

# Center Harbor, NH



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County	<b>Belknap</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Meredith, NH LMA</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Lakes</b>
Planning Commission	<b>Lakes Region</b>
Regional Development	<b>Belknap County Economic Development Council</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 2</b>
State Representative	<b>Belknap County District 1</b>

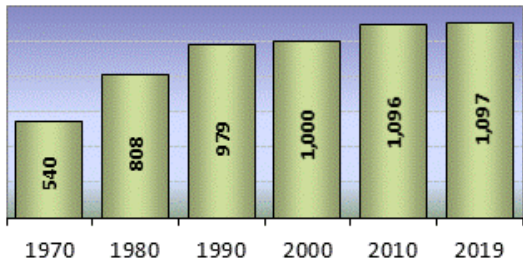
**Incorporated:** 1797

**Origin:** Center Harbor gets its name from two sources: from its location, centered between Meredith and Moultonborough Harbors, and also for the Senter family, who were owners of a large amount of property in the area. The town was incorporated in 1797 after being separated from New Hampton. Center Harbor was a landing place for lake steamers and stagecoaches, making it a popular summer resort. Center Harbor was a favorite spot of John Greenleaf Whittier, and the home of Dudley Leavitt, author and publisher of the first Farmers Almanac in 1797.

**Villages and Place Names:** West Center Harbor

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 263 residents in 1800

**Population Trends:** Population change for Center Harbor totaled 557 over 49 years, from 540 in 1970 to 1,097 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent increase



between 1970 and 1980, accounting for nearly half of the total numeric change. The 2019 Census estimate for Center Harbor was 1,097 residents, which ranked 182nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 82.3 persons per square mile of land area. Center Harbor contains 13.3 square miles of land area and 2.9 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	<b>\$2,996,957</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020	<b>\$3,402,616</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1969/16</b>
Master Plan	<b>2012</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>No</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

<b>Boards and Commissions</b>	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Conservation; Library; Zoning; Heritage; Energy</b>
Public Library	<b>James E. Nichols Memorial</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department		<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department		<b>Part-time</b>
Emergency Medical Service		<b>Part-time &amp; private</b>
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Speare Memorial, Plymouth</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Lakes Region General, Laconia</b>	<b>16 miles</b>	<b>96</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier		<b>NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier		<b>None</b>
Water Supplier		<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation		<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup		<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		<b>No</b>
Recycling Program		<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company		<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access		<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access		<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station		<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$15.22</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>84.7</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$12.87</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.6%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>3.8%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>0.6%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>770</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>716</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>9</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>10</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>35</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>1,097</b>	<b>61,303</b>	
2010	<b>1,096</b>	<b>60,088</b>	
2000	<b>1,000</b>	<b>56,576</b>	
1990	<b>979</b>	<b>49,294</b>	
1980	<b>808</b>	<b>42,884</b>	
1970	<b>540</b>	<b>32,367</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>588</b>	Female	<b>468</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>70</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>98</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>159</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>250</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>159</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>320</b>
Median Age			<b>53.3 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>96.2%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>42.6%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income			<b>\$41,045</b>
Median family income			<b>\$87,292</b>
Median household income			<b>\$76,528</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$60,833</b>
Female			<b>\$43,269</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>6.5%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>687</b>	<b>698</b>
Employed	<b>645</b>	<b>683</b>
Unemployed	<b>42</b>	<b>15</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>48</b>	<b>18</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,059</b>	<b>\$ 813</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>307</b>	<b>235</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 540</b>	<b>\$ 539</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>355</b>	<b>253</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 610</b>	<b>\$ 559</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>24</b>	<b>36</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 743</b>	<b>\$ 712</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>379</b>	<b>289</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 619</b>	<b>\$ 578</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Inter-Lakes Cooperative (Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich)** District: **SAU 2**  
 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				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**  
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **14**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
EM Heath, Inc.	Hardware, rental center, groceries	50	1945
Maxwell Real Estate	Real estate	10	2007

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION** (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>25, 25B</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exit 23</b>	
	Distance	<b>13 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Moultonborough Airport</b>	Runway	<b>3,475 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted?	Yes	
	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>68 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>62 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>98 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>113 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>309 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>225 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>74.6%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>9.5%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.8%</b>
Walked	<b>3.4%</b>
Other means	<b>10.7%</b>
Worked at home	<b>4.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>25.3 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

Working in community of residence	<b>18.1</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>77.1</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4.8</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
<b>X</b>	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)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Proctor Sanctuary</b>