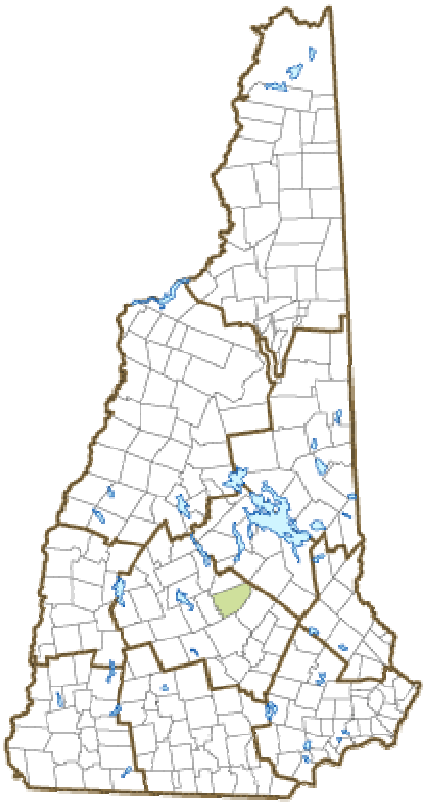
Canterbury, NH



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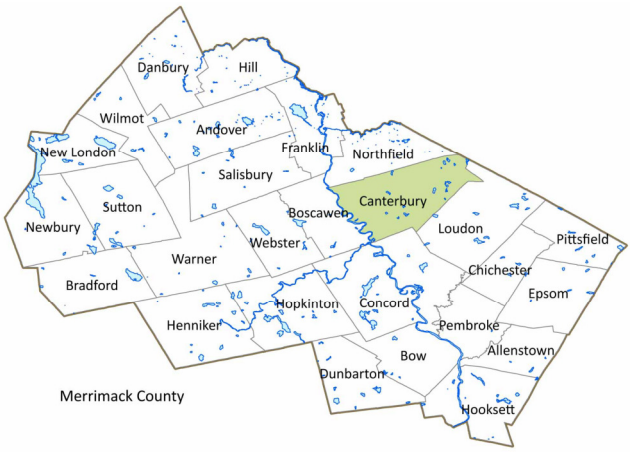
Web Site	**www.canterbury-nh.org**
Municipal Office Hours	**Selectmen: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 am - 1 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 9 am - 3 pm, Tuesday, 12 pm - 7 pm, Thursday, 3 pm - 7 pm**
County	**Merrimack**
Labor Market Area	**Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA**
Tourism Region	**Merrimack Valley**
Planning Commission	**Central NH Regional**
Regional Development	**Capital Regional Development Council**
Election Districts	
US Congress	**District 2**
Executive Council	**District 2**
State Senate	**District 7**
State Representative	**Merrimack County Districts 9, 26**

Incorporated: 1741

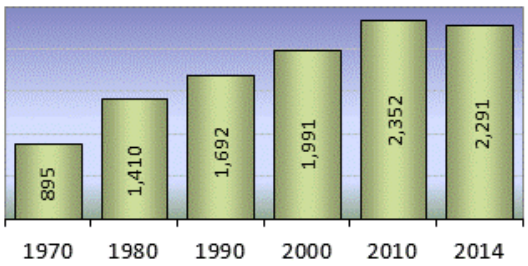
Origin: First granted in 1727, the town was named for William Wake, Archbishop of Canterbury. Canterbury in England is famous for its cathedral, and for being the center of English Christianity since 597 AD. The town was originally a fort or trading post where the Penacook Indians came to trade. Canterbury Shaker Village was first established in 1792, a self-contained community of the United Society of Believers, known as the Shaking Quakers or Shakers, because of their use of dance in worship. Today, the Canterbury Shaker Village is an outdoor museum and designated National Historic Landmark.



Villages and Place Names: Boyce, Canterbury Station, Canterbury Center, Hills Corner, Kezer Seminary, Shaker Village

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

Population Trends: Population change for Canterbury totaled 1,617 over 54 years, from 674 in 1960 to 2,291 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for over one-third of the total population change. The 2014 Census estimate for Canterbury was 2,291 residents, which ranked 130th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2014 *(US Census Bureau)***:** 52.1 persons per square mile of land area. Canterbury contains 43.9 square miles of land area and 0.9 square miles of inland water area.

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Municipal Services

Type of Government	**Selectmen**
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014	**$2,533,245**
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015	**$3,703,120**
Zoning Ordinance	**1956/14**
Master Plan	**2010**
Capital Improvement Plan	**Yes**
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	**Planning Board**

Boards and Commissions

Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Library**

Appointed: **Zoning; Conservation; Recreation; Recycling; Agriculture**

Public Library **Elkins Public**

Emergency Services

Police Department	**Full-time**
Fire Department	**Volunteer**
Emergency Medical Service	**Full-time**

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	**14 miles**	**237**

Utilities

Electric Supplier	**Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop; Concord Electric**
Natural Gas Supplier	**Liberty Utilities**
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	**Mandatory**
Telephone Company	**Fairpoint**
Cellular Telephone Access	**Yes**
Cable Television Access	**Yes**
Public Access Television Station	**No**
High Speed Internet Service: Business	**Limited**
Residential	**Limited**

Property Taxes *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2014 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$27.05**
2014 Equalization Ratio	**103.6**
2014 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)	**$27.76**

2014 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	**91.4%**
Commercial Land and Buildings	**5.4%**
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	**3.1%**

Housing *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Total Housing Units	**1,045**
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	**1,016**
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	**23**
Five or More Units in Structure	**0**
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	**6**

Demographics *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2014	**2,291**	**146,880**
2010	**2,352**	**146,445**
2000	**1,991**	**136,716**
1990	**1,692**	**120,618**
1980	**1,410**	**98,302**
1970	**895**	**80,925**

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender

Male **1,064** Female **1,227**

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	**124**
Age 5 to 19	**370**
Age 20 to 34	**265**
Age 35 to 54	**710**
Age 55 to 64	**461**
Age 65 and over	**361**
Median Age	**48.7 years**

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	**96.6%**
Bachelor's degree or higher	**50.6%**

Income, Inflation Adjusted $ *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Per capita income	**$40,870**
Median family income	**$95,313**
Median household income	**$86,797**

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	**$49,896**
Female	**$49,375**

Individuals below the poverty level	**4.1%**

Labor Force *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2004	2014
Civilian labor force	**1,304**	**1,450**
Employed	**1,264**	**1,409**
Unemployed	**40**	**41**
Unemployment rate	**3.1%**	**2.8%**

Employment & Wages *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	**43**	**45**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 533**	**$ 511**
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	**166**	**176**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 534**	**$ 899**
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	**208**	**221**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 534**	**$ 821**
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	**67**	**63**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 490**	**$ 676**
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	**275**	**284**
Average Weekly Wage	**$ 523**	**$ 788**

Education and Child Care

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Shaker Regional (Belmont, Canterbury)** District: **SAU 80**
Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs** Region: **8**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	**1**			**1**
Grade Levels	**K R 1-5**			**1-8**
Total Enrollment	**116**			**9**

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**
Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law**

2015 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **22**

Largest Businesses	Product/Service	Employees	Established
Canterbury Elementary School	Education	25	
Canterbury Shaker Village	Tours, restaurant	15	
Dumpster Depot	Garbage collection		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access US Routes
State Routes **106, 132**
Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-93, Exit 18**
Distance **Local access**

Railroad **State owned line**
Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Concord Municipal Runway **6,005 ft. asphalt**
Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **35 miles**
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **4**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	**29 miles**
Portland, Maine	**122 miles**
Boston, Mass.	**80 miles**
New York City, NY	**285 miles**
Montreal, Quebec	**246 miles**

Commuting to Work *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	**78.2%**
Carpooled, car/truck/van	**9.1%**
Public transportation	**0.0%**
Walked	**2.2%**
Other means	**2.3%**
Worked at home	**8.2%**
Mean Travel Time to Work	**25.5 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014

Working in community of residence	**16.5**
Commuting to another NH community	**79.3**
Commuting out-of-state	**4.2**

Recreation, Attractions, and Events

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Shaker Village**