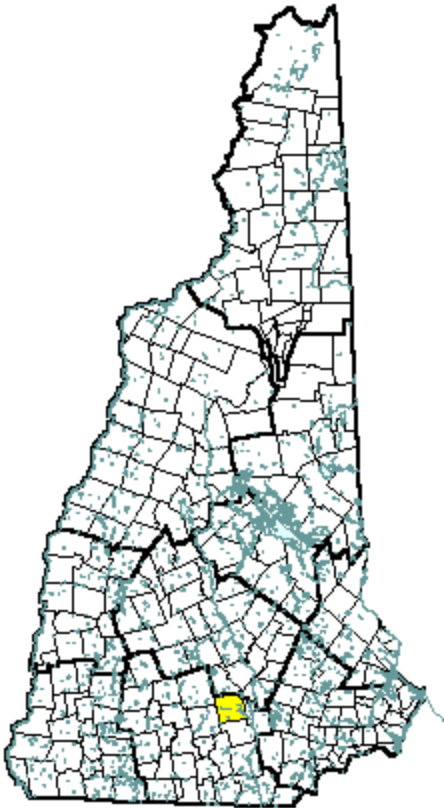


# Goffstown



Incorporated: **1761**

Community Contact: **GOFFSTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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Goffstown, NH 03045**

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City/Town Office Hours: **Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm;  
Wednesday, 8:30 am – 12 noon; and Thursday,  
8:30 am – 6 pm**

County: **Hillsborough**  
Labor Market Area: **Manchester**  
Planning Commission: **Southern NH**  
Tourism Region: **Merrimack Valley**

**Demographics, 2000 Census:** From 1990 to 2000, Goffstown's population grew by 15.8 percent to 16,929, adding 2,308 residents. The median age is 35.4, with 22.7 percent of the population under the age of 18 and 12.1 percent age 65 and older. The total number of households is 5,641, with an average size of 2.64 persons. Of those, 4,054 are family households, with an average size of 3.07 persons. As of April 1, 2000, there were 5,798 total housing units.

**Population density, 2000:** 455.8 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.

**Origin:** This town, as part of Massachusetts, went through the names Narragansett Number 4, Piscataquog Village, and Shovestown before installation of the New Hampshire provincial government. In 1748, the area was regranted to new settlers, including Colonel John Goffe, for whom the town was officially named. The town includes the village of Grasmere, named for the English home of poets Wordsworth and Coleridge.



Hillsborough County

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

City/Town Office Hours:

**MTF 8:30-4:30 pm, W 8:30-12, Th 8:30-6 pm**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Annual Budget (2002)	<b>\$16,232,462</b>
Planning Board	<b>Elected</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>
Zoning	<b>1961/01</b>
Master Plan	<b>1997</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Public Library	<b>Goffstown Public</b>

**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 **Full Time and On Call**

Nearest Hospital(s):

**Elliot; Catholic Medical Center, Manchester**  
Distance: **10 miles** Beds: **249; 212****TAXES**

2001 Total Tax Rate	<b>\$30.20</b>
2001 Equalization Ratio	<b>0.66</b>
2001 Full Value Tax Rate	<b>\$19.93</b>
2001 Property Valuation:	
Residential	<b>84.8%</b>
Commercial	<b>12.4%</b>
Other	<b>2.9%</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>EnergyNorth (Pinardville)</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Goffstown Village Precinct, Grasmere Water, Manchester Water</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Yes</b>
Mandatory Recycling Program	<b>Yes</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	

**HOUSING****2000**

Total Housing Units	<b>5,798</b>
Single-Family Units	<b>3,976</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>58</b>
Multi-Family Units	<b>1,555</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>6</b>
Manufactured Housing Units	<b>267</b>
Median Value, Owner-Occupied Housing	<b>\$124,900</b>
Median Gross Rent (monthly)	<b>\$605</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS****(US CENSUS)**

Total Population	Community	County
2000	<b>16,929</b>	<b>380,841</b>
1990	<b>14,621</b>	<b>336,073</b>
1980	<b>11,315</b>	<b>276,608</b>
1970	<b>9,284</b>	<b>223,941</b>

Population by Gender, 2000

Male	<b>8,093</b>	Female	<b>8,836</b>
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Population by Age Group, 2000

Under age 5	<b>895</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>3,784</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>3,669</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>5,243</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>1,295</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>2,043</b>

Median Age

**35.4 years**Total Households **5,630**Ave. Size **2.64 persons**Total Families **4,110**Ave. Size **3.07 persons**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>85.0%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>25.2%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999****(US CENSUS)**

Per capita income	<b>\$21,907</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$61,718</b>
Median household income	<b>\$55,833</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	<b>\$39,757</b>
Female	<b>\$30,000</b>

Families below the poverty level

**2.6%****TRANSPORTATION**

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	<b>13, 114</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-293, Exit 4</b>
	Distance	<b>11 miles</b>

Railroad

**No**

Public Transportation

**No**

Nearest Airport

**Manchester**Runway **7,573 feet**Lighted? **Yes** Navigational Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Commercial Airport

**Manchester**Distance **10 miles****DISTANCE TO**

Manchester, NH	<b>9 miles</b>
Portland, ME	<b>107 miles</b>
Boston, MA	<b>61 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>254 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>262 miles</b>

## EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES

	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Primary & Secondary				
Number of Schools	2	1	1	2
Grade Levels	P-4	4-8	9-12	K-8
Total Enrollment	623	1,279	1,006	326

If no schools, district students attend:

Regional Career Technology Center(s): **Manchester School of Technology**

Region: **15**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2001: Total Facilities: **20** Total Capacity: **619**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Manchester**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **St. Anselm; Hesser; Southern NH University; Notre Dame; UNH-Manchester**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Saint Anselm College	Education	475	1889
Town of Goffstown	Municipal services	400	1761
Shaw's Supermarket	Groceries	200	1974
Shop 'N Save	Supermarket	200	1993
Cote Electric	Electrical	84	1977
Northeast Sheet Metal	Ductwork for HVAC systems	60	1976
Northeast Sheet Metal, Inc.	Sheet metal fabrication	40	1976
Benchmark, Inc	Hermetic sealing systems	40	1990
Happy House Amusement	Arcade machines	35	1986
Jutras Signs	Signs	30	1972

## LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1990	2001
Civilian labor force	<b>8,468</b>	<b>9,223</b>
Employed	<b>8,080</b>	<b>8,976</b>
Unemployed	<b>388</b>	<b>247</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

## COMMUTING TO WORK, 2000

(US CENSUS)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>81.7%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.1%</b>
Walked	<b>4.8%</b>
Other means	<b>1.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>3.6%</b>

Mean Travel Time to Work **26.1 minutes**

## EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1991

2000

Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>110</b>	<b>228</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$752</b>
Non-Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>1,652</b>	<b>2,243</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$515</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>1,762</b>	<b>2,470</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$347</b>	<b>\$537</b>
Government		
Average Employment	<b>430</b>	<b>591</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,411</b>	<b>\$616</b>
Total, Private plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>2,192</b>	<b>3,061</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$555</b>	<b>\$552</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing

Nearest Ski Area(s): **McIntyre**

Other: **Outdoor ice skating rink**