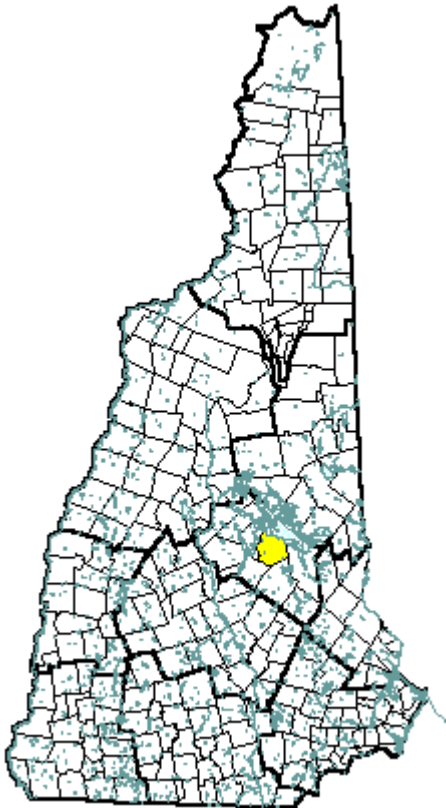


# Gilford, NH



## Community Contact

**Town of Gilford**  
**Scott Dunn, Town Administrator**  
 47 Cherry Valley Road  
 Gilford, NH 03249

Telephone  
 Fax  
 E-mail  
 Web Site

(603) 527-4700  
 (603) 527-4711  
 selectmen@gilfordnh.org  
 www.gilfordnh.org

## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Administrator, Finance, Assessors, and Planning/Zoning Offices: Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8 am - 4:30 pm, and Thursday, 8 am - 6:30 pm**

## County

**Belknap**

## Labor Market Area

**Laconia NH Micro-NECTA**

## Tourism Region

**Lakes**

## Planning Commission

**Lakes Region**

## Regional Development

**Belknap County Economic Development Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

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

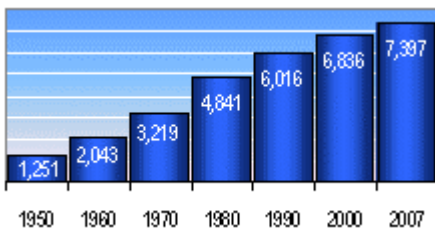
**Incorporated:** 1812

**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 2007 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,397 residents, which ranked 41st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 189.1 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	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2007	<b>\$10,746,391</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2007	<b>\$22,807,277</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1962/08</b>
Master Plan	<b>2004</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Fire Engineer; School; Library; Budget</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Recreation; Historic</b>

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

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

**UTILITIES**

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

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

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.83</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>90</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$14.21</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>91.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>8.6%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>0.4%</b>

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

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>4,829</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>3,649</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>29</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>569</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>2</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>611</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>7,397</b>	<b>61,048</b>
2000	<b>6,836</b>	<b>56,576</b>
1990	<b>6,016</b>	<b>49,294</b>
1980	<b>4,841</b>	<b>42,884</b>
1970	<b>3,219</b>	<b>32,367</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

## Population by Gender

Male	<b>3,259</b>	Female	<b>3,544</b>
------	--------------	--------	--------------

## Population by Age Group

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

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>93.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>34.9%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$32,667</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$56,554</b>
Median household income	<b>\$48,658</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$38,839</b>
Female	<b>\$27,325</b>
Families below the poverty level	<b>2.2%</b>

**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>3,650</b>	<b>3,710</b>
Employed	<b>3,552</b>	<b>3,587</b>
Unemployed	<b>98</b>	<b>123</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>553</b>	<b>374</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$598</b>	<b>\$826</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,561</b>	<b>2,184</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$340</b>	<b>\$570</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>2,114</b>	<b>2,558</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$407</b>	<b>\$608</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>460</b>	<b>522</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$458</b>	<b>\$683</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>2,574</b>	<b>3,081</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$417</b>	<b>\$621</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

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 1-4	5-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	383	390	574	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 9 Total Capacity: 175

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Gunstock Recreation Area	Ski, recreation area	550	
Gilford School District	Education	260	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	200	1991
Wal-Mart	Retail 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		
<b>Laconia Municipal</b>	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	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: **Meadowbrook Musical Arts Center; Ellacoya State Beach**