exit 35	
Distance	35 miles	
Railroad	St. Lawrence & Atlantic	
Public Transportation	NCT	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Gorham Airport	Runway	2,800 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Commercial Airport with Scheduled Service		
Portland (ME) International	Distance	92 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, New Hampshire		127 miles
Portland, Maine		94 miles
Boston, Massachusetts		178 miles
New York City, New York		377 miles
Montreal, Quebec, Canada		179 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(ACS 2017-2021)*

Workers 16 years of age and over:	1,378
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.3%
Used public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.6%
Traveled by other means	3.3%
Worked at home	1.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents Who:	
Work in community of residence	36.1%
Commute to other NH community	62.4%
Commute out-of-state	1.5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	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): Wildcat, Nansen Ski Club Trails
	Other: Youth & Co-Ed Adult Softball; Moose Tours; Mount Washington Auto Road; Moose Brook State Park; 4th of July Celebration; ATV Trails; Hiking & Fitness Trails; ATV Festival; Wildman Biathlon; Great Glen Outdoor Trails Center