

Ossipee, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Carroll
Wolfeboro, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Mount Washington Valley Economic Council

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 3
Carroll County Districts 5, 8

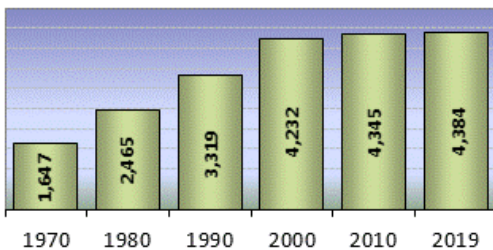
Incorporated: 1785

Origin: Known as Wigwam Village, and then New Garden, this town bears the name of the Ossipee Indians. It was once the site of an Indian stockade fort, designed to protect the tribe from attacks by the Mohawks from the west. Early in 1725, the Indian stockade was destroyed, and then rebuilt by Captain John Lovewell of Dunstable. Later that year, Captain Lovewell led a small band of men to attack the Indians at Pequawket (now Fryeburg). Captain Lovewell did not survive the fight, but the battle was memorialized in "The Ballad of Lovewell's Fight," and was the subject of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's first published poem, written at the age of 13.

Villages and Place Names: Center Ossipee, Chickville, Dorrs Corner, Granite, Long Sands, Moultonville, Ossipee Lake Shores, Ossipee Valley, Pollys Crossing, Roland Park, Water Village, West Ossipee

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 339 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Ossipee totaled 2,737 over 49 years, from 1,647 in 1970 to 4,384 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 35 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Ossipee was 4,384 residents, which ranked 87th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 61.8 persons per square mile of land area. Ossipee contains 70.9 square miles of land area and 4.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Selectmen		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	\$7,146,301		
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Zoning Ordinance	1988/19		
Master Plan	2006		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery		
Appointed:	Conservation		
Public Library	Ossipee Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	3 Full-time & volunteer		
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal & volunteer		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro	15 miles	25	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop		
Natural Gas Supplier	None		
Water Supplier	Ossipee Water Department, Carroll County Complex		
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No		
Solid Waste Disposal	Private		
Curbside Trash Pickup	No		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No		
Recycling Program	Mandatory		
Telephone Company	Spectrum; Fairpoint		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes		
Cable Television Access	Yes		
Public Access Television Station	No		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.11		
2019 Equalization Ratio	95.3		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.20		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	83.8%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.3%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.9%		
HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)			
Total Housing Units	3,168		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,548		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	72		
Five or More Units in Structure	180		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	368		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	4,384	48,910	
2010	4,345	47,818	
2000	4,232	43,918	
1990	3,319	35,526	
1980	2,465	27,929	
1970	1,647	18,548	
DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	2,075	Female	2,259
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	210		
Age 5 to 19	573		
Age 20 to 34	435		
Age 35 to 54	1,178		
Age 55 to 64	825		
Age 65 and over	1,113		
Median Age	51.2 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	88.0%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	19.9%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2015-2019)			
Per capita income	\$27,755		
Median family income	\$61,362		
Median household income	\$46,859		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$44,863		
Female	\$31,216		
Individuals below the poverty level	12.5%		
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	2,284	1,810	
Employed	2,122	1,752	
Unemployed	162	58	
Unemployment rate	7.1%	3.2%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	166	182	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 869	\$1,104	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,017	1,033	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 567	\$ 578	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	1,183	1,215	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 609	\$ 656	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	508	528	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 646	\$ 807	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	1,692	1,743	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 620	\$ 702	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro)				District: SAU 49
Career Technology Center(s):	Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)				Region: 9
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1			1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-6			P K 1-8	
Total Enrollment	317			47	

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Conway**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **106**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Carroll County Government	Government services	100	1840
Job Lots	Low cost merchandise	50	2005
McDonalds	Fast food restaurant	45	1995
Town of Ossipee	Municipal services	43	1785
Valueland IGA	Supermarket	21	1968
Tufpak, Inc.	Plastic bags	15	1976
Northern Tire	Tires, alignments, auto services	9	1986
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket		1982
Ossipee Aggregates Corporation	Sand, gravel		1960
Carroll County Courthouse	Court of Law		2004

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	16, 25, 28, 171	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exits 23 - 24	
	Distance	38 miles	
Railroad		Boston & Maine	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Moultonborough Airport	Runway	3,475 ft. asphalt	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Portland (ME) International	Distance	51 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		72 miles	
Portland, Maine		54 miles	
Boston, Mass.		109 miles	
New York City, NY		320 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		249 miles	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		85.1%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		8.1%	
Public transportation		0.0%	
Walked		0.0%	
Other means		6.8%	
Worked at home		6.7%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		30.8 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019			
Working in community of residence		27.7	
Commuting to another NH community		65.6	
Commuting out-of-state		6.7	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): King Pine
	Other: Old Home Week