

# Gilsum, NH



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

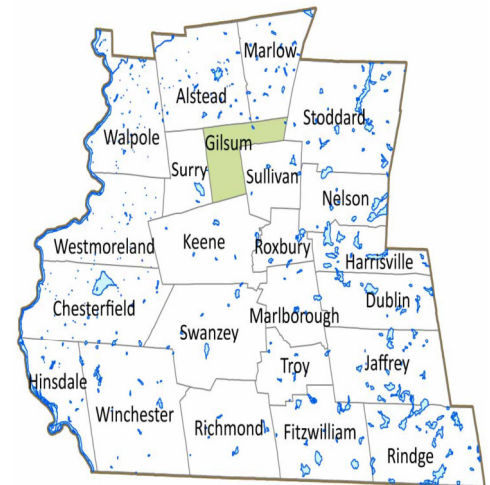
**Incorporated:** 1763

**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.

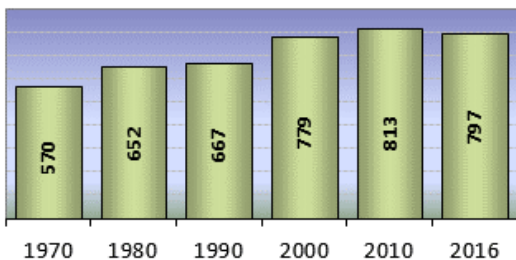
**Villages and Place Names:** Lower Village, Roundys Corner

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 298 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Gilsum totaled 269 over 56 years, from 528 in 1960 to 797 in 2016. The largest decennial percent increase was 17 percent between 1990 and 2000. The 2016 Census estimate for Gilsum was 797 residents, which ranked 197th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County



**Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau):** 47.8 persons per square mile of land area. Gilsum contains 16.7 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	<b>\$713,665</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2016-2017	<b>\$1,362,315</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1956/09</b>
Master Plan	<b>2001</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Budget; Trust Funds; Cemetary; Library; Checklist**  
 Appointed: **Recreation; Planning; Zoning; Conservation**

Public Library **Gilsum Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Cheshire County Sheriff &amp; part-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>8 miles</b>	<b>108</b>	

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.95</b>
2016 Equalization Ratio	<b>97.8</b>
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$26.59</b>
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>88.2%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>7.3%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.5%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>379</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>330</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>18</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>2</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>29</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b> <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2016	<b>797</b>	<b>75,774</b>
2010	<b>813</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>779</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>667</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>652</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>570</b>	<b>52,364</b>

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS, AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY</b> <i>(ACS) 2012-2016</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>372</b>	Female	<b>349</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>20</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>101</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>115</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>204</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>170</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>111</b>
Median Age			<b>48.4 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>87.4%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>26.2%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2012-2016)</i>	
Per capita income	<b>\$27,155</b>
Median family income	<b>\$69,028</b>
Median household income	<b>\$56,563</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	<b>\$47,813</b>
Female	<b>\$37,656</b>
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>11.2%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2006	2016	
Civilian labor force	<b>442</b>	<b>457</b>	
Employed	<b>428</b>	<b>445</b>	
Unemployed	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>60</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 585</b>	<b>n</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>39</b>	<b>n</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 545</b>	<b>n</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>98</b>	<b>154</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 569</b>	<b>\$ 688</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 656</b>	<b>\$ 583</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>128</b>	<b>176</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 590</b>	<b>\$ 675</b>	

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Swanzey, Troy)</b>			District: <b>SAU 93</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE</b>			Region: <b>13</b>
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>			
Grade Levels	<b>K 1-6</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>59</b>			

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**

<b>LARGEST BUSINESSES</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
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	<b>10</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 3 or 5</b>	
Distance	<b>25 miles</b>	
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey</b>	Runway	<b>6,201 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>54 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>62 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>154 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>112 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>230 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>234 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.7%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>12.6%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>1.7%</b>
Other means	<b>0.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.9%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>24.2 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016**

Working in community of residence	<b>15.1</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>80.0</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4.9</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	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)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Crotched Mountain</b>
	Other: <b>Gilsum Rock Swap; Old Home Day; Natural Bear Dens</b>