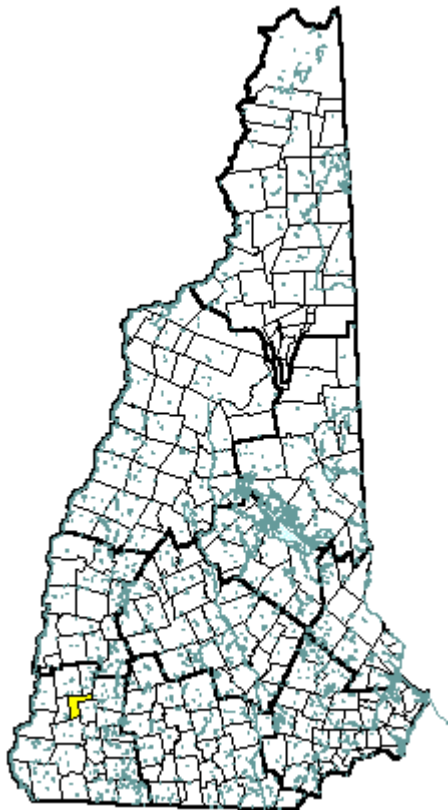


Gilsum, NH



Community Contact

Town of Gilsum
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 Fax
 E-mail
 Web Site

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 not available
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Municipal Office Hours

Town Clerk: Tuesday, 6 pm - 8 pm, and Wednesday, 8 am - 12 noon; Tax Collector: Thursday, 8 am - 12 noon

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 2
District 8
Cheshire County District 1

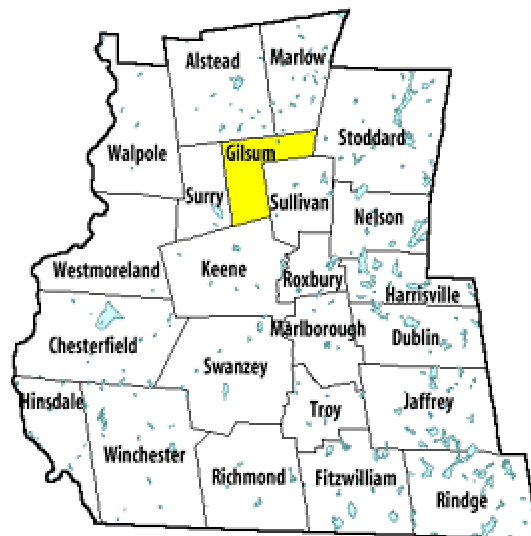
Incorporated: 1763

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.

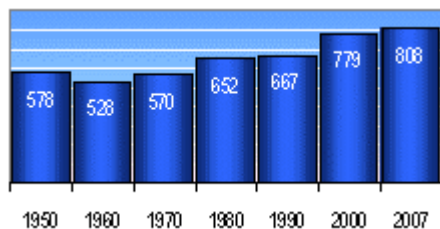
Villages and Place Names: Lower Village, Roundys Corner

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

Population Trends: Population change for Gilsum totaled 201 over 50 years, from 578 in 1950 to 779 in 2000. The largest decennial percent increase was a 17 percent increase between 1990 and 2000, accounting for over half of the total 50-year numeric increase. The 2007 Census estimate for Gilsum was 808 residents, which ranked 198th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County



Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 48.4 persons per square mile of land area. Gilsum contains 16.7 square miles of land area and 0.02 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	\$531,178
Budget: School Appropriations,	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1956/06
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: **Planning; Zoning; Recreation; Conservation**

Public Library **Gilsum Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Cheshire County Sheriff & part-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	8 miles 169

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
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	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Limited Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$21.79
2007 Equalization Ratio	80.9
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$17.67
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	91.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.6%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	4.2%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	366
2007 Single-Family Units	316
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	3
2007 Multi-Family Units	20
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	30

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	808	77,725
2000	779	73,993
1990	667	70,223
1980	652	62,116
1970	570	52,364

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	385	Female	392
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			35
Age 5 to 19			153
Age 20 to 34			118
Age 35 to 54			302
Age 55 to 64			85
Age 65 and over			84
Median Age			41 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	82.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	18.8%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999 (US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$20,956
Median 4-person family income	\$50,469
Median household income	\$43,359
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$35,150
Female	\$24,205
Families below the poverty level	1.9%

LABOR FORCE (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	405	431
Employed	387	419
Unemployed	18	12
Unemployment rate	4.4%	2.8%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	51	65
Average Weekly Wage	\$420	\$581
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	38	38
Average Weekly Wage	\$377	\$544
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	89	103
Average Weekly Wage	\$402	\$567
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	25	29
Average Weekly Wage	\$465	\$692
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	114	132
Average Weekly Wage	\$415	\$595

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	1		
Grade Levels	K	4-6		
Total Enrollment	14	45		

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 1 Total Capacity: 15

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

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

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
W.S. Badger Co., Inc.	Hand lotion, balm	15+	1996
RJ Sports	Fabricated textile products	10+	1985

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, Keene	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		64 miles
Portland, Maine		153 miles
Boston, Mass.		102 miles
New York City, NY		229 miles
Montreal, Quebec		235 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*US Census Bureau*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	11.5%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	2.6%
Other means	1.0%
Worked at home	1.8%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	14%
Commuting to another NH community	79%
Commuting out-of-state	8%

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
	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): Stratton
	Other: Gilsum Rock Swap; Old Home Day; Natural Bear Dens