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

District 1

US Congress
District 1

Executive Council
District 2

State Senate
Belknap County District 2

State Representative

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 Winnipesaukee. 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 3,552 over 49 years, from 2,904 in 1970 to 6,456 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 60 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, just four percent for both 1980 to 1990 and 2000 to 2010. The 2019 Census estimate for Meredith was 6,456 residents, which ranked 52nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 160.1 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, 2020**: $20,753,996
- **Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019**: $17,842,115
- **Zoning Ordinance**: 1971/10
- **Master Plan**: 2002
- **Capital Improvement Plan**: Yes
- **Industrial Plans Reviewed By**: Planner/Engineer/CEO

**Boards and Commissions**
- **Elected**: Planning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Zoning; Parks & Recreation
- **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)**
- Lakes Region General, Laconia
  - Distance: 10 miles
  - Staffed Beds: 96

**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**: No
- **Curbside Trash Pickup**: No
- **Pay-As-You-Throw Program**: Mandatory
- **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)**
  - **2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $15.89
  - **2019 Equalization Ratio**: 84.3
  - **2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)**: $13.30

- **2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type**
  - Residential Land and Buildings: 91.5%
  - Commercial Land and Buildings: 7.9%
  - Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 0.6%

**HOUSING**
- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - **Total Housing Units**: 4,972
  - **Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached**: 3,965
  - **Units in Multiple-Family Structures**:
    - Two to Four Units in Structure: 365
    - Five or More Units in Structure: 344
    - Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units: 298

**POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)**
- **(US Census Bureau)**
  - **Total Population**: Community, County
  - **2019**: 6,456, 61,303
  - **2010**: 6,241, 60,088
  - **2000**: 5,975, 56,576
  - **1990**: 4,846, 49,294
  - **1980**: 4,646, 42,884
  - **1970**: 2,904, 32,367

**DEMographics**
- **American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019**
  - **Population by Gender**
    - Male: 3,160
    - Female: 3,231
  - **Population by Age Group**
    - Under age 5: 375
    - Age 5 to 19: 863
    - Age 20 to 34: 1,084
    - Age 35 to 54: 1,373
    - Age 55 to 64: 1,154
    - Age 65 and over: 1,542
    - Median Age: 50.6 years
  - **Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
    - High school graduate or higher: 95.1%
    - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 43.8%

**Income, Inflation Adjusted $**
- **(ACS 2015-2019)**
  - Per capita income: $42,397
  - Median family income: $91,325
  - Median household income: $64,023
  - Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
    - Male: $58,581
    - Female: $48,409
  - Individuals below the poverty level: 13.1%

**Labor Force**
- **(NHES – ELMi)**
  - Annual Average: 2009, 2019
    - Civilian labor force: 3,345, 3,215
    - Employed: 3,226, 3,141
    - Unemployed: 209, 74
    - Unemployment rate: 6.1%, 2.3%

**Employment & Wages**
- **(NHES – ELMi)**
  - Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009, 2019
    - Goods Producing Industries
      - Average Employment: 627, 658
      - Average Weekly Wage: $1,025, $1,287
    - Service Providing Industries
      - Average Employment: 2,074, 2,320
      - Average Weekly Wage: $606, $759
  - Total Private Industry
    - Average Employment: 2,700, 2,978
    - Average Weekly Wage: $703, $876
  - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
    - Average Employment: 358, 360
    - Average Weekly Wage: $835, $1,039
  - Total, Private Industry plus Government
    - Average Employment: 3,059, 3,338
    - Average Weekly Wage: $719, $894

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### Education and Child Care

Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are part of Inter-Lakes Cooperative (Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich)  
Career Technology Center(s): J. Oliva Huot Technical Center (Laconia); Winnisquam Agricultural Programs  
District: SAU 2  
Region: 8

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<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<td>Number of Schools</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>PK 1-6</td>
<td>7-8</td>
<td>9-12</td>
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<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>471</td>
<td>152</td>
<td>325</td>
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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: 2  
Total Capacity: 143

### Largest Businesses

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<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Interlakes School System</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>228</td>
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<tr>
<td>Meredith Village Savings Bank</td>
<td>Banking services</td>
<td>210</td>
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<td>Golden View</td>
<td>Nursing home</td>
<td>130</td>
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<td>Hampshire Hospitality Holdings</td>
<td>Inn, spa, marketplace</td>
<td>115</td>
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<td>Town of Meredith</td>
<td>Municipal Services</td>
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<td>Remcom/North Corporation</td>
<td>Machine electrical connectors</td>
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<td>Meredith Harley Davidson</td>
<td>Motorcycle retail, repair, service</td>
<td>64</td>
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<td>Annalee Mobilite Dolls, Inc.</td>
<td>Soft sculpture dolls</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Ippolito’s Furniture</td>
<td>Furniture sales</td>
<td>36</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

### Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)

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<th>Road Access</th>
<th>US Routes</th>
<th>State Routes</th>
<th>Nearest Interstate, Exit</th>
<th>Distance</th>
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<td>US Routes</td>
<td>State Routes</td>
<td>I-93, Exit 23</td>
<td>9 miles</td>
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<th>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation</th>
<th>Laconia Municipal Runway 5,286 ft. asphalt</th>
<th>Lighted?</th>
<th>Navigation Aids?</th>
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<td>Laido?</td>
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<th>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service</th>
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<td>Manchester-Boston Regional</td>
<td>56 miles</td>
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<td>Manchester, NH</td>
<td>57 miles</td>
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<td>Portland, Maine</td>
<td>83 miles</td>
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<td>Boston, Mass.</td>
<td>108 miles</td>
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<td>New York City, NY</td>
<td>307 miles</td>
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<td>Montreal, Quebec</td>
<td>231 miles</td>
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### Commuting to Work (ACS 2015-2019)

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<th>Workers 16 years and over</th>
<th>Drove alone, car/truck/van</th>
<th>Carpooleo, car/truck/van</th>
<th>Public transportation</th>
<th>Walked</th>
<th>Other means</th>
<th>Worked at home</th>
<th>Mean Travel Time to Work</th>
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<td>74.7%</td>
<td>9.6%</td>
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<td>1.2%</td>
<td>13.6%</td>
<td>5.1%</td>
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### 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: Annalee Doll Museum; Scenic Railroad