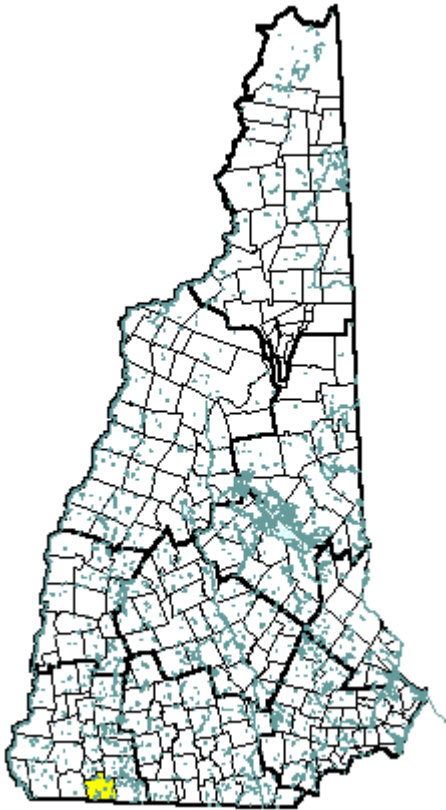


# Fitzwilliam, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday and Friday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 1 pm - 5 pm, and Wednesday 6 pm - 9 pm**

## County

**Cheshire**

## Labor Market Area

**Keene NH Micro-NECTA**

## Tourism Region

**Monadnock**

## Planning Commission

**Southwest Region**

## Regional Development

**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 5**  
**District 10**  
**Cheshire County District 5**

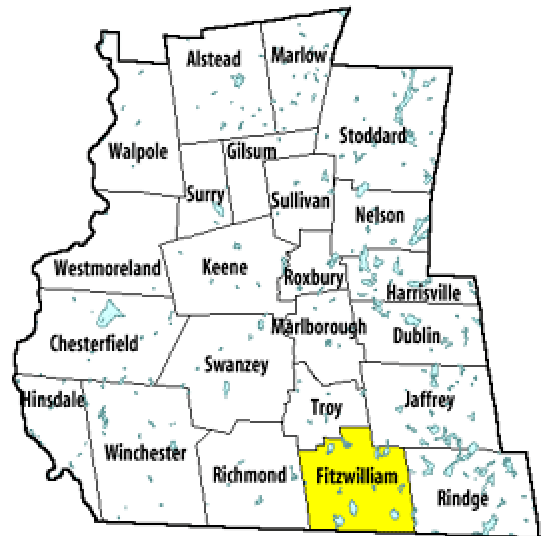
**Incorporated:** 1773

**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.

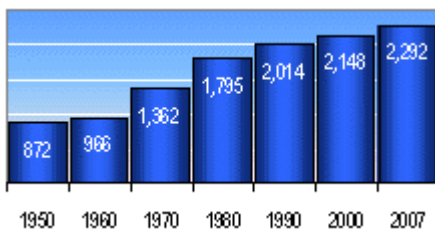
**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

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

**Population Trends:** Population change for Fitzwilliam totaled 1,276 over 50 years, from 872 in 1950 to 2,148 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was 41 percent between 1960 and 1970, followed by a 32 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. The 2007 Census estimate for Fitzwilliam was 2,292 residents, which tied with Madison in ranking 127th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



**Cheshire County**



**Population Density and Land Area** (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 65.4 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.

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	<b>\$2,300,727</b>
Budget: School Appropriations,	<b>not available</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1982/07</b>
Master Plan	<b>2005</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

## Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Planning; Library</b>
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Conservation</b>

Public Library **Fitzwilliam Town****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>On call</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>6/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>On call</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>15 miles 169</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Fitzwilliam Village Water; private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>none</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</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 Residential
	<b>Limited Limited</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES** (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.75</b>
2007 Equalization Ratio	<b>96.2</b>
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$20.19</b>
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>89.2%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>6.4%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>4.3%</b>

**HOUSING SUPPLY** (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	<b>1,190</b>
2007 Single-Family Units	<b>974</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>12</b>
2007 Multi-Family Units	<b>94</b>
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	<b>0</b>
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>122</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	<b>2,292</b>	<b>77,725</b>
2000	<b>2,148</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>2,014</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>1,795</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>1,362</b>	<b>52,364</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>1,088</b>	Female <b>1,053</b>

## Population by Age Group

Under age 5	<b>108</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>475</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>304</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>769</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>254</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>231</b>
Median Age	<b>39.9 years</b>

## Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	<b>86.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>24.1%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	<b>\$23,127</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$55,476</b>
Median household income	<b>\$48,125</b>

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

Male	<b>\$35,474</b>
Female	<b>\$29,130</b>

Families below the poverty level **3.3%****LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	<b>1,053</b>	<b>1,398</b>
Employed	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,340</b>
Unemployed	<b>40</b>	<b>58</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>180</b>	<b>165</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$623</b>	<b>\$1,519</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>185</b>	<b>182</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$395</b>	<b>\$756</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>365</b>	<b>347</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$507</b>	<b>\$1,118</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>63</b>	<b>89</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$374</b>	<b>\$513</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>428</b>	<b>436</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$488</b>	<b>\$995</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Monadnock Regional Cooperative (Fitzwilliam, Gilsum, Richmond, Roxbury, Sullivan, Surry, Swanzey, Troy)** District: **SAU 38**

Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Center of Applied Science, Keene; Fall Mountain High School, Langdon** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-6</b>			
Total Enrollment	<b>213</b>			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **9**

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Monadnock Lifetime Products	Police equipment	30	1958
PLP Composite Technologies	Fiberglass flag poles	20	1980
Damon Lumber	Lumber sales	6	
Anchor Industries	Heavy tools	6	1975
Mayer Molding Corporation	Custom injection molding	5	1968
Tommila Bros Lumber	Lumber		
Park Construction	Road construction		
Holman Construction	Construction		

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>12, 119</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 2</b>	
	Distance	<b>29 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Jaffrey - Silver Ranch</b>	Runway	<b>2,982 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>47 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>8</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>51 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>148 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>72 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>214 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>257 miles</b>

## COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.8%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>12.3%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.3%</b>
Walked	<b>1.9%</b>
Other means	<b>0.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>31.2 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>16%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>66%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>18%</b>

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

	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
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak</b>
	Other: <b>Rhododendron State Park</b>