

# 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 - 7 pm; Town Clerk: Monday, 9 am - 12:30 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, 1 pm - 5 pm, Wednesday, 4 pm - 8 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**

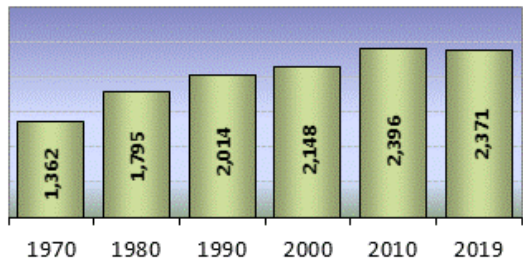
**Incorporated: 1773**

**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 1,009 over 49 years, from 1,362 in 1970 to 2,371 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2019 Census estimate for Fitzwilliam was



2,371 residents, which ranked 129th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 68.5 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.



Cheshire County

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$2,591,538</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020	<b>\$4,693,212</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:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget</b>
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Conservation</b>
Public Library	<b>Fitzwilliam Town</b>

<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</b>	<b>98</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	<b>Limited</b>
	Residential	<b>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.49</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>95.6</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$24.82</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>78.6%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>4.9%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>16.5%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,226</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>1,074</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>62</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>34</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>56</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>2,371</b>	<b>76,085</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>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019		
Population by Gender		
Male	<b>1,235</b>	Female <b>1,077</b>
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	<b>172</b>	
Age 5 to 19	<b>258</b>	
Age 20 to 34	<b>368</b>	
Age 35 to 54	<b>517</b>	
Age 55 to 64	<b>499</b>	
Age 65 and over	<b>498</b>	
Median Age	<b>50.2 years</b>	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher	<b>90.9%</b>	
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>28.7%</b>	

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2015-2019)
Per capita income	<b>\$37,606</b>	
Median family income	<b>\$84,688</b>	
Median household income	<b>\$61,316</b>	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	<b>\$54,250</b>	
Female	<b>\$40,000</b>	
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>4.0%</b>	

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>1,418</b>	<b>1,335</b>
Employed	<b>1,332</b>	<b>1,302</b>
Unemployed	<b>86</b>	<b>33</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>126</b>	<b>83</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,353</b>	<b>\$1,733</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>144</b>	<b>136</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 772</b>	<b>\$ 928</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>270</b>	<b>219</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,044</b>	<b>\$1,233</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>82</b>	<b>66</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 603</b>	<b>\$ 742</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>352</b>	<b>285</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 942</b>	<b>\$1,119</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</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>180</b>				

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce University; Keene State; Antioch New England**2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **34**

<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		
Abtech	Design and develop ultra-precision motion systems & metrology solutions		
Fitzwilliam Inn	Inn, restaurant		

## 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?	Yes	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 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>84.3%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.2%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>1.4%</b>
Other means	<b>5.1%</b>
Worked at home	<b>19.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>36.5 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

Working in community of residence	<b>11.0</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>69.2</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>19.8</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>