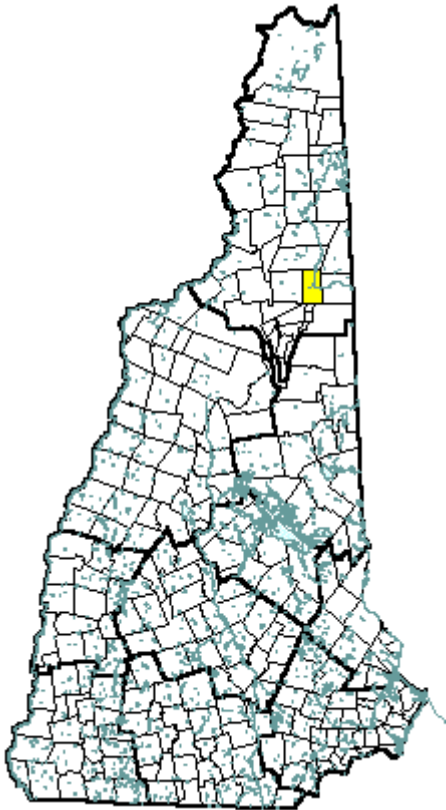


# Gorham, NH



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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                        **Coos**  
 Labor Market Area        **Berlin NH Micro-NECTA**  
 Tourism Region            **White Mountains**  
 Planning Commission    **North Country Council**  
 Regional Development    **Coos Economic Development Corp.**

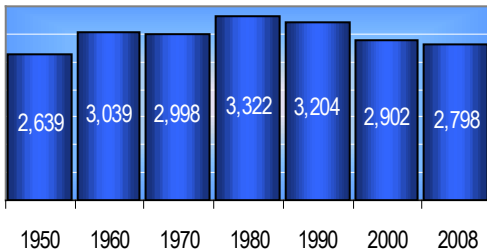
Election Districts  
 US Congress                **District 2**  
 Executive Council         **District 1**  
 State Senate                **District 1**  
 State Representative      **Coos County District 3**

**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 2008 Census estimate for Gorham was 2,798 residents, which ranked 111th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



\*Unincorporated Places

**Coos County**

**Population Density and Land Area, 2008** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 87.7 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.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

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

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Water &amp; Sewer; Library</b>
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Conservation</b>

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

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time Chief &amp; volunteer</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>5/8B</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Androscoggin Valley, Berlin</b>	<b>9 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Gorham Water Department</b>

Sanitation	<b>Gorham Sewer Department</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service: Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

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

2008 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$21.66</b>
2008 Equalization Ratio	<b>100.0</b>
2008 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.21</b>

## 2008 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	<b>50.5%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>31.9%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>17.6%</b>

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

2008 Total Housing Units	<b>1,546</b>
2008 Single-Family Units	<b>838</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>6</b>
2008 Multi-Family Units	<b>433</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2008 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>275</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2008	<b>2,798</b>	<b>31,971</b>
2000	<b>2,902</b>	<b>33,156</b>
1990	<b>3,204</b>	<b>34,879</b>
1980	<b>3,322</b>	<b>35,014</b>
1970	<b>2,998</b>	<b>34,189</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>1,427</b>	Female <b>1,468</b>

## Population by Age Group

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

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>79.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>13.4%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

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

## Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	<b>\$34,659</b>
Female	<b>\$20,278</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>3.9%</b>
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**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1998	2008
Civilian labor force	<b>1,640</b>	<b>1,585</b>
Employed	<b>1,593</b>	<b>1,515</b>
Unemployed	<b>47</b>	<b>70</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1998	2008
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>98</b>	<b>427</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$532</b>	<b>\$843</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,611</b>	<b>1,656</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$360</b>	<b>\$479</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>1,709</b>	<b>2,083</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$370</b>	<b>\$553</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>233</b>	<b>251</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$515</b>	<b>\$700</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>1,942</b>	<b>2,333</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$387</b>	<b>\$569</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## 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	203	115	178	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2009: Total Facilities: 4 Total Capacity: 291

Nearest Community/Technical 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	
Royalty Health Club/Inn/Restaurant	Health club, motel, restaurant	60	
Town of Gorham	Municipal services	59	
Steel Elements, Inc.	Steel Truss Fabrication	45	
Coos County Family Health Service	Medical center	30	
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	<b>I-93, Exit 35</b>	
	Distance	<b>35 miles</b>
Railroad	<b>St. Lawrence &amp; Atlantic</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>Yes</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Gorham Airport</b>	Runway	<b>2,800 ft. turf</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Portland (ME) International Jetport</b>	Distance	<b>92 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>6</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>120 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>91 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>165 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>375 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>200 miles</b>

## COMMUTING TO WORK

*(US Census Bureau)*

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

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	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): <b>Wildcat</b>
	Other: <b>Moose Tours; Mount Washington Auto Road; Moose Brook State Park; Summer Concert Series; 4th of July Celebration; Hiking &amp; Fitness Trails; Wildman Biathlon</b>