

Community Profiles

Goffstown, NH



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County **Hillsborough**
 Labor Market Area **Manchester, NH Metropolitan NECTA**
 Tourism Region **Merrimack Valley**
 Planning Commission **Southern NH**
 Regional Development **Capital Regional Development Council**

Election Districts

US Congress **District District 1**
 Executive Council **District District 4**
 State Senate **District District 16**
 State Representative **Hillsborough County Districts 29, 44**

Incorporated: 1761

Origin: This town was originally part of Massachusetts, and known as Narragansett Number 4, Piscataquog Village, and Shovestown before installation of the New Hampshire provincial government. In 1748, the area was granted to new settlers, including Colonel John Goffe. He had fought in the French and Indian Wars, worked for Governor Wentworth as a surveyor, and became judge of probate for Hillsborough County. Goffstown was officially named for Colonel Goffe when it was incorporated in 1761. The town includes the village of Grasmere, named for the English home of poets Wordsworth and Coleridge.

Villages and Place Names: Grasmere, Pinardville, Goffstown Village

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,275 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Goffstown totaled 9,081 over 50 years, from 9,284 in 1970 to 18,365 in 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Goffstown was 18,550 residents, which ranked 14th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 499.5 persons per square mile of land area. Goffstown contains 37.1 square miles of land area and 0.5 square miles of inland water area.

Municipal Services			Population <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Type of Government	Selectmen		(1-Year Estimates/Decennial)		
Budget: Municipal	\$24,960,800		Total Population	Community	County
Appropriations, 2023			2022	18,550	426,594
Budget: School	\$52,512,180		2020	18,577	422,937
Appropriations, 2021-2022			2010	17,651	400,721
Zoning Ordinance	1961/23		2000	16,980	382,384
Master Plan	2020		1990	14,769	336,549
Capitol Improvement Plan	Yes		1980	11,315	276,608
Industrial Plans	Planning Board		Demographics, American Community Survey		
Reviewed By			(ACS) 2017-2021		
Boards and Commissions			Population by Gender		
Elected:	Selectboard; Planning; Budget; Library; School; Zoning		Male: 8,569	Female: 9,705	
Appointed:	Conservation; Cemetery; Historic; Economic Development; Parks & Recreation		Population by Age Group		
Public Library	Goffstown Public		Under age 5	834	
			Age 5 to 19	3,904	
			Age 20 to 34	3,541	
			Age 35 to 54	4,257	
			Age 55 to 64	2,802	
			Age 65 and over	2,936	
			Median Age	38.8 years	
			Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	12,088	
Emergency Services			High school graduate or higher	94.7%	
Police Department	Full-time		Bachelor's degree or higher	32.7%	
Fire Department	Full-time				
Emergency Medical Service	Full-time		Income, Inflation Adjusted \$ <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	Per capita income	\$40,372	
Elliot Hospital, Manchester	10 miles	292	Median family income	\$107,453	
Catholic Medical Center, Manchester	8 miles	262	Median household income	\$97,917	
			Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
			Male	\$63,477	
			Female	\$56,875	
			Individuals below the poverty level	7.1%	
			Labor Force <i>(NHES - ELM)</i>		
Utilities			Annual Average	2012	2022
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy		Civilian Labor Force	10,000	10,658
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities		Employed	9,526	10,415
Water Supplier	Grasmere Water; Goffstown Village; Manchester Water		Unemployed	474	243
Sanitation	Municipal		Unemployment Rate	4.7%	2.3%
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes		Employment & Wages <i>(NHES - ELM)</i>		
Solid Waste Disposal					
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal				
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No				
Recycling Program	Mandatory				

Telephone Company	Consolidated	Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
	Communications	Goods Producing Industries		
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes	Average Employment	345	490
Cable Television Access	Yes	Average Weekly Wage	\$1,018	\$1,593
Public Access Television Station	Yes	Service Providing Industries		
High Speed Internet Service:		Average Employment	1,683	1,736
Business	Yes	Average Weekly Wage	\$586	\$1,071
Residential	Yes	Total Private Industry		
		Average Employment	2,028	2,227
		Average Weekly Wage	\$659	\$1,186
<i>Property Taxes (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>		Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of value)	\$26.31	Average Employment	1,281	1,153
2022 Equalization Ratio	63.5	Average Weekly Wage	\$750	\$1,087
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1,000 of value)	\$16.53	Total, Private plus Government		
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Value by Property Type		Average Employment	3,309	3,379
Residential Land and Buildings	85.3%	Average Weekly Wage	\$694	\$1,152
Commercial Land and Buildings	10.2%			
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.5%			
<i>Housing (ACS 2017-2021)</i>		If "n" appears, data does not meet disclosure standards.		
Total Housing Units	6,525			
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	4,851			
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:				
Two to Four Units in Structure	544			
Five or More Units in Structure	931			
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	199			

Education and Child Care

(NH Dept. of Education)

Schools students attend:	Goffstown operates grades K-12	SAU 19		
Career Technology Center(s):	Concord Regional Technical Center; Manchester School of Technology			
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	3	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	9-12
Total Enrollment	904	829	1,033	16
2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (Bureau Total Facilities: 14 of Child Care Licensing):			Total Capacity: 699	
Nearest Community/Technical College:	Manchester			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	St. Anselm; Southern NH University; UNH-Manchester; Franklin Pierce-Manchester; MCPHS			

<i>Largest Businesses</i>	<i>Product/Service</i>	<i>Employees</i>	<i>Established</i>
Saint Anselm College	Education	366	1889
Town of Goffstown	Municipal services	161	1761
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	200	1993
Hillsborough County	County services	500	1769
Northeast Sheet Metal, Inc.	Sheet metal fabrication	100	1976
New Hampshire Steel Fabricators	Steel Fabrication	40	1993
Goffstown School District	Education	626	1769

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

Transportation		<i>(Distance estimated from city/town hall)</i>	
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	13, 114	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-293, Exit 4	
	Distance	8 miles	
Railroad		No	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Manchester-Boston	Runway	9,250 ft.	
Regional		asphalt	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston	Distance	13 miles	
Regional			
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to selected cities:			
Manchester, NH		9 miles	
Portland, ME		107 miles	
Boston, MA		61 miles	
New York City, NY		257 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		250 miles	
Commuting to Work			<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>
Workers 16 years and over		9,319	
Drove alone, car/truck/van		75.4%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		9.8%	
Public transportation		0.8%	
Walked		2.7%	
Other Means		0.7%	
Worked at home		10.5%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		25.7 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents:			<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>
Working in community of residence		25.0%	
Commuting to another NH community		67.9%	
Commuting out-of-state		7.1%	

Recreation, Attractions, and Events

- X**Municipal Parks
- X**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
- X**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
- X**Youth Sports: Football
- X**Youth Sports: Basketball
- X**Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- X**Fishing/Hunting
- X**Boating/Marinas
- X**Snowmobile Trails
- X**Bicycle Trails
- X**Cross Country Skiing
- X**Beach or Waterfront Recreational Area
- X**Overnight or Day Camps

- Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak, Crotched Mountain**

- Other: **Giant Pumpkin Weigh-off & Regatta;**
Municipal Rail Trail; Uncanoonuc Mountain Hiking Trails

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