

Gilsum, NH



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Town of Gilsum

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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday, 2-6, meet Monday at 6 pm; Town Clerk:
Tuesday, 4-7, Wednesday, 9-12; second and last Thursday each
month, 4-7; Tax Collector: Monday, 5-7

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 8
Cheshire County Districts 9, 16

Incorporated: 1763

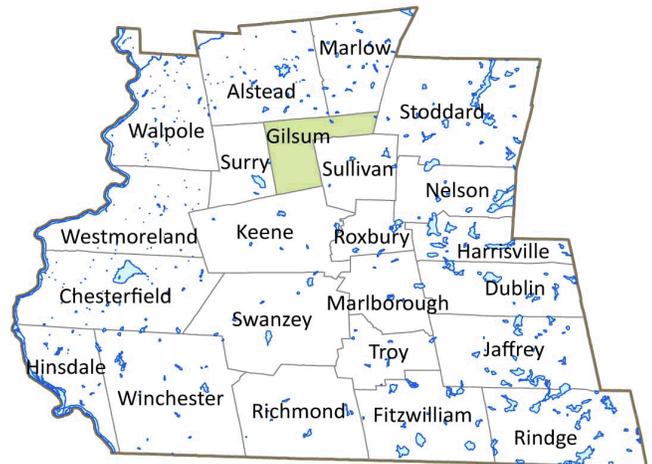
Origin: First granted by the New Hampshire proprietors in 1752, the town was given the name Boyle, after Richard Boyle, Earl of Burlington and a distinguished architect. No claims were settled within the prescribed time because of danger from Indian attacks. A new charter was issued in 1763 to Benjamin Sumner, who surveyed the area and established a settlement along with several relatives from Connecticut. One of those settlers, Captain Samuel Gilbert, became the town's first moderator. The name Gilsum was adopted in honor of Captain Gilbert and Mr. Sumner. 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 187 over 50 years, from 570 in 1970 to 757 in 2020. The largest decennial percent increase was 17 percent from 1990 to 2000. The town's population decreased by seven percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Gilsum was 776 residents, which ranked 205th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 46.6 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, 2022	\$936,811
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	\$1,432,096
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	94

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	Consolidated Communications	
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)
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.57	
2022 Equalization Ratio	72.2	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.72	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	87.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	8.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.1%	

HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)
Total Housing Units	349	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	317	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	11	
Five or More Units in Structure	0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	21	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2022	776	77,350
2020	752	76,458
2010	813	77,117
2000	779	73,993
1990	667	70,223
1980	652	62,116

DEMOGRAPHICS			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021
Population by Gender			
Male	452	Female	374
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			57
Age 5 to 19			80
Age 20 to 34			189
Age 35 to 54			185
Age 55 to 64			143
Age 65 and over			172
Median Age			47.1 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 624			
High school graduate or higher			95.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher			18.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)
Per capita income		\$32,339
Median family income		\$76,250
Median household income		\$66,875
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$51,833
Female		\$39,900
Individuals below the poverty level		7.9%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	477		429
Employed	454		421
Unemployed	23		8
Unemployment rate	4.8%		1.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMII)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	n		104
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$ 910
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	n		26
Average Weekly Wage	n		\$ 709
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	99		130
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 743		\$ 869
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	27		21
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 824		\$ 656
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	125		151
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 760		\$ 840
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional (Fitzwilliam, Gilsun, 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	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	52			

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England; New England**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
W.S. Badger Co., Inc.	Hand lotion, balm		1996
Freedom Motors	Auto Repair		
Gilsun Garage	Auto Repair		
Bill's Garage	Auto Repair		
Alternative Detailing	Car Detailing		
Chris Lane Enterprises	Tree Removal		

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 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	73.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.2%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.4%
Other means	0.4%
Worked at home	14.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	20.0%
Commuting to another NH community	76.3%
Commuting out-of-state	3.7%

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)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	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: Gilsun Rock Swap; Old Home Day; Natural Bear Dens