

# Fitzwilliam, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday, Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, 1 pm - 5 pm, Wednesday 6 pm - 8 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Tuesday, 1 pm - 5 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm; Tax Collector: Monday, 8:30 am - 11:45 am, Tuesday, Thursday, 1 pm - 4 pm, Wednesday, 6 pm - 8 pm**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Cheshire**  
**Peterborough, NH LMA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts  
 US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 9**  
**Cheshire County Districts 11, 14**

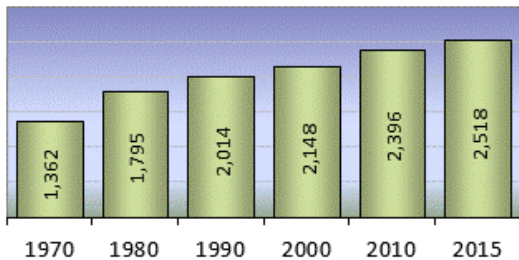
**Incorporated: 1773**

**Origin:** Fitzwilliam was originally settled as Monadnock Number 4, one in a line of eight towns settled by Scottish colonists. Governor Wentworth named the town to honor his cousin William, fourth Earl of Fitzwilliam. Early grantees in Fitzwilliam included General James Reed and Matthew Thornton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Fitzwilliam had one of the earliest granite quarrying operations in New Hampshire. It is the location of Rhododendron State Park, which has the largest rhododendron grove in New England and was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1982.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,038 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Fitzwilliam totaled 1,552 over 55 years, from 966 in 1960 to 2,518 in 2015. The



largest decennial percent change was a 41 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, and a 32 percent increase the next decade. The 2015 Census estimate for Fitzwilliam was 2,518 residents, which ranked 123rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County

**Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau):** 72.7 persons per square mile of land area. Fitzwilliam contains 34.6 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	<b>\$2,420,866</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	<b>\$5,136,726</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1982/10</b>
Master Plan	<b>2011</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

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

Public Library **Fitzwilliam Town**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>15 miles 116</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Fitzwilliam Village Water; private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	<b>Limited Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.71</b>
2015 Equalization Ratio	<b>103.8</b>
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$27.29</b>
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>80.4%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>5.8%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>13.8%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,231</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,013</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>68</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>36</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>114</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	<b>2,518</b>	<b>76,430</b>
2010	<b>2,396</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>2,148</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>2,014</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>1,795</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>1,362</b>	<b>52,364</b>

**Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015**

Population by Gender			
Male	<b>1,236</b>	Female	<b>1,282</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>120</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>429</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>315</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>801</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>433</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>420</b>
Median Age			<b>47.6 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>91.6%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>24.5%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$32,514</b>
Median family income	<b>\$83,147</b>
Median household income	<b>\$57,143</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	<b>\$51,283</b>
Female	<b>\$38,828</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>5.0%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	<b>1,352</b>	<b>1,339</b>
Employed	<b>1,306</b>	<b>1,282</b>
Unemployed	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>188</b>	<b>68</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 957</b>	<b>\$ 921</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>156</b>	<b>135</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 539</b>	<b>\$ 738</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>344</b>	<b>203</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 768</b>	<b>\$ 799</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>82</b>	<b>57</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 515</b>	<b>\$ 707</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>427</b>	<b>259</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 719</b>	<b>\$ 779</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey, Troy)</b>			District: <b>SAU 93</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Windham RCC (VT)</b>			Region: <b>13</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-6</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>154</b>			
Nearest Community College:	<b>Nashua</b>			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	<b>Franklin Pierce University; Keene State; Antioch New England</b>			
2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)	Total Facilities: <b>2</b>	Total Capacity: <b>112</b>		

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
PLP Composite Technologies	Fiberglass flag poles	20	1980
Damon Lumber	Lumber sales	6	
Holman Construction	Construction		

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	<b>12, 119</b>	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 2</b>	
	Distance	<b>29 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>No</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
<b>Jaffrey - Silver Ranch</b>	Runway	<b>2,982 ft. asphalt</b>	
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>47 miles</b>	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		<b>54 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine		<b>156 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.		<b>85 miles</b>	
New York City, NY		<b>216 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec		<b>256 miles</b>	

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2011-2015*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>76.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>12.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.4%</b>
Walked	<b>1.1%</b>
Other means	<b>1.1%</b>
Worked at home	<b>8.0%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>36.4 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015**

Working in community of residence	<b>12.1</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>67.9</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>20.0</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	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
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	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>Pat's Peak</b>
	Other: <b>Rhododendron State Park</b>