**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, 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**  
Cheshire

**Labor Market Area**  
Peterborough, NH LMA

**Tourism Region**  
Monadnock

**Planning Commission**  
Southwest Region

**Regional Development**  
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

**Election Districts**
- **US Congress**: District 2  
- **Executive Council**: District 5  
- **State Senate**: District 9  
- **State Representative**: 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.
**Municipal Services**

- **Type of Government:** Selectmen
- **Budget:** Municipal Appropriations, 2020: $2,591,538
- **Budget:** School Appropriations, 2019-2020: $4,693,212
- **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

**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:** Curbside Trash Pickup
- **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

**Property Taxes (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)**

- **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value):** $26.49
- **2019 Equalization Ratio:** 95.6
- **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value):** $24.82

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<th>Property Type</th>
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<td>Residential Land and Buildings</td>
<td>78.6%</td>
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<td>Commercial Land and Buildings</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
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<td>Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other</td>
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**Housing (ACS 2015-2019)**

- **Total Housing Units:** 1,226
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached:** 1,074
- **Units in Multiple-Family Structures:**
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 62
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 34
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 56

**Demographics**

**American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019**

**Population by Gender**

- **Male:** 1,235
- **Female:** 1,077

**Population by Age Group**

- **Under age 5:** 172
- **Age 5 to 19:** 258
- **Age 20 to 34:** 368
- **Age 35 to 54:** 517
- **Age 55 to 64:** 499
- **Age 65 and over:** 498
- **Median Age:** 50.2 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

- **Bachelor’s degree or higher:** 9.0%
- **High school graduate or higher:** 90.9%
- **Bachelor’s degree or higher:** 28.7%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)**

- **Per capita income:** $37,606
- **Median family income:** $84,688
- **Median household income:** $61,316

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

- **Male:** $54,250
- **Female:** $40,000

**Individuals below the poverty level:** 4.0%

**Labor Force (NHES – ELMI)**

- **Annual Average:**
  - 2009: 2019
  - Civilian labor force: 1,418
  - Employed: 1,332
  - Unemployed: 86
  - Unemployment rate: 6.1%
  - Average Weekly Wage: $542

**Employment & Wages (NHES – ELMI)**

- **Annual Average Covered Employment:**
  - 2009: 2019
  - Goods Producing Industries:
    - Average Employment: 126
    - Average Weekly Wage: $1,353
  - Service Providing Industries:
    - Average Employment: 144
    - Average Weekly Wage: $772
  - Total Private Industry:
    - Average Employment: 270
    - Average Weekly Wage: $1,044
  - Government (Federal, State, and Local):
    - Average Employment: 82
    - Average Weekly Wage: $603
  - Total, Private Industry plus Government:
    - Average Employment: 352
    - Average Weekly Wage: $942

Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/06/2020
**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)  
Number of Schools: 1  
Grade Levels: P K 1-6  
Total Enrollment: 180

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

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**  
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**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 2015-2019)**

Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van  
84.3%  
Carpooled, car/truck/van  
9.2%  
Public transportation  
0.0%  
Walked  
1.4%  
Other means  
5.1%  
Worked at home  
19.8%

Mean Travel Time to Work  
36.5 minutes

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

Municipal Parks  
YMCA/YWCA  
Boys Club/Girls Club  
Golf Courses  
Swimming: Indoor Facility  
Swimming: Outdoor Facility  
Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility  
Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility  
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility  
Bowling Facilities  
Museums  
Performing Arts Facilities  
Tourist Attractions  
Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)  
Youth Sports: Baseball  
Youth Sports: Soccer  
Youth Sports: Football  
Youth Sports: Basketball  
Youth Sports: Hockey  
Campgrounds  
Fishing/Hunting  
Boating/Marinas  
Snowmobile Trails  
Bicycle Trails  
Cross Country Skiing  
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
Overnight or Day Camps  
Nearest Ski Area(s): Pat's Peak  
Other: Rhododendron State Park