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
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 234 over 49 years, from 570 in 1970 to 804 in 2019. The largest decennial percent increase was 17 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2019 Census estimate for Gilsum was 804 residents, which ranked 199th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (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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### Municipal Services

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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019</td>
<td>$828,518</td>
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<td>$1,616,893</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1956/09</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2001</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
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<th>Boards and Commissions</th>
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<td>Appointed:</td>
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| Public Library | Gilsum Public |

### Emergency Services

| Police Department | Cheshire County Sheriff & part-time |
| Fire Department | Volunteer |
| Emergency Medical Service | Volunteer |

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<th>Nearest Hospital(s)</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Staffed Beds</th>
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<td>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</td>
<td>8 miles</td>
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### Utilities

| Electric Supplier | Eversource Energy |
| Natural Gas Supplier | None |
| Water Supplier | Private wells |

| Sanitation | Private septic |
| Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant | No |
| Solid Waste Disposal | No |
| 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

- **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $28.01
- **2019 Equalization Ratio**: 102.0
- **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $28.45

### Housing

- **Total Housing Units**: 348
- **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 295
- **Units in Multiple-Family Structures:**
  - Two to Four Units in Structure: 24
  - Five or More Units in Structure: 0
  - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 29

### Demographics

**Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)** (US Census Bureau)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>804</td>
<td>76,085</td>
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<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>813</td>
<td>77,117</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>779</td>
<td>73,993</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>667</td>
<td>70,223</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>652</td>
<td>62,116</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>570</td>
<td>52,364</td>
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**Population by Gender**

- **Male**: 439
- **Female**: 359

**Population by Age Group**

- **Under age 5**: 35
- **Age 5 to 19**: 133
- **Age 20 to 34**: 128
- **Age 35 to 54**: 207
- **Age 55 to 64**: 120
- **Age 65 and over**: 175
  - **Median Age**: 46.9 years

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

- **High school graduate or higher**: 92.5%
- **Bachelor’s degree or higher**: 22.9%

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

- **Per capita income**: $31,585
- **Median family income**: $74,079
- **Median household income**: $69,821

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

- **Male**: $52,019
- **Female**: $40,375

**Individuals below the poverty level**: 7.8%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELM)

**Annual Average**

- **Civilian labor force**: 444
- **Employed**: 415
- **Unemployed**: 29
- **Unemployment rate**: 6.5% (2.4%)

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)

- **Annual Average Covered Employment**: 2009
- **Goods Producing Industries**
  - **Average Employment**: 30
  - **Average Weekly Wage**: $ 703
- **Service Providing Industries**
  - **Average Employment**: 46
  - **Average Weekly Wage**: $ 539
- **Total Private Industry**
  - **Average Employment**: 96
  - **Average Weekly Wage**: $ 624
- **Government (Federal, State, and Local)**
  - **Average Employment**: 22
  - **Average Weekly Wage**: $ 745
- **Total, Private Industry plus Government**
  - **Average Employment**: 119
  - **Average Weekly Wage**: $ 647

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**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: K 1-6  
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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<tr>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Gilsum Village Store</td>
<td>General store</td>
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<tr>
<td>W.S. Badger Co., Inc.</td>
<td>Hand lotion, balm</td>
<td>1985</td>
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<td>RJ Sports</td>
<td>Fabricated textile products</td>
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**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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| 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 2015-2019)**

- Workers 16 years and over  
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 78.0%
  - Carpooleoed, car/truck/van: 12.5%
  - Public transportation: 0.0%
  - Walked: 2.1%
  - Other means: 7.5%
  - Worked at home: 6.0%
  - Mean Travel Time to Work: 28.2 minutes

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

- Working in community of residence: 17.4
- Commuting to another NH community: 76.6
- Commuting out-of-state: 6.0

**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
- X Youth Sports: Football
- X Youth Sports: Basketball
- X 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