

Ossipee, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
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Carroll
Wolfeboro, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Mount Washington Valley Economic Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

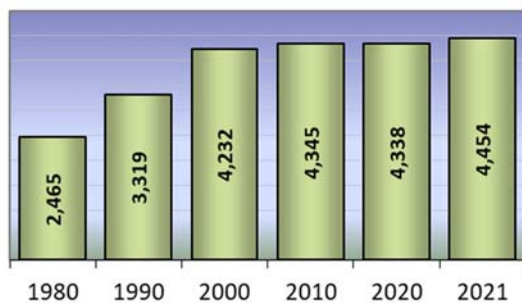
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Carroll County Districts 5,7

Incorporated: 1785

Origin: Known as Wigwam Village, and then New Garden, this town bears the name of the Ossipee Indians. It was once the site of an Indian stockade fort, designed to protect the tribe from attacks by the Mohawks from the west. Early in 1725, the Indian stockade was destroyed, and then rebuilt by Captain John Lovewell of Dunstable. Later that year, Captain Lovewell led a small band of men to attack the Indians at Pequawket (now Fryeburg). Captain Lovewell did not survive the fight, but the battle was memorialized in "The Ballad of Lovewell's Fight," and was the subject of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's first published poem, written at the age of 13.

Villages and Place Names: Center Ossipee, Chickville, Dorrs Corner, Granite, Long Sands, Moultonville, Ossipee Lake Shores, Ossipee Valley, Pollys Crossing, Roland Park, Water Village, West Ossipee

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 339 residents in 1790



Population Trends:

Population change for Ossipee totaled 1,989 over 41 years, from 2,465 in 1980 to 4,454 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 35 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Ossipee was 4,454 residents, which ranked 89th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 62.8 persons per square mile of land area. Ossipee contains 70.9 square miles of land area and 4.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021		\$7,287,468	
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Zoning Ordinance		1988/19	
Master Plan		2006	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery		
Appointed:	Conservation		
Public Library	Ossipee Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		3 Full-time & volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal & volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro		15 miles	25
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Ossipee Water Department, Carroll County Complex	
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Spectrum; Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Limited
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$18.33	
2021 Equalization Ratio		74.3	
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.53	
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		83.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		14.2%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.0%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units		3,099	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,433	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		73	
Five or More Units in Structure		142	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		451	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2021	4,454		51,500
2020	4,346		50,212
2010	4,345		47,818
2000	4,232		43,918
1990	3,319		35,526
1980	2,465		27,929
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020	
Population by Gender			
Male	2,268	Female	2,077
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			253
Age 5 to 19			479
Age 20 to 34			493
Age 35 to 54			1,010
Age 55 to 64			934
Age 65 and over			1,176
Median Age			54.6 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			89.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher			18.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2016-2020)	
Per capita income			\$35,142
Median family income			\$59,236
Median household income			\$47,248
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$52,031
Female			\$29,755
Individuals below the poverty level			11.3%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2011	2021
Civilian labor force		1,913	1,757
Employed		1,763	1,667
Unemployed		150	90
Unemployment rate		7.8%	5.1%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		188	185
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,023	\$1,223
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		1,025	951
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 515	\$ 694
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		1,213	1,136
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 593	\$ 781
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		499	486
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 648	\$ 882
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		1,713	1,622
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 609	\$ 811

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, Middleton, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro)** District: **SAU 49**

Career Technology Center(s): **Lakes Region Technology Center (Wolfeboro)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			1
Grade Levels	P K 1-6			P K 1-8
Total Enrollment	254			83

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Conway**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **46**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Carroll County Government	Government services	100	1840
Town of Ossipee	Municipal services	55	1785
Job Lots	Low cost merchandise	50	2005
McDonalds	Fast food restaurant	45	1995
Valueland IGA	Supermarket	21	1968
Tufpak, Inc.	Plastic bags	15	1976
Northern Tire	Tires, alignments, auto services	9	1986
Carroll County Courthouse	Court of Law		2004
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket		1982
Ossipee Aggregates Corporation	Sand, gravel		1960

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	16, 25, 28, 171
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exits 23 - 24
	Distance	38 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Moultonborough Airport	Runway	3,475 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Portland (ME) International	Distance	51 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		6
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		72 miles
Portland, Maine		54 miles
Boston, Mass.		109 miles
New York City, NY		320 miles
Montreal, Quebec		249 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	89.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.5%
Public transportation	0.8%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	1.2%
Worked at home	3.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.9 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020

Working in community of residence	71.0%
Commuting to another NH community	25.1%
Commuting out-of-state	3.9%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	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
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **King Pine**

Other: **Old Home Week**