

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 noon - 7 pm, Thursday, 3 pm - 7 pm

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Merrimack
Concord, NH Micropolitan NECTA
Merrimack Valley
Central NH Regional
Capital Regional Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 7
Merrimack County Districts 9, 26

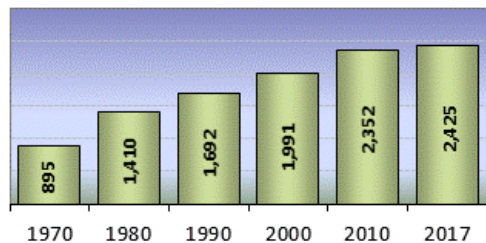
Incorporated: 1741

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 1,751 over 57 years, from 674 in 1960 to 2,425 in 2017. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for nearly one-third of the total population change.



The 2017 Census estimate for Canterbury was 2,425 residents, which ranked 123rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 55.2 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, 2018	\$3,252,000
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/16
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	242

UTILITIES		
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop; Unitil	
Natural Gas Supplier	Liberty Utilities	
Water Supplier	Private wells	
Sanitation	Private septic	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No	
Solid Waste Disposal	None	
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)	
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.98
2017 Equalization Ratio	91.6
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.64
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	91.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	5.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2013-2017)	
Total Housing Units	1,082
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,018
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	32
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	32

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2017	2,425	149,216
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) 2013-2017			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,103	Female	1,145
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			100
Age 5 to 19			312
Age 20 to 34			287
Age 35 to 54			594
Age 55 to 64			566
Age 65 and over			389
Median Age			49.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			96.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher			50.0%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2013-2017)
Per capita income		\$41,039
Median family income		\$97,375
Median household income		\$81,818
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$56,974
Female		\$44,097
Individuals below the poverty level		3.2%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	1,377	1,442	
Employed	1,338	1,414	
Unemployed	39	28	
Unemployment rate	2.8%	1.9%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	34	54	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 557	\$ 521	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	176	231	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 580	\$ 899	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	210	285	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 576	\$ 827	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	77	63	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 481	\$ 719	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	288	348	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 551	\$ 807	

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 1-5			1-8
Total Enrollment	118			8

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

2017 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		28 miles	
Portland, Maine		120 miles	
Boston, Mass.		70 miles	
New York City, NY		275 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		246 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2013-2017)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	79.9%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.9%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	3.1%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	8.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.6 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017	
Working in community of residence	20.2
Commuting to another NH community	75.8
Commuting out-of-state	4.0

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