

Canterbury, NH



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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

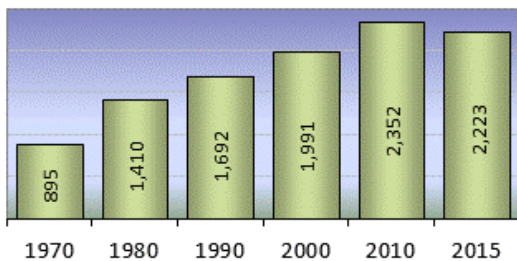
Origin: First granted in 1727, the town was named for William Wake, Archbishop of Canterbury. Canterbury in England is famous for its cathedral, and for being the center of English Christianity since 597 AD. The town was originally a fort or trading post where the Penacook Indians came to trade. Canterbury 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 1,549 over 55 years, from

674 in 1960 to 2,223 in 2015. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for one-third of the total population change. The 2015 Census estimate for Canterbury was 2,223 residents, which ranked 130th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2015 (US Census Bureau): 50.6 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.



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; Unutil
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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.56
2015 Equalization Ratio	96.4
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.40
2015 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 <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Total Housing Units	1,064
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,035
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 <i>(US Census Bureau)</i>		
Total Population	Community	County
2015	2,223	147,262
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) 2011-2015

Population by Gender			
Male	1,050	Female	1,173

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	152
Age 5 to 19	343
Age 20 to 34	249
Age 35 to 54	674
Age 55 to 64	441
Age 65 and over	364
Median Age	47.8 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	96.8%
Bachelor's degree or higher	51.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2011-2015)</i>	
Per capita income	\$39,743
Median family income	\$92,589
Median household income	\$78,182

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$55,435
Female	\$46,250

Individuals below the poverty level	3.7%
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LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	1,304	1,450	
Employed	1,264	1,409	
Unemployed	40	41	
Unemployment rate	3.1%	2.8%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMI)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2005	2015	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	44	48	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 532	\$ 569	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	167	183	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 492	\$1,064	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	211	231	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 500	\$ 961	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	68	61	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 496	\$ 687	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	279	292	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 499	\$ 904	

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	112			10	

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

2016 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		
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		28 miles	
Portland, Maine		120 miles	
Boston, Mass.		70 miles	
New York City, NY		275 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		246 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2011-2015*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.2%
Public transportation	0.1%
Walked	2.3%
Other means	1.0%
Worked at home	6.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2011-2015

Working in community of residence	18.1
Commuting to another NH community	79.8
Commuting out-of-state	2.1

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