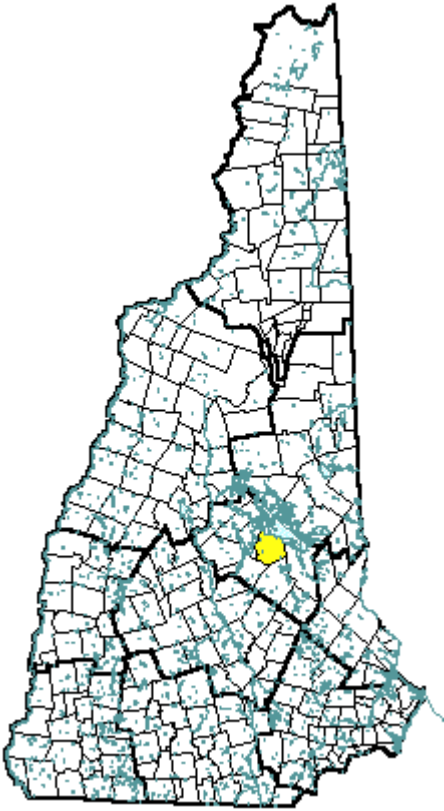


Gilford, NH



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County
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Belknap
Lakes
Lakes Region
Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 4
District 31

Incorporated: 1812

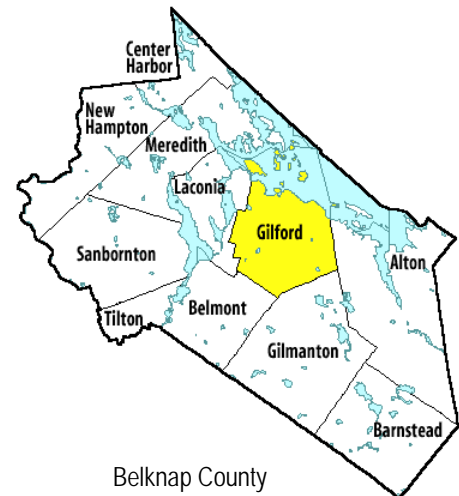
Origin: Once a part of Gilmanton called Gunstock Parish, the town was named for a key battle at the end of the revolution, the Battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina. Sargent Lemuel B. Mason, who had fought in that battle, had retired to Gunstock Parish. In 1812, he successfully proposed incorporation of a new town to be named Gilford. North Carolina's Guilford Court House has long since been renamed Martinsville. The original name is used by the Gunstock recreation area on Belknap Mountain.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,816 residents in 1820

Population Trends: Gilford's population has grown well above the statewide average rate, growing more than five times larger over fifty years. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 16 percent increase between 1990-2000 to a 63 percent increase between 1950-1960. Gilford's population increased by a total of 5,552 residents, going from 1,251 in 1950 to 6,803 residents in 2000. The 2003 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,409 residents, which ranked 41st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 178.7 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.

Villages and Place Names: Ames, Dockham Shore, Glendale, Lake Shore Park, Belknap Point



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
2004 Annual Budget	\$9,880,089
Zoning Ordinance	1962/04
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Board of Selectmen; Fire Engineer; School Board; Library Trustees
Appointed:	Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Zoning Board of Adjustment; Recreation Commission; Historic District Commission

Public Library **Gilford Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal & volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Lakes Region General, Laconia
Distance: 4 miles Staffed Beds: 106

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop.
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Gilford Village District; Gunstock Acres Village District
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$17.32
2003 Equalization Ratio	89.6
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$15.48
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	91.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	8.0%
Other Property including Utilities	0.6%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	4,434
2002 Single-Family Units	3,403
Building Permits Issued	62
2002 Multi-Family Units	446
Building Permits Issued	0
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	585

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	7,409	60,356
2000	6,803	56,325
1990	5,867	49,216
1980	4,841	42,884
1970	3,219	32,367

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	3,259	Female 3,544

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	361
Age 5 to 19	1,368
Age 20 to 34	788
Age 35 to 54	2,328
Age 55 to 64	813
Age 65 and over	1,145
Median Age	42.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	93.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	34.9%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$32,667
Median 4-person family income	\$56,554
Median household income	\$48,658

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$38,839
Female	\$27,325

Families below the poverty level

2.2%

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	3,254	3,789
Employed	3,039	3,681
Unemployed	215	108
Unemployment rate	6.6%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1993 2003

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	385	591
Average Weekly Wage	\$482	\$685

Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,517	2,319
Average Weekly Wage	\$296	\$477

Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,902	2,910
Average Weekly Wage	\$334	\$519

Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	380	554
Average Weekly Wage	\$466	\$584

Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,281	3,464
Average Weekly Wage	\$356	\$530

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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 Tech Ctr.; Winnisquam Agricultural Ed Ctr.** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	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	556	301	539	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: 11 Total Capacity: 287

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Laconia**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Gunstock Recreation Area	Recreation	550	
Gilford School District	Education	260	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	200	1991
Wal-Mart	Department store	200	1998
Molex, Inc.	Manufacturing	200	
Laconia Savings Bank	Banking services	115	2002
Shaws Supermarket	Supermarket	113	2001
Town of Gilford	Municipal services	83	1812
Orthopedic Professional Association	Medical services	50	1999
WLNH/WLKZ/WEMJ	Radio stations	33	

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	3
	State Routes	11, 11A, 11B, 11C
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	10 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Airport		Laconia
	Runway	5,286 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	50 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	48 miles
	Portland, Maine	105 miles
	Boston, Mass.	98 miles
	New York City, NY	296 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	246 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van%	87.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.6%
Public transportation	0.2%
Walked	1.8%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	3.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	22.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	29%
Commuting to another NH community	65%
Commuting out-of-state	6%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	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
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Summer concert arena; Ellacoya State Beach