

Canterbury, NH



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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

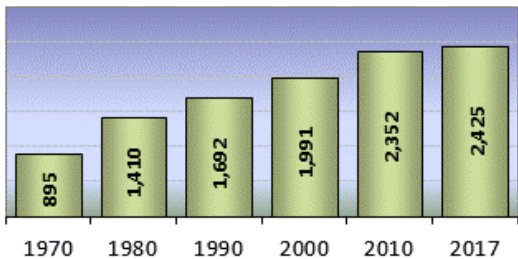
Incorporated: 1741

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 1,751 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; Unil
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 2012-2016)	
Total Housing Units	1,056
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	1,016
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	28
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	12

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) 2012-2016		
Population by Gender		
Male	1,091	Female 1,112
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		137
Age 5 to 19		303
Age 20 to 34		293
Age 35 to 54		592
Age 55 to 64		484
Age 65 and over		394
Median Age		49.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over		
High school graduate or higher		96.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher		51.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)	
Per capita income	\$40,029
Median family income	\$97,143
Median household income	\$82,847
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$57,065
Female	\$41,964
Individuals below the poverty level	2.3%

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	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	47	52
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 513	\$ 536
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	160	205
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 545	\$ 942
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	207	257
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 538	\$ 859
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	75	61
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 481	\$ 700
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	282	318
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 523	\$ 829

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 Shaker Village	Tours, restaurant	15	
Canterbury Elementary School	Education	25	
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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.2%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	2.7%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	8.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	19.4
Commuting to another NH community	77.5
Commuting out-of-state	3.1

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