

# Ossipee, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Town Hall, Selectmen, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector: Monday to Friday, 8-4:30**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Carroll**  
**Wolfeboro, NH LMA**  
**Lakes**  
**Lakes Region**  
**Mount Washington Valley Economic Council**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 1**  
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**District 3**  
**Carroll County Districts 5, 7**

**Incorporated:** 1785

**Origin:** Known as Wigwam Village, and then New Garden, this town bears the name of the Ossipee, an Algonquin tribe. It was once the site of a stockade fort, designed to protect the tribe from attacks by the Mohawk from the west. Early in 1725, the 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 natives at Pequawket (now Fryeburg, Maine). 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 2,691 over 50 years, from 1,647 in 1970 to 4,338 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by less than half a percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Ossipee was 4,568 residents, which ranked 86th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 64.4 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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023	<b>\$8,250,000</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2023-2024	<b>\$12,232,309</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1988/19</b>
Master Plan	<b>2006</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning; Library; Cemetery**  
 Appointed: **Conservation**

Public Library **Ossipee Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time &amp; volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Municipal &amp; volunteer</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Ossipee Water Department, Carroll County Complex</b>

Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Spectrum; Consolidated</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>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.38</b>
2022 Equalization Ratio	<b>59.5</b>
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$10.87</b>

2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>82.7%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>15.4%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.8%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	<b>2,885</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>2,200</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>129</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>59</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>497</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022		<b>4,568</b>	<b>52,199</b>
2020		<b>4,372</b>	<b>50,107</b>
2010		<b>4,345</b>	<b>47,818</b>
2000		<b>4,232</b>	<b>43,918</b>
1990		<b>3,319</b>	<b>35,526</b>
1980		<b>2,465</b>	<b>27,929</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>2,423</b>	Female <b>1,926</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>273</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>451</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>508</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,012</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>989</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>1,116</b>
Median Age	<b>54.3 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: <b>3,371</b>	
High school graduate or higher	<b>92.6%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>19.4%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> (ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income	<b>\$42,038</b>
Median family income	<b>\$69,153</b>
Median household income	<b>\$61,099</b>

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$54,188</b>
Female	<b>\$29,038</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>7.7%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	<b>1,885</b>	<b>1,756</b>
Employed	<b>1,745</b>	<b>1,697</b>
Unemployed	<b>140</b>	<b>59</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>179</b>	<b>196</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 999</b>	<b>\$1,187</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>979</b>	<b>999</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 515</b>	<b>\$ 721</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>1,158</b>	<b>1,195</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 590</b>	<b>\$ 797</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>529</b>	<b>467</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 683</b>	<b>\$ 945</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>1,687</b>	<b>1,661</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 619</b>	<b>\$ 839</b>

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**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	287			83

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State**

2022 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
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket		1982
McDonalds	Fast food restaurant	45	1995
Ossipee Aggregates Corporation	Sand, gravel		1960
Ossipee Central School	Elementary School	40	1900
Valueland IGA	Supermarket	21	1968
Ocean State Job Lot	Low-cost merchandise	50	2005
Carroll County Courthouse	Court of law		2004
Town of Ossipee	Municipal Services	55	1785
Hobbs Brewery and Tavern	Tavern	40	2012

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	<b>16, 25, 28, 171</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exits 23 - 24</b>	
	Distance	<b>38 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Moultonborough Airport</b>	Runway	<b>3,475 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Portland (ME) International</b>	Distance	<b>51 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>72 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>54 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>109 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>320 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>249 miles</b>	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		<b>85.5%</b>	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		<b>4.5%</b>	
Public transportation		<b>0.6%</b>	
Walked		<b>0.0%</b>	
Other means		<b>3.3%</b>	
Worked at home		<b>6.1%</b>	
Mean Travel Time to Work		<b>31.3 minutes</b>	
Percent of Working Residents			
Working in community of residence		<b>31.9%</b>	
Commuting to another NH community		<b>63.7%</b>	
Commuting out-of-state		<b>4.4%</b>	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>King Pine</b>
	Other: <b>Old Home Week</b>