

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, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Tuesday, 1 pm - 5 pm, Wednesday, 6 pm - 8 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

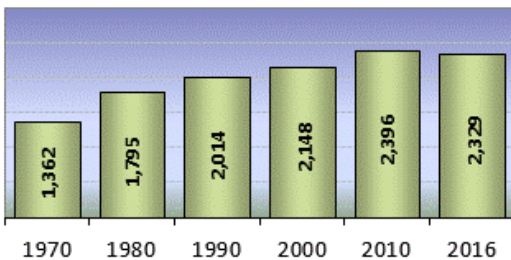
Origin: Fitzwilliam was originally settled as Monadnock Number 4, one in a line of eight towns settled by Scottish colonists. Governor Wentworth named the town to honor his cousin William, fourth Earl of Fitzwilliam. Early grantees in Fitzwilliam included General James Reed and Matthew Thornton, signer 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



Cheshire County



Population Trends: Population change for Fitzwilliam totaled 1,363 over 56 years, from 966 in 1960 to 2,329 in 2016. The largest decennial percent change was a 41 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, and a 32 percent increase the next decade. The 2016 Census estimate for Fitzwilliam was 2,329 residents, which ranked 128th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 67.3 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Moultonborough and Webster. Fitzwilliam contains 34.6 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2017	\$2,398,269
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016	\$5,172,482
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	108	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Fitzwilliam Village Water; private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal		None	
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
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		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.74		
2016 Equalization Ratio	100.7		
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.79		
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	80.3%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	5.8%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	13.8%		

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,212		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,003		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	56		
Five or More Units in Structure	35		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	118		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>
Total Population	Community	County	
2016	2,329	75,774	
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				<i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	1,203	Female	1,189		
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				165	
Age 5 to 19				361	
Age 20 to 34				331	
Age 35 to 54				657	
Age 55 to 64				436	
Age 65 and over				442	
Median Age				47.6 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher					89.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher					23.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Per capita income			\$33,503
Median family income			\$79,432
Median household income			\$52,734
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over			
Male			\$51,829
Female			\$37,813
Individuals below the poverty level			4.9%

LABOR FORCE				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average		2006		2016	
Civilian labor force		1,421		1,297	
Employed		1,367		1,254	
Unemployed		54		43	
Unemployment rate		3.8%		3.3%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2006		2016	
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment		182		71	
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,213		\$ 994	
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment		194		140	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 644		\$ 730	
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment		375		211	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 919		\$ 818	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment		84		66	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 518		\$ 664	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment		460		276	
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 845		\$ 781	

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	181			

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		

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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	77.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.6%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	1.8%
Other means	1.1%
Worked at home	7.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	38.8 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016

Working in community of residence	11.9
Commuting to another NH community	71.1
Commuting out-of-state	17.0

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**