

# Gorham, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm</b>
County	<b>Coös</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Berlin, NH Micropolitan NECTA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>White Mountains</b>
Planning Commission	<b>North Country Council</b>
Regional Development	<b>Coös Economic Development Corp.</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 1</b>
State Representative	<b>Coös County District 6</b>

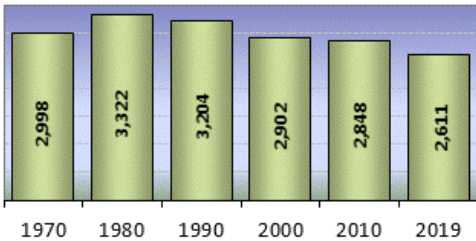
**Incorporated:** 1836

**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

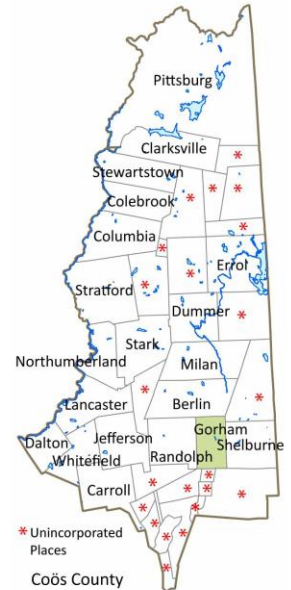
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 111 residents in 1830

**Population Trends:** Population change for Gorham decreased by 387 residents, from 2,998 in 1970 to 2,611 in 2019. Gorham was one of ten communities that lost population over 49 years. The 2019 Census estimate for Gorham was 2,611 residents, which ranked 118th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):**

81.8 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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$5,851,936</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020	<b>\$7,925,882</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1988/15</b>
Master Plan	<b>2020</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Water & Sewer; Library; Budget**  
 Appointed: **Zoning; Conservation; Town Forest**

Public Library **Gorham Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time Chief &amp; on-call</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>3 Full-time &amp; on-call</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Androscoggin Valley, Berlin</b>	<b>9 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>PNGTS</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Gorham Water Department</b>
Sanitation	<b>Gorham Sewer Department</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service: Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$33.77</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>92.4</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$30.58</b>

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>45.7%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>31.4%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>22.9%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,515</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>845</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>272</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>159</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>239</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>2,611</b>	<b>31,563</b>	
2010	<b>2,848</b>	<b>33,055</b>	
2000	<b>2,902</b>	<b>33,156</b>	
1990	<b>3,204</b>	<b>34,879</b>	
1980	<b>3,322</b>	<b>35,014</b>	
1970	<b>2,998</b>	<b>34,189</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,421</b>	Female	<b>1,202</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>54</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>378</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>290</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>613</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>628</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>660</b>
Median Age			<b>54.2 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>91.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>26.7%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income	<b>\$37,418</b>
Median family income	<b>\$74,714</b>
Median household income	<b>\$57,926</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$52,318</b>
Female	<b>\$42,120</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>3.8%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>1,572</b>	<b>1,262</b>
Employed	<b>1,480</b>	<b>1,219</b>
Unemployed	<b>92</b>	<b>43</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>338</b>	<b>214</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 870</b>	<b>\$ 992</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,507</b>	<b>1,359</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 486</b>	<b>\$ 585</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>1,844</b>	<b>1,572</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 556</b>	<b>\$ 640</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>260</b>	<b>259</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 682</b>	<b>\$ 735</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>2,105</b>	<b>1,832</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 571</b>	<b>\$ 654</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

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** Region: **2**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	
Total Enrollment	<b>159</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>135</b>	

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **211**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Berlin City Auto Group	Car sales, service	243	1983
Wal-Mart	Retail store	242	1998
Gorham Paper & Tissue, LLC	Manufacturing	105	2011
Family Resource Center	Human services	73	1999
Town of Gorham	Municipal services	53	1836
Royalty Health Club/Inn	Health club, motel	46	
Kelley Trucking	Trucking & logging	36	
Yokohama Restaurant	Restaurant	35	1964
Mr. Pizza	Restaurant	25	1986
AutoNorth Preowned Superstore, Inc.	Car sales, service	24	2010

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

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

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

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>86.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>4.4%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>2.7%</b>
Other means	<b>6.7%</b>
Worked at home	<b>1.1%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>21.7 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>44.4</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>54.5</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>1.1</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	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
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	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>Wildcat, Nansen Ski Club Trails</b>
	Other: Youth Softball; Co-Ed Adult Softball; Moose Tours; Mount Washington Auto Road; Moose Brook State Park; Summer Concert Series; 4th of July Celebration; ATV Trails; Hiking Trails; ATV Festival; Fitness Trails; Wildman Biathalon; Great Glen Outdoor Trails Center; White Mtn National Forest; Medallion Opera House; Gorham Historical Society & Railroad Museum; Ice Skating Rink: Outdoor Facility; Mountain Bike Trails; Androscoggin Valley Country Club; Summer Park Program; Outdoor Movie Nights; Farmers Market; Flea Market