

Gilsum, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Meeting Monday, 6:30 pm - 8 pm; Town Clerk: Tuesday, 4 pm - 7 pm, Wednesday, 8 am - 12 noon; Tax Collector: Thursday, 8 am - 12 noon

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Cheshire
Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

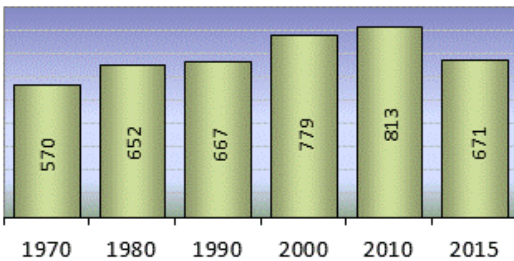
District 2
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District 10
Cheshire County District 3

Incorporated: 1763

Origin: First granted by the New Hampshire proprietors in 1752, the town was given the name Boyle, after Richard Boyle, Earl of Burlington and a distinguished architect. No claims were settled within the prescribed time because of danger from Indian attacks. A new charter was issued in 1763 to Benjamin Sumner, who surveyed the area and established a settlement along with several relatives from Connecticut. One of those settlers was Captain Samuel Gilbert, who became the first moderator. The name Gilsum was adopted in their honor. Gilsum's Lower Village is the site of the much-photographed Stone Arch over the Ashuelot River.

Villages and Place Names: Lower Village, Roundys Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 298 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Gilsum totaled 143 over 55 years, from 528 in 1960 to 671 in 2015. The largest decennial percent increase was 17 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2015 Census estimate for Gilsum was 671 residents, which ranked 208th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 40.3 persons per square mile of land area. Gilsum contains 16.7 square miles of land area and 0.02 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	\$713,665
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	\$1,512,346
Zoning Ordinance	1956/09
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Budget; Trust Funds; Cemetary; Library; Checklist**
 Appointed: **Recreation; Planning; Zoning; Conservation**

Public Library **Gilsum Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Cheshire County Sheriff & part-time		
Fire Department	Volunteer		
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	8 miles	116	

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

PROPERTY TAXES <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.68
2015 Equalization Ratio	104.4
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.02
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	88.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	6.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.5%

HOUSING <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	374
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	332
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	11
Five or More Units in Structure	3
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	28

DEMOGRAPHICS <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	671	76,430
2010	813	77,117
2000	779	73,993
1990	667	70,223
1980	652	62,116
1970	570	52,364

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	354	Female	317

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	12
Age 5 to 19	97
Age 20 to 34	106
Age 35 to 54	174
Age 55 to 64	172
Age 65 and over	110
Median Age	51.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	88.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher	26.3%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	\$27,225
Median family income	\$65,625
Median household income	\$53,125

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$41,597
Female	\$34,688

Individuals below the poverty level	11.3%
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LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	426	466	
Employed	412	448	
Unemployed	14	18	
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.9%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	56	105	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 565	\$ 713	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	53	33	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 606	\$ 569	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	109	138	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 585	\$ 678	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	27	21	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 633	\$ 592	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	136	159	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 595	\$ 667	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey, Troy)			District: SAU 93
Career Technology Center(s):	Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE; Windham RCC (VT)			Region: 13
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	48			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; New England**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **12**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Gilsum Village Store	General store	4	
W.S. Badger Co., Inc.	Hand lotion, balm		1996
RJ Sports	Fabricated textile products		1985

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	10	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 3 or 5		
	Distance	25 miles	
Railroad		No	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey	Runway	6,201 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	54 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		62 miles	
Portland, Maine		154 miles	
Boston, Mass.		112 miles	
New York City, NY		230 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		234 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK

(ACS 2011-2015)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.8%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	4.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.1 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence	14.9
Commuting to another NH community	81.7
Commuting out-of-state	3.4

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	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
	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Crotched Mountain
	Other: Gilsum Rock Swap; Old Home Day; Natural Bear Dens