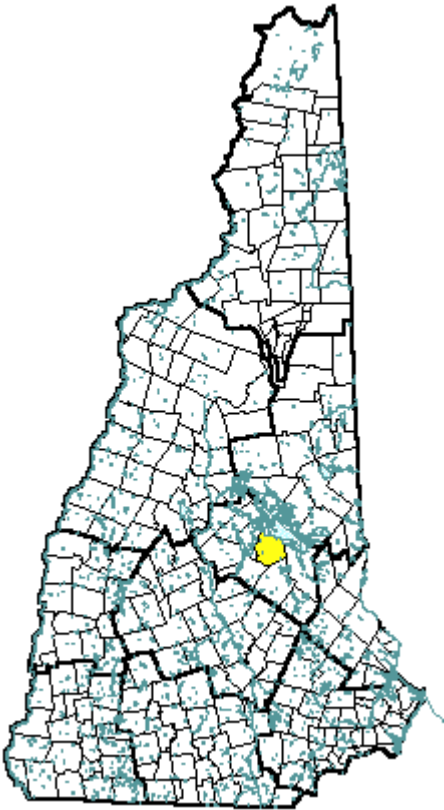


# Gilford, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm, Town Clerk/Tax  
Collector extended hours until 7 pm on Thursday

## 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

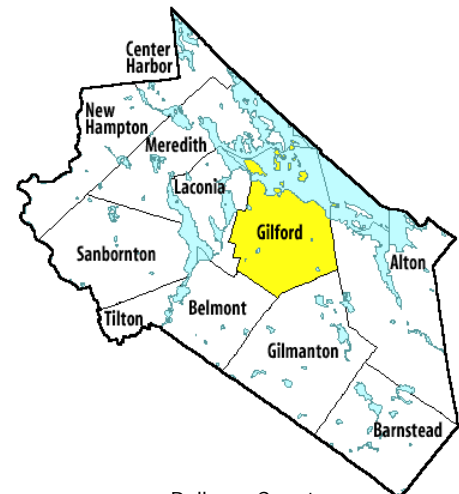
**Origin:** Once a part of Gilmanton called Gunstock Parish, the town was named for a key battle at the end of the revolution, the Battle of Guilford Court House, North Carolina. Sargent Lemuel B. Mason, who had fought in that battle, had retired to Gunstock Parish. In 1812, he successfully proposed 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 2004 Census estimate for Gilford was 7,436 residents, which ranked 41st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2004:** 191.7 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



Belknap County

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$9,820,765
Budget: School Appropriations	not available
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 Trustees
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):**

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

**PROPERTY TAXES**

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.66
2004 Equalization Ratio	92.3
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.32
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	91.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	8.4%
Other Property including Utilities	0.5%

**HOUSING**

2003 Total Housing Units	4,619
2003 Single-Family Units	3,474
Building Permits Issued	59
2003 Multi-Family Units	551
Building Permits Issued	7
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	594

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Population	Community	County
2004	7,436	60,858
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

**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**

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	3,349	3,699
Employed	3,236	3,582
Unemployed	113	117
Unemployment rate	3.4%	3.2%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	412	599
Average Weekly Wage	\$490	\$678

**Service Providing Industries**

Average Employment	1,581	2,242
Average Weekly Wage	\$295	\$516

**Total Private Industry**

Average Employment	1,993	2,841
Average Weekly Wage	\$335	\$550

**Government (Federal, State, and Local)**

Average Employment	411	522
Average Weekly Wage	\$451	\$598

**Total, Private Industry plus Government**

Average Employment	2,404	3,363
Average Weekly Wage	\$355	\$558

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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 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, 2004: 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
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
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Summer concert arena; Ellacoya State Beach</b>