**Gilsum, NH**

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**Municipal Office Hours**

Selectmen: Meeting Monday, 6:30 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**

District 2

**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 275 over 58 years, from 528 in 1960 to 803 in 2018. The largest decennial percent increase was 17 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2018 Census estimate for Gilsum was 803 residents, which ranked 199th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau):** 48.2 persons per square mile of land area. Gilsum contains 16.7 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.
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<th>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</th>
<th>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNAL) (US Census Bureau)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type of Government</td>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019</td>
<td>$828,518</td>
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<td>$1,039,826</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1956/09</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2001</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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Boards and Commissions
Elected: Selectmen; Budget; Trust Funds; Cemetery; Library; Checklist
Appointed: Recreation; Planning; Zoning; Conservation

Public Library Gilmour 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 98

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 Yes Residential Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2018 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) $29.63
2018 Equalization Ratio 92.0
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value) $27.52

2018 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 2014-2018)
Total Housing Units 343
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached 288
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:
Two to Four Units in Structure 24
Five or More Units in Structure 2
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units 29

DEMographics
Population by Gender
Male 390 Female 342

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP
Under age 5 30
Age 5 to 19 110
Age 20 to 34 116
Age 35 to 54 183
Age 55 to 64 146
Age 65 and over 147
Median Age 48.9 years

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, population 25 years and over
High school graduate or higher 91.2%
Bachelor’s degree or higher 28.0%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED $(ACS 2014-2018)
Per capita income $31,674
Median family income $73,750
Median household income $70,652

MEDIAN EARNINGS, full-time, year-round workers
Male $51,583
Female $42,500

INDIVIDUALS BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL
7.8%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average 2008 2018
Civilian labor force 439 454
Employed 425 444
Unemployed 14 10
Unemployment rate 3.2% 2.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment 2008 2018
Goods Producing Industries
Average Employment 64 n
Average Weekly Wage $662 n
Service Providing Industries
Average Employment 46 n
Average Weekly Wage $489 n
Total Private Industry
Average Employment 110 155
Average Weekly Wage $589 $704

Government (Federal, State, and Local)
Average Employment 25 24
Average Weekly Wage $740 $571

If “n” appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey, Troy)  
District: SAU 93  
Region: 13

Career Technology Center(s): Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
Number of Schools: 1  
Grade Levels: K-12  
Total Enrollment: 57

Nearest Community College: River Valley  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: Keene State; Antioch New England; New England

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 1  
Total Capacity: 12

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>BUSINESS</th>
<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>ESTABLISHED</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gilsum Village Store</td>
<td>General store</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>1996</td>
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<tr>
<td>W.S. Badger Co., Inc.</td>
<td>Hand lotion, balm</td>
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<td>RJ Sports</td>
<td>Fabricated textile products</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
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<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit</td>
<td>I-91 (VT), Exit 3 or 5</td>
<td>Distance</td>
<td>25 miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Railroad</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
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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 2014-2018)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
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<td>Walked</td>
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<td>Other means</td>
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<td>Worked at home</td>
<td>4.9%</td>
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<td>Mean Travel Time to Work</td>
<td>27.8 minutes</td>
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**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  
Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility  
Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility  
Bowling Facilities  
Museums  
Performing Arts Facilities  
Tourist Attractions  
Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

X Youth Sports: Baseball  
X Youth Sports: Soccer  
X 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