

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

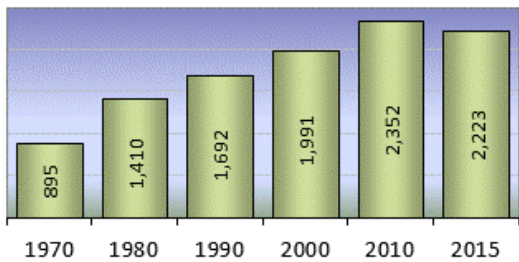
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Merrimack County Districts 9, 26

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, 2016	\$2,934,691
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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		
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)*

2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.95
2016 Equalization Ratio	100.2
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.75
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	91.1%
Commercial Land and Buildings	5.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	3.0%

HOUSING *(ACS 2011-2015)*

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 *(US Census Bureau)*

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 \$ *(ACS 2011-2015)*

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%**

LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	1,364	1,444
Employed	1,328	1,414
Unemployed	36	30
Unemployment rate	2.6%	2.1%

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 R 1-5			1-8	
Total Enrollment	119			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		
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