Canterbury, NH

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Municipal Office Hours
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Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 9 am - 3 pm,
Tuesday, 12 noon - 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
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
- School Appropriations, 2017-2018: $4,425,546

**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: 14 miles
- Staffed Beds: 242

**Concord Hospital, Concord**

### 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**
  - Yes

- **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**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
<th>Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
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<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>$25.98</td>
<td>91.6</td>
<td>$23.64</td>
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**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**

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Housing Units</td>
<td>1,082</td>
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<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
<td>1,018</td>
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<td>Units in Multiple-Family Structures:</td>
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<td>Two to Four Units in Structure</td>
<td>32</td>
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<td>Five or More Units in Structure</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units</td>
<td>32</td>
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### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

**US Census Bureau**

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2017</td>
<td>2,425</td>
<td>149,216</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>2,352</td>
<td>146,445</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>1,991</td>
<td>136,716</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>1,692</td>
<td>120,618</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>1,410</td>
<td>98,302</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>895</td>
<td>80,925</td>
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### 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)**

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<th>Category</th>
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<th>Female</th>
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<td>Per capita income</td>
<td>$41,039</td>
<td>$44,097</td>
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<tr>
<td>Median family income</td>
<td>$97,375</td>
<td>$100,250</td>
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<tr>
<td>Median household income</td>
<td>$81,818</td>
<td>$83,723</td>
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**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

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<td>$56,974</td>
<td>$44,097</td>
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<td>Female</td>
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**Individuals below the poverty level**

- 3.2%

### Labor Force

**(NHES – ELM)**

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Average</th>
<th>Male</th>
<th>Female</th>
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<tr>
<td>Annual Average</td>
<td>2007</td>
<td>2017</td>
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<tr>
<td>Civilian labor force</td>
<td>1,377</td>
<td>1,442</td>
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<tr>
<td>Employed</td>
<td>1,338</td>
<td>1,414</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unemployed</td>
<td>39</td>
<td>28</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unemployment rate</td>
<td>2.8%</td>
<td>1.9%</td>
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### Employment & Wages

**(NHES – ELM)**

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Average</th>
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<tr>
<td>Annual Average Covered Employment</td>
<td>2007</td>
<td>2017</td>
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<tr>
<td>Goods Producing Industries</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average Employment</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>54</td>
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<td>Average Weekly Wage</td>
<td>$557</td>
<td>$521</td>
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<td>Service Providing Industries</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average Employment</td>
<td>176</td>
<td>231</td>
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<td>Average Weekly Wage</td>
<td>$580</td>
<td>$899</td>
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<td>Total Private Industry</td>
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<td>Average Employment</td>
<td>210</td>
<td>285</td>
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<td>Average Weekly Wage</td>
<td>$576</td>
<td>$827</td>
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<tr>
<td>Government (Federal, State, and Local)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Average Employment</td>
<td>77</td>
<td>63</td>
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<td>Average Weekly Wage</td>
<td>$481</td>
<td>$719</td>
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<td>Total, Private Industry plus Government</td>
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<td>Average Employment</td>
<td>288</td>
<td>348</td>
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<td>Average Weekly Wage</td>
<td>$551</td>
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**Education and Child Care**

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

District: **SAU 80**  
Region: **8**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools) | Elementary | Middle/Junior High | High School | Private/Parochial
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Number of Schools | 1 | 1 | 1-8 | 8
Grade Levels | K 1-5 | 1-8 | | |
Total Enrollment | 118 | | | |

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**

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<th>Company</th>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Canterbury Elementary School</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Canterbury Shaker Village</td>
<td>Tours, restaurant</td>
<td>15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Dumpster Depot</td>
<td>Garbage collection</td>
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**Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

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<tr>
<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Nearest Interstate, Exit</th>
<th>State Owned Line</th>
<th>Public Transportation</th>
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<th>Concord Municipal</th>
<th>Runway</th>
<th>6,005 ft. asphalt</th>
<th>Lighted?</th>
<th>Navigation Aids?</th>
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<th>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service</th>
<th>Distance</th>
<th>Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport</th>
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<td>Manchester-Boston Regional</td>
<td>35 miles</td>
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<th>Driving distance to select cities</th>
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<td>Manchester, NH</td>
<td>28 miles</td>
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<td>Portland, Maine</td>
<td>120 miles</td>
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<td>Boston, Mass.</td>
<td>70 miles</td>
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<td>New York City, NY</td>
<td>275 miles</td>
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<td>Montreal, Quebec</td>
<td>246 miles</td>
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**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  
- 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  
- 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**

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