

Gilsum, NH



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Town of Gilsum

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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
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Cheshire
Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 10
Cheshire County District 3

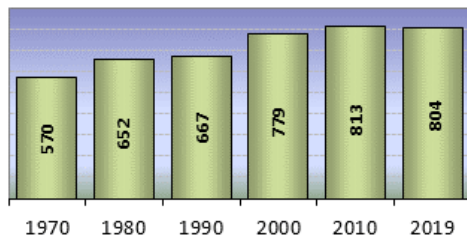
Incorporated: 1763

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.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	\$828,518
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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	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	None
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)	
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

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	88.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	7.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.9%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
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

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	804	76,085	
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) 2015-2019			
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 – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	444	450
Employed	415	439
Unemployed	29	11
Unemployment rate	6.5%	2.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	50	114
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 703	\$ 793
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	46	26
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 539	\$ 479
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	96	140
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 624	\$ 734
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	22	23
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 745	\$ 595
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	119	163
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 647	\$ 715

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	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	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Gilsum Village Store	General store	4	
W.S. Badger Co., Inc.	Hand lotion, balm		1996
RJ Sports	Fabricated textile products		1985

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 2015-2019)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.0%
Carpooled, 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
	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