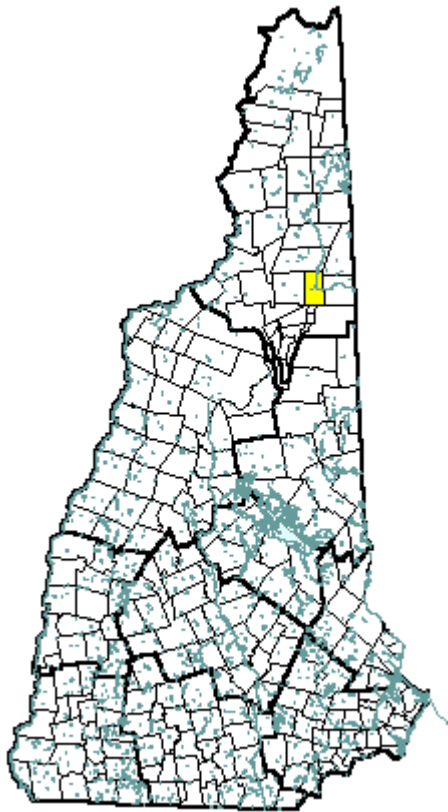


Gorham, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen, Town Manager: Monday through Friday, 8 am – 5 pm; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

County

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Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Berlin NH Micro-NECTA
White Mountains
North Country Council
Coos Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 1
Coos County District 3

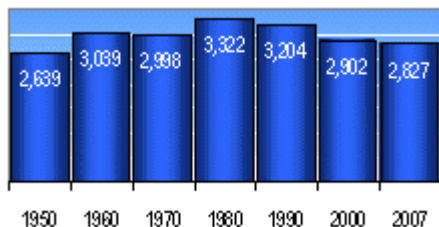
Incorporated: 1836

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.

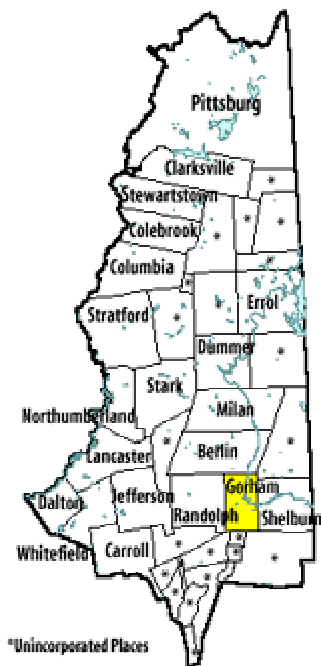
Villages and Place Names: Mount Washington, Upper Village, Cascade, Lead Mines

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

Population Trends: Population change for Gorham totaled 263 over 50 years, from 2,639 in 1950 to 2,902 in 2000. Population growth in Gorham tied with Colebrook as the fourth smallest percent change among the cities and towns, increasing just ten percent over 50 years. The 2007 Census estimate for Gorham was 2,827 residents, which ranked 111th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area (*NH Office of Energy & Planning*): 91.5 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.



Coos County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	\$5,203,702
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1988/07
Master Plan	2005
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Water & Sewer
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Library

Public Library **Gorham Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time Chief & volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/8B
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time & volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Androscoggin Valley, Berlin	9 miles 25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Gorham Water Department
Sanitation	Gorham Sewer Department
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.89
2007 Equalization Ratio	100
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.50
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	54.4%
Commercial Land and Buildings	31.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	13.9%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	1,537
2007 Single-Family Units	832
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	3
2007 Multi-Family Units	433
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	-3
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	272

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	2,827	32,772
2000	2,902	33,156
1990	3,204	34,879
1980	3,322	35,014
1970	2,998	34,189

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	1,427	Female 1,468

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	126
Age 5 to 19	559
Age 20 to 34	439
Age 35 to 54	946
Age 55 to 64	257
Age 65 and over	568
Median Age	42 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	79.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	13.4%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$16,649
Median 4-person family income	\$41,008
Median household income	\$32,250

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$34,659
Female	\$20,278

Families below the poverty level **3.9%****LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	1,556	1,641
Employed	1,487	1,574
Unemployed	69	67
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	85	440
Average Weekly Wage	\$501	\$893
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,489	1,710
Average Weekly Wage	\$347	\$491
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,574	2,150
Average Weekly Wage	\$355	\$573
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	216	246
Average Weekly Wage	\$518	\$702
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,790	2,395
Average Weekly Wage	\$375	\$587

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Gorham operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 20**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Berlin High School** Region: **02**

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	212	114	177	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 6 Total Capacity: 390

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Wal-Mart	Retail store	278	1998
Fraser Paper Co.	Paper making	275	
Berlin City Dealerships	Car sales, service	207	
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	110	1999
Town of Gorham	Municipal services	106	
Royalty Health Club/Inn/Restaurant	Health club, motel, restaurant	60	
Steel Elements, Inc.	Steel Truss Fabrication	45	
Gorham Sand & Gravel/Pike Industries	Aggregate	12	

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

Road Access	US Routes	2
	State Routes	16
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 35	
	Distance	35 miles
Railroad	St. Lawrence & Atlantic	
Public Transportation	Yes	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Gorham Airport	Runway	2,800 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Portland (ME) International Jetport	Distance	92 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		7
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		120 miles
Portland, Maine		91 miles
Boston, Mass.		165 miles
New York City, NY		375 miles
Montreal, Quebec		200 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	85.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.9%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.7%
Other means	1.4%
Worked at home	1.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	17.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	44%
Commuting to another NH community	51%
Commuting out-of-state	5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Wildcat
	Other: Moose Tours; Mount Washington Auto Road; Moose Brook State Park; Summer Concert Series; 4th of July Celebration; Hiking & Fitness Trails