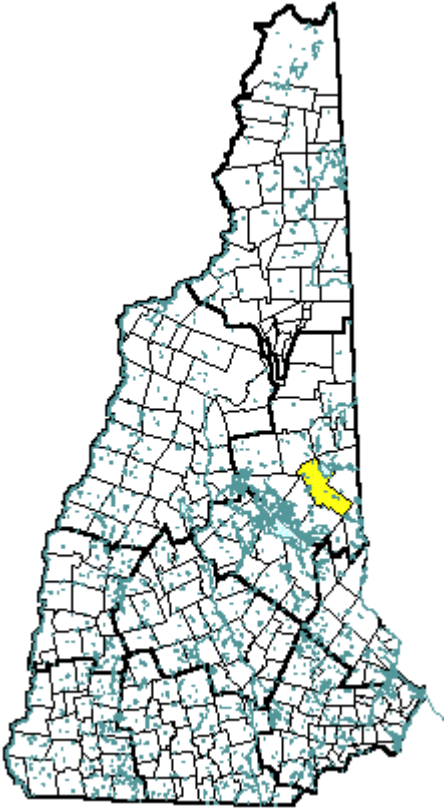


Ossipee, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Carroll
Conway NH-ME LMA, NH Portion
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 District 3

Incorporated: 1785

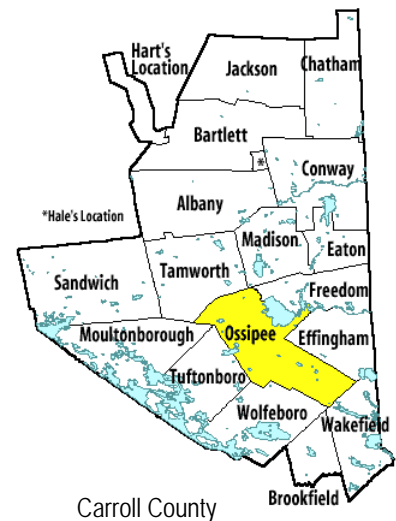
Origin: Originally known as Wigwam Village, and then New Garden, the town was named for the Ossipee Indians, one of the twelve Algonquin tribes. It was once the site of an Indian stockade fort, designed to protect the tribe from Mohawks in the west. In 1725, the Indian stockade was destroyed, and then rebuilt by Captain John Lovewell. The new fort was one of the largest in New England.

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

Population Trends: Ossipee's population grew above the statewide average rate over the last three decades. Decennial growth rates ranged from virtually no change between 1950-1960 to a fifty percent increase between 1970-1980. Over fifty years, Ossipee's population increased by a total of 2,799 residents, going from 1,412 residents in 1950 to 4,211 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Ossipee was 4,523 residents, which ranked 77th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 63.8 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.

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



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2003	\$3,245,285
Budget: School Appropriations, 2003	\$4,106,780
Zoning Ordinance	1988/00
Master Plan	1983
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Zoning
Appointed:	Conservation; Library; Cemetery

Public Library **Ossipee Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Huggins Hospital, Wolfeboro

Distance: 15 miles Staffed Beds: 49

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop.; Wolfeboro
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Ossipee Water Department, Carroll County Complex

Sanitation	Private septic & Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Partial
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Partial
Residential	Partial

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.12
2004 Equalization Ratio	84.7
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$12.74

2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type

Residential Land and Buildings	84.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	13.9%
Other Property including Utilities	1.3%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	2,933
2003 Single-Family Units	2,181
Building Permits Issued	41
2003 Multi-Family Units	207
Building Permits Issued	0
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	545

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	4,523	46,762
2000	4,232	43,918
1990	3,319	35,526
1980	2,465	27,929
1970	1,647	18,548

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	2,104	Female 2,107

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	201
Age 5 to 19	905
Age 20 to 34	556
Age 35 to 54	1,315
Age 55 to 64	486
Age 65 and over	748
Median Age	41.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	81.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	16.1%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$18,092
Median 4-person family income	\$38,790
Median household income	\$34,709

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$27,388
Female	\$21,579

Families below the poverty level

7.7%

LABOR FORCE

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,576	2,152
Employed	1,463	2,061
Unemployed	113	91
Unemployment rate	7.2%	4.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	175	263
Average Weekly Wage	\$325	\$778

Service Providing Industries

Average Employment	873	1,143
Average Weekly Wage	\$391	\$525

Total Private Industry

Average Employment	1,048	1,406
Average Weekly Wage	\$380	\$572

Government (Federal, State, and Local)

Average Employment	359	492
Average Weekly Wage	\$333	\$534

Total, Private Industry plus Government

Average Employment	1,406	1,898
Average Weekly Wage	\$368	\$562

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Governor Wentworth Regional (Brookfield, Effingham, New Durham, Ossipee, Tuftonboro, Wolfeboro)			District: SAU 49
Career Technology Center(s):	Region 9 Vocational Technical Center, Wolfeboro			Region: 09
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			1
Grade Levels	P K 1-6			K-8
Total Enrollment	360			n/a
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004:	Total Facilities: 2		Total Capacity: 77	
Nearest Community/Technical College:	Laconia			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	Granite State College-Conway			

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Carroll County Government	Government	200	
Hannaford Brothers	Supermarket	60-70	
McDonald's	Fast food restaurant	45	1995
Ossipee Aggregates Corporation	Sand, gravel	30-35	1960
Tufpak, Inc.	Plastic bags	25	1976
Valueland IGA	Supermarket	21	

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	16, 25, 28, 171
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 23
	Distance	35 miles
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Wolfeboro
Runway		2,540 feet
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Portland, ME
Distance		50 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		68 miles
Portland, Maine		102 miles
Boston, Mass.		105 miles
New York City, NY		313 miles
Montreal, Quebec		248 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.7%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	2.7%
Other means	0.5%
Worked at home	5.2%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	42%
Commuting to another NH community	51%
Commuting out-of-state	8%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	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
	Nearest Ski Area(s): King Pine
	Other: Outdoor ice skating rink