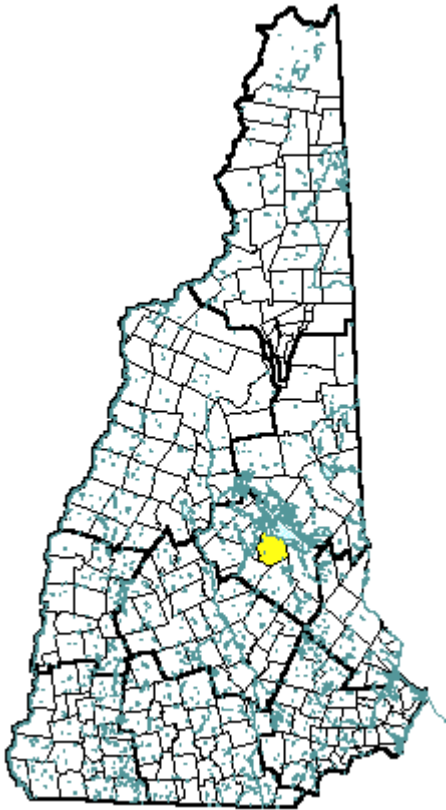


Gilford, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

**Belknap
 Laconia NH Micro-NECTA
 Lakes
 Lakes Region
 Belknap County Economic Development Council**

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

**District 1
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 District 4
 Belknap County District 5**

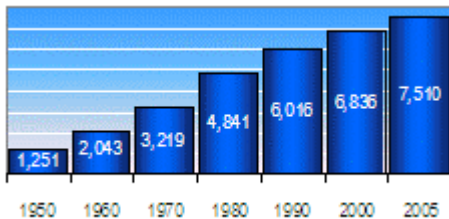
Incorporated: 1812

Origin: Once a part of Gilmanton called Gunstock Parish, this town was named for a key battle at the end of the revolution, the Battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina. The American forces managed to deplete Cornwallis's army so they were forced to retreat, leading to the surrender at Yorktown. Sargent Lemuel B. Mason, who had fought in that battle, had retired to Gunstock Parish. As the town's oldest citizen when it was incorporated in 1812, Sargent Mason had the honor of selecting a name, and he chose Gilford. North Carolina's Guilford Court House has long since been renamed Martinsville.

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

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

Population Trends: Population change for Gilford totaled 5,585 over 50 years, from 1,251 in 1950 to 6,836 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was



63 percent between 1950 and 1960, followed by increases of 58 percent and 50 percent over the next two decades. The 2005 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,510 residents, which ranked 41st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density, 2005: 193.6 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.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2006	\$10,289,121
Budget: School Appropriations, 2006	\$21,247,498
Zoning Ordinance	1962/04
Master Plan	2004
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Fire Engineer; School; Library
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recreation; Historic

Public Library **Gilford Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Full-time	
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9	
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia	4 miles	137

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
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2005 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.09
2005 Equalization Ratio	83.5
2005 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.22
2005 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	90.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	8.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.5%

HOUSING SUPPLY *(NH Office of Energy and Planning)*

2005 Total Estimated Housing Units	4,732
2005 Single-Family Units	3,569
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	57
2005 Multi-Family Units	563
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	12
2005 Manufactured Housing Units	600

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2005	7,510	61,547
2000	6,836	56,576
1990	6,016	49,294
1980	4,841	42,884
1970	3,219	32,367

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender

Male	3,259	Female	3,544
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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*(US Census Bureau)*

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*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1995	2005
Civilian labor force	3,346	3,692
Employed	3,249	3,582
Unemployed	97	110
Unemployment rate	2.9%	3.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1995	2005
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	458	545
Average Weekly Wage	\$530	\$712
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,547	2,148
Average Weekly Wage	\$317	\$547
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,005	2,693
Average Weekly Wage	\$366	\$580
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	411	561
Average Weekly Wage	\$466	\$604
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,415	3,254
Average Weekly Wage	\$383	\$584

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Gilford operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 73**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	K 1-5	5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	540	308	543	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2006: Total Facilities: 11 Total Capacity: 215

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
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 *(distances estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	11, 11A, 11B, 11C
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 20
	Distance	12 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
	Laconia Municipal	Runway 5,286 ft. asphalt
	Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids? Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
	Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance 54 miles
	Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	8
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	48 miles
	Portland, Maine	84 miles
	Boston, Mass.	98 miles
	New York City, NY	302 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	241 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

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
X	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
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Summer Concert Arena; Ellacoya State Beach