

Canterbury, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday, Wednesday, 9 am - 1 pm, Thursday, 10 am - 2 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 9 am - 3 pm, Tuesday, 3 pm - 7 pm, Thursday, 12 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

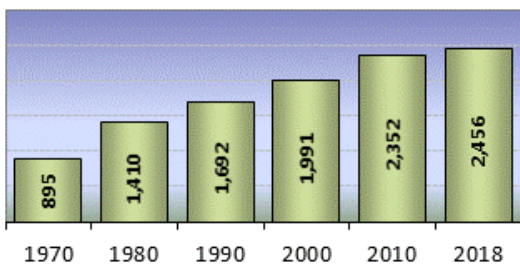
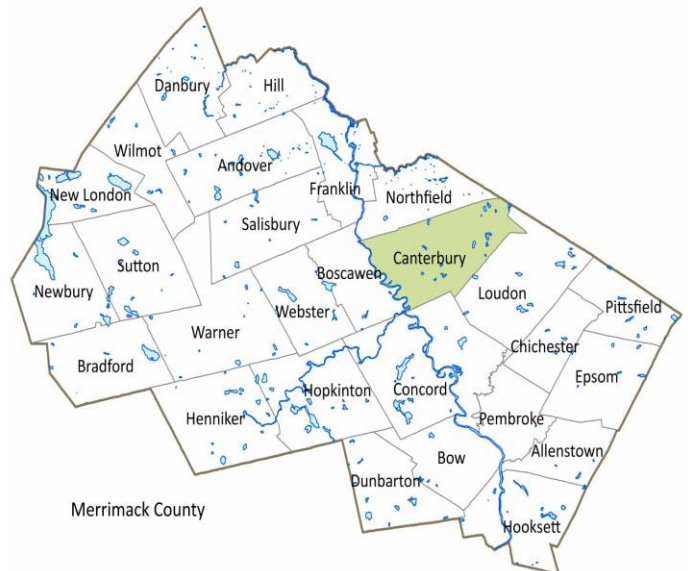
Origin: First granted in 1727, the town was named for William Wake, Archbishop of Canterbury. Canterbury in England is famous for its cathedral, and for being the center of English Christianity since 597 AD. The town was originally a fort or trading post where the Penacook Indians came to trade. Canterbury 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 1,782 over 58 years, from

674 in 1960 to 2,456 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, accounting for one-third of the total population change. The 2018 Census estimate for Canterbury was 2,456 residents, which ranked 123rd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 55.9 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, 2019	\$3,165,821		
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/19		
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	245	
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)			
2018 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$25.98		
2018 Equalization Ratio	91.6		
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$23.64		
2018 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 2014-2018)			
Total Housing Units	1,055		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	982		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	39		
Five or More Units in Structure	0		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	34		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)			(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County	
2018	2,456	151,132	
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) 2014-2018			
Population by Gender			
Male	1,164	Female	1,171
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			111
Age 5 to 19			291
Age 20 to 34			377
Age 35 to 54			629
Age 55 to 64			535
Age 65 and over			392
Median Age			48.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			96.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher			48.6%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2014-2018)			
Per capita income			\$40,823
Median family income			\$103,333
Median household income			\$85,729
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$58,103
Female			\$46,538
Individuals below the poverty level			3.3%
LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average	2008	2018	
Civilian labor force	1,381	1,477	
Employed	1,342	1,448	
Unemployed	39	29	
Unemployment rate	2.8%	2.0%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2008	2018	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	24	48	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 517	\$ 602	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	162	219	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 518	\$ 915	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	186	267	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 517	\$ 859	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	81	63	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 488	\$ 723	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	267	329	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 509	\$ 833	

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	117			7

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **49**

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 2014-2018)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.7%
Public transportation	0.6%
Walked	2.2%
Other means	9.7%
Worked at home	9.7%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018	
Working in community of residence	21.6
Commuting to another NH community	74.5
Commuting out-of-state	3.9

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