

Fitzwilliam, NH



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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, 6 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

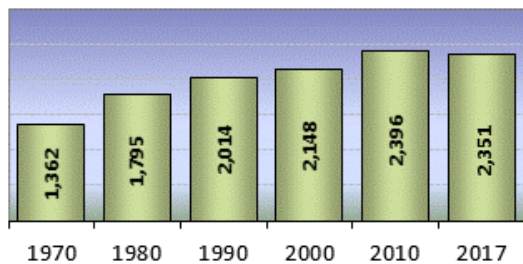
Incorporated: 1773

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 1,385 over 57 years, from 966 in 1960 to 2,351 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 41 percent



increase between 1960 and 1970, and a 32 percent increase the next decade. The 2017 Census estimate for Fitzwilliam was 2,351 residents, which ranked 128th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 67.3 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

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$2,400,954
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$4,059,769
Zoning Ordinance	1982/10
Master Plan	2011
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget**
 Appointed: **Zoning; Conservation**

Public Library **Fitzwilliam Town**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	15 miles	91

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Fitzwilliam Village Water; private wells

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

	Fairpoint
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Limited
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.22
2017 Equalization Ratio	96.6
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.08

2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	79.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	5.1%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	16.8%

HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	1,221
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,037
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	49
Five or More Units in Structure	34
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	101

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	2,351	75,960	
2010	2,396	77,117	
2000	2,148	73,993	
1990	2,014	70,223	
1980	1,795	62,116	
1970	1,362	52,364	

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2013-2017

Population by Gender			
Male	1,176	Female	1,118

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	96
Age 5 to 19	299
Age 20 to 34	388
Age 35 to 54	558
Age 55 to 64	453
Age 65 and over	500
Median Age	50.2 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	90.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	27.8%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2013-2017)	
Per capita income	\$35,548
Median family income	\$79,792
Median household income	\$51,638

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$51,750
Female	\$42,266

Individuals below the poverty level	6.0%
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LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2007	2017
Civilian labor force	1,399	1,290
Employed	1,341	1,256
Unemployed	58	34
Unemployment rate	4.1%	2.6%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	165	75
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,519	\$1,063
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	182	142
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 756	\$ 730
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	347	217
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,118	\$ 845
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	89	72
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 513	\$ 641
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	436	289
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 995	\$ 794

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				Region: 13
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	P K 1-6				
Total Enrollment	177				

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce University; Keene State; Antioch New England**2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **125**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
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	12, 119	
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-91 (VT), Exit 2	
	Distance	29 miles	
Railroad		No	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Jaffrey - Silver Ranch	Runway	2,982 ft. asphalt	
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	47 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		54 miles	
Portland, Maine		156 miles	
Boston, Mass.		85 miles	
New York City, NY		216 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		256 miles	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		76.6%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		13.3%	
Public transportation		0.4%	
Walked		1.4%	
Other means		0.8%	
Worked at home		7.5%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		38.0 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017			
Working in community of residence		12.7	
Commuting to another NH community		69.2	
Commuting out-of-state		18.1	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
	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
X	Tourist Attractions
X	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
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak
	Other: Rhododendron State Park