

Meredith, NH



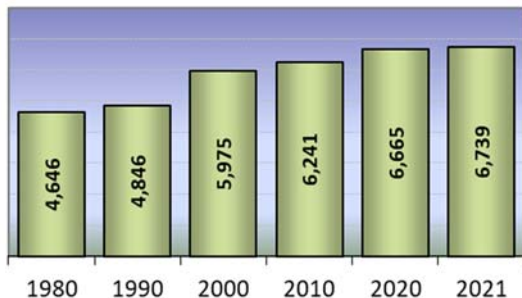
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County	Belknap
Labor Market Area	Meredith, NH LMA
Tourism Region	Lakes
Planning Commission	Lakes Region
Regional Development	Belknap County Economic Development Council
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate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

Incorporated: 1768

Origin: Meredith was first granted in 1748 to a group of settlers led by Samuel Palmer, a teacher of surveying and navigation, who had laid out much of the land surrounding Lake Winnepesaukee. It was known as Palmerstown, or Second Township, since it was the second town granted by the Masonian Proprietors that lay at the lake. Many settlers were from Salem, Massachusetts, and the town was later called New Salem. In 1768, the town was incorporated by Governor John Wentworth as Meredith, for Sir William Meredith, who allied with William Pitt in opposition to taxation on the colonies.

Villages and Place Names: Bear Island, East Bear Island, Leavitt Park, Lovejoy Sands, Meredith Center

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 881 residents in 1790



Population Trends: Population change for Meredith totaled 2,093 over 41 years, from 4,646 in 1980 to 6,739 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 23 percent increase between 1990 and 2000. The 2021 Census estimate for Meredith was 6,739 residents, which ranked 49th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 167.1 persons per square mile of land area. Meredith contains 40.3 square miles of land area and 14.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	\$15,975,227
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$19,730,814
Zoning Ordinance	1971/10
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planner/Engineer/CEO

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen**
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Zoning; Parks & Recreation**

Public Library **Meredith Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES	
Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time Chief
Emergency Medical Service	Commercial

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital - Laconia	10 miles	45

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Municipal
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.43
2021 Equalization Ratio	70.9
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 9.46
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	92.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	7.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	.7%

HOUSING (ACS 2016-2020)	
Total Housing Units	5,206
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	4,186
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	352
Five or More Units in Structure	396
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	272

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2021	6,739	64,460
2020	6,669	63,743
2010	6,241	60,088
2000	5,975	56,576
1990	4,846	49,294
1980	4,646	42,884

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020		
Population by Gender		
Male	3,372	Female 3,056
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	271	
Age 5 to 19	830	
Age 20 to 34	943	
Age 35 to 54	1,465	
Age 55 to 64	1,102	
Age 65 and over	1,817	
Median Age	52.3 years	

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	95.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	42.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2016-2020)	
Per capita income	\$42,116
Median family income	\$92,208
Median household income	\$54,724
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$53,239
Female	\$58,750
Individuals below the poverty level	12.8%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2011	2021
Civilian labor force	3,130	3,108
Employed	2,959	3,003
Unemployed	171	105
Unemployment rate	5.5%	3.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	592	564
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,033	\$1,347
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,033	2,182
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 610	\$ 929
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,625	2,746
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 705	\$1,015
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	355	350
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 857	\$1,118
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,979	3,096
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 723	\$1,026

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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-6	7-8	9-12	
Total Enrollment	411	156	290	

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

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **143**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Interlakes School System	Education	228	
Meredith Village Savings Bank	Banking services	210	1869
Golden View	Nursing home	130	
Hampshire Hospitality Holdings	Inn, spa, marketplace	115	1983
Town of Meredith	Municipal Services	78	
Remcom/North Corporation	Machine electrical connectors	65	1983
Meredith Harley Davidson	Motorcycle retail, repair, service	64	1983
Annalee Mobilite Dolls, Inc.	Soft sculpture dolls	50	1962
Ippolito's Furniture	Furniture sales	36	1978

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		3
	State Routes		104, 132, 25
Nearest Interstate, Exit			I-93, Exit 23
	Distance		9 miles
Railroad		State owned line	
Public Transportation			No
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance		56 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport			4
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH			57 miles
Portland, Maine			83 miles
Boston, Mass.			108 miles
New York City, NY			307 miles
Montreal, Quebec			231 miles
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van			75.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van			6.5%
Public transportation			0.9%
Walked			1.2%
Other means			1.1%
Worked at home			15.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work			26.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence			73.8%
Commuting to another NH community			21.1%
Commuting out-of-state			5.1%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Annalee Doll Museum; Scenic Railroad