

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	Cheshire
Labor Market Area	Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Monadnock
Planning Commission	Southwest Region
Regional Development	Monadnock Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 10
State Representative	Cheshire County District 3

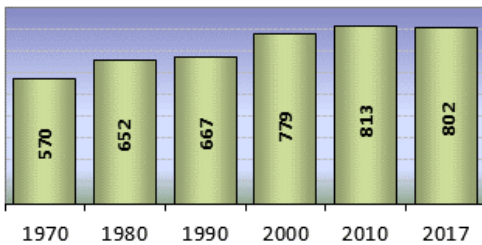
Incorporated: 1763

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 274 over 57 years, from 528 in 1960 to 802 in 2017. The largest decennial percent increase was 17 percent between



1990 and 2000. The 2017 Census estimate for Gilsum was 802 residents, which ranked 197th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 48.1 persons per square mile of land area. Gilsum contains 16.7 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	\$713,665
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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 91

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 Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$29.63
2017 Equalization Ratio	92.0
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.52
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	88.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	7.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	343
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	292
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	21
Five or More Units in Structure	2
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	28

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	802	75,960	
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) 2013-2017			
Population by Gender			
Male	361	Female	341
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			16
Age 5 to 19			113
Age 20 to 34			108
Age 35 to 54			195
Age 55 to 64			154
Age 65 and over			116
Median Age			48.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			89.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher			29.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>	
Per capita income			\$27,974
Median family income			\$70,938
Median household income			\$59,750
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$50,000
Female			\$37,917
Individuals below the poverty level			11.0%

LABOR FORCE		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	432	444	
Employed	421	436	
Unemployed	11	8	
Unemployment rate	2.5%	1.8%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		<i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	65	118	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 581	\$ 749	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	38	42	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 544	\$ 667	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	103	161	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 567	\$ 727	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	29	23	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 692	\$ 582	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	132	184	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 595	\$ 709	

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	K 1-6				
Total Enrollment	60				

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; New England**2017 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	
RJ Sports	Fabricated textile products		1985
W.S. Badger Co., Inc.	Hand lotion, balm		1996

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 2013-2017*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	12.5%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.8%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	5.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	23.8 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017

Working in community of residence	15.6
Commuting to another NH community	79.2
Commuting out-of-state	5.2

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