

Fitzwilliam, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
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Board of Selectmen
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Selectmen: Monday and Friday, 8:30-12:30, Tuesday and Thursday, 1-5, Wednesday, 6-7; Town Clerk: Monday, 8:30-12:30, Tuesday and Thursday, 1-5, Wednesday, 4-8; Tax Collector: Monday, 9-12, Tuesday and Thursday, 1-4, Wednesday, 6-8

Cheshire
Peterborough, NH LMA
Monadnock
Southwest Region
Monadnock Economic Development Corp.

District 2
District 5
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Cheshire County Districts 12, 17

Incorporated: 1773

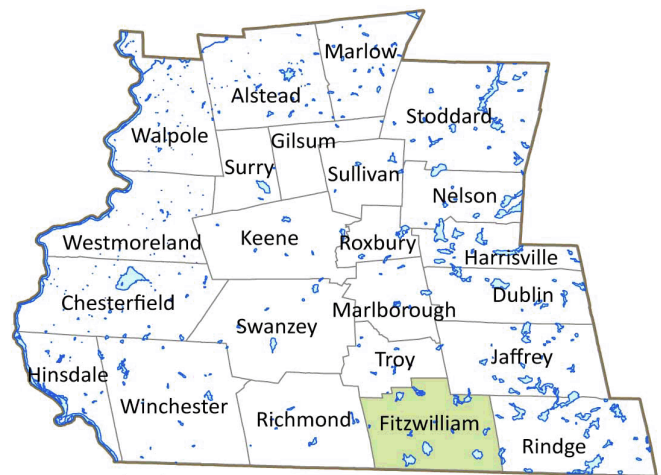
Origin: Fitzwilliam was originally settled as Monadnock Number 4, one in a line of eight towns settled by Scottish colonists. Governor Wentworth named the town to honor his cousin William, fourth Earl of Fitzwilliam. Early grantees in Fitzwilliam included General James Reed and Matthew Thornton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Fitzwilliam had one of the earliest granite quarrying operations in New Hampshire. It is the location of Rhododendron State Park, which has the largest rhododendron grove in New England and was designated a National Natural Landmark in 1982.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,038 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Fitzwilliam totaled 1,002 over 50 years, from 1,362 in 1970 to 2,364 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 32 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by one percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Fitzwilliam was 2,437 residents, which ranked 128th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 70.4 persons per square mile of land area. Fitzwilliam contains 34.6 square miles of land area and 1.4 square miles of inland water area.



Cheshire County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2023		\$3,120,999	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$5,838,711	
Zoning Ordinance		1982/10	
Master Plan		2011	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library; Budget		
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation		
Public Library	Fitzwilliam Town		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service		Part time/Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene		15 miles	94
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Fitzwilliam Village Water; private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Limited	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.41	
2022 Equalization Ratio		99.4	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.13	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		80.1%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		6.6%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		13.4%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		1,298	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,102	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		55	
Five or More Units in Structure		22	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		119	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	2,437		77,350
2020	2,351		76,458
2010	2,396		77,117
2000	2,148		73,993
1990	2,014		70,223
1980	1,795		62,116
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	1,261	Female	1,080
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		80	
Age 5 to 19		215	
Age 20 to 34		414	
Age 35 to 54		573	
Age 55 to 64		549	
Age 65 and over		510	
Median Age		49.5 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		1,960	
High school graduate or higher		91.4%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		29.0%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$44,306	
Median family income		\$86,573	
Median household income		\$77,727	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$54,698	
Female		\$49,891	
Individuals below the poverty level		5.8%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		1,370	1,318
Employed		1,297	1,284
Unemployed		73	34
Unemployment rate		5.3%	2.6%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		47	90
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 894	\$2,572
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		129	138
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 708	\$ 927
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		175	228
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 758	\$1,577
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		71	78
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 690	\$ 795
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		246	306
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 738	\$1,378
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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				
Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial	
Number of Schools	1				
Grade Levels	P K 1-6				
Total Enrollment	163				

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce-Lebanon; Keene State; Antioch New England**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **34**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
PLP Composite Technologies	Fiberglass flag poles	20	1980
Damon Lumber	Lumber sales	6	
Holman Construction	Construction		
Abtech	Ultra-precision motion systems & metrology solutions		
Park Construction Comapny	Construction services		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	12, 119
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 2	
Distance	29 miles	
Railroad	No	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Jaffrey - Silver Ranch	Runway	2,982 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	47 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		54 miles
Portland, Maine		156 miles
Boston, Mass.		85 miles
New York City, NY		216 miles
Montreal, Quebec		256 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	90.1%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	2.6%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.0%
Other means	0.2%
Worked at home	7.0%
Mean Travel Time to Work	40.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	11.4%
Commuting to another NH community	61.8%
Commuting out-of-state	26.8%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	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
X	Tourist Attractions
X	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
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**Other: **Rhododendron State Park**