

# Center Harbor, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
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Regional Development

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

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**Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8-11:30 and 12:15-3, Wednesday 8-12 and 5-7**

## Belknap

**Meredith, NH LMA**

**Lakes**

**Lakes Region**

**Belknap County Economic Development Council**

**District 2**

**District 1**

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**Incorporated: 1797**

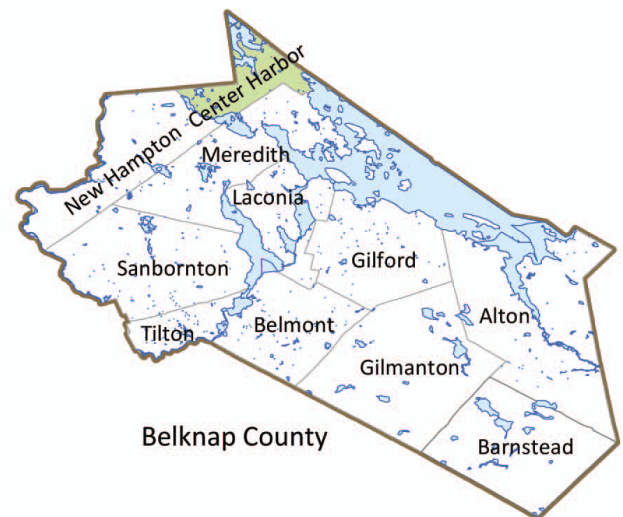
**Origin:** Center Harbor gets its name from two sources: from its location, centered between Meredith and Moultonborough Harbors, and also for the Senter family, who were owners of a large amount of property in the area. The town was incorporated in 1797 after being separated from New Hampton. Center 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 "Leavitt's Farmers Almanac and Miscellaneous Yearbook", starting 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 499 over 50 years, from 540 in 1970 to 1,039 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 50 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population decreased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Center Harbor was 1,040 residents, which ranked 185th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 78.0 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.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022		\$3,256,118	
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Zoning Ordinance		1969/16	
Master Plan		2012	
Capital Improvement Plan		No	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Library; Zoning; Heritage; Energy		
Public Library	James E. Nichols Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Part-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Part-time & private	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Speare Memorial, Plymouth	15 miles	25	
Concord Hospital - Laconia	16 miles	72	
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Private wells	
Sanitation		Private septic & municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		Yes	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Limited	
Cable Television Access		Limited	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 8.99	
2022 Equalization Ratio		92.9	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$ 8.34	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		95.8%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		3.6%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		0.7%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		708	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		676	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		9	
Five or More Units in Structure		7	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		16	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	1,040		64,781
2020	1,040		63,705
2010	1,096		60,088
2000	1,000		56,576
1990	979		49,294
1980	808		42,884
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	424	Female	401
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			17
Age 5 to 19			74
Age 20 to 34			46
Age 35 to 54			136
Age 55 to 64			161
Age 65 and over			391
Median Age			63.5 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		726	
High school graduate or higher			99.0%
Bachelor's degree or higher			39.8%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income			\$45,987
Median family income			\$105,917
Median household income			\$91,071
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$54,881
Female			\$52,188
Individuals below the poverty level			.5%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		690	663
Employed		654	651
Unemployed		36	12
Unemployment rate		5.2%	1.8%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		19	23
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 593	\$ 949
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		275	238
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 498	\$ 700
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		293	261
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 504	\$ 723
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		25	33
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 722	\$ 855
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		318	294
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 521	\$ 738
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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Inter-Lakes Cooperative (Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich)</b>				District: <b>SAU 2</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs</b>				
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; Colby-Sawyer**

2022 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? <b>Yes</b>	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 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>78.2%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>10.3%</b>
Public transportation	<b>1.4%</b>
Walked	<b>3.6%</b>
Other means	<b>0.7%</b>
Worked at home	<b>5.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>22.6 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>15.8%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>81.1%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>3.1%</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>