Ossipee, NH

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County
Carroll

Labor Market Area
Wolfeboro, NH LMA

Tourism Region
Lakes

Planning Commission
Lakes Region

Regional Development
Mount Washington Valley Economic Council

Election Districts
District 1
District 1
District 3
Carroll County Districts 5, 8

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 Lovell of Dunstable. Later that year, Captain Lovell led a small band of men to attack the Indians at Pquawket (now Fryeburg). Captain Lovell did not survive the fight, but the battle was memorialized in "The Ballad of Lovell'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, Polly's 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 2,851 over 56 years, from 1,409 in 1960 to 4,260 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, followed by a 35 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2016 Census estimate for Ossipee was 4,260 residents, which ranked 89th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 60.1 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.


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MUNICIPAL SERVICES
Type of Government: Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017: $6,284,220
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017: $7,384,913
Zoning Ordinance: 1988/17
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 15 miles, Staffed Beds 25
Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro

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: Private
Curbside Trash Pickup: No
Recycling Program: Mandatory

Telephone Company: Time Warner; 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)
2016 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $19.30
2016 Equalization Ratio: 94.2
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $18.08

2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type:
Residential Land and Buildings 83.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings 14.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other 1.9%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)
Total Housing Units: 3,113
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached: 2,435
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure: 82
Five or More Units in Structure: 124
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 472

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)
Total Population: 2016: 4,250
Community: County: 47,289
2010: 4,345
2000: 4,232
1990: 3,319
1980: 2,465
1970: 1,647
18,548

DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2012-2016
Population by Gender:
Male: 2,042
Female: 2,231

Population by Age Group:
Under age 5: 110
Age 5 to 19: 726
Age 20 to 34: 511
Age 35 to 54: 1,129
Age 55 to 64: 733
Age 65 and over: 1,064
Median Age: 49.2 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:
High school graduate or higher: 84.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher: 18.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $ (ACS 2012-2016)
Per capita income: $24,923
Median family income: $60,898
Median household income: $45,980

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over:
Male: $46,025
Female: $38,702

Individuals below the poverty level: 19.0%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELM)
Annual Average:
2006: 2016
Civilian labor force: 2,186 1,776
Employed: 2,095 1,698
Unemployed: 91 78
Unemployment rate: 4.2% 4.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELM)
Annual Average Covered Employment:
2006: 2016
Goods Producing Industries:
Average Employment: 296 138
Average Weekly Wage: $774 $1,064

Service Providing Industries:
Average Employment: 1,352 1,016
Average Weekly Wage: $565 $529

Total Private Industry:
Average Employment: 1,648 1,154
Average Weekly Wage: $603 $593

Government (Federal, State, and Local):
Average Employment: 564 516
Average Weekly Wage: $608 $718

Total, Private Industry plus Government:
Average Employment: 2,212 1,669
Average Weekly Wage: $604 $632
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

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

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

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)

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<th>Number of Schools</th>
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<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
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<td>PK 1-6</td>
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Nearest Community College: Lakes Region

Nearest Colleges or Universities: Granite State College-Conway

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: 3 Total Capacity: 126

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

| Carroll County Government | Government services | 100 | 1840 |
| Job Lots                  | Low cost merchandise | 50  | 2005 |
| McDonalds                 | Fast food restaurant| 45  | 1995 |
| Town of Ossipee           | Municipal services  | 43  | 1785 |
| Valueland IGA             | Supermarket         | 21  | 1968 |
| Tufpak, Inc.              | Plastic bags        | 15  | 1976 |
| Northern Tire             | Tires, alignments, auto services | 9 | 1986 |
| Hannaford Brothers        | Supermarket         | 9   | 1982 |
| Ossipee Aggregates Corporation | Sand, gravel   |    | 1960 |
| Carroll County Courthouse | Court of Law        |    | 2004 |

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

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<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-93, Exits 23 - 24</td>
<td>Distance</td>
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<td>Boston &amp; Maine</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
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| 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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over

- Drove alone, car/truck/van: 79.6%
- Carpool, car/truck/van: 16.0%
- Public transportation: 0.0%
- Walked: 0.0%
- Other means: 2.7%
- Worked at home: 1.6%
- Mean Travel Time to Work: 29.8 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016**

- Working in community of residence: 23.6%
- Commuting to another NH community: 66.4%
- Commuting out-of-state: 10.0%

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- Municipal Parks
- YMCA/YWCA
- Boys Club/Girls Club
- Golf Courses
  - Swimming: Indoor Facility
  - Swimming: Outdoor Facility
  - Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
- Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
  - Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
  - Bowling Facilities
  - Museums
  - Cinemas
  - Performing Arts Facilities
  - Tourist Attractions
- Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
  - Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): King Pine

Other: Old Home Week