

Canterbury, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

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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 17
Merrimack County Districts 4, 26

Incorporated: 1741

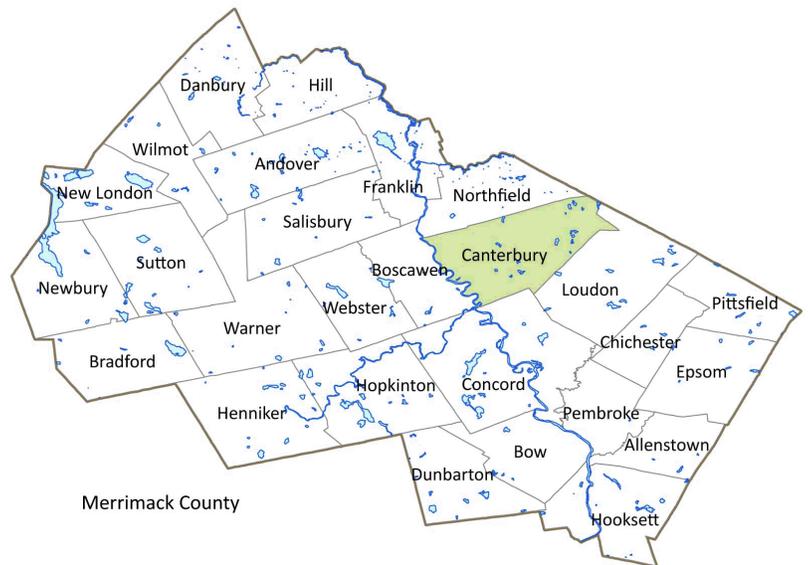
Origin: First granted in 1727, the town was named for William Wake, Archbishop of Canterbury. Canterbury in England is famous for its cathedral, and for being the center of English Christianity since 597 AD. The town was originally a fort or trading post where the Penacook Indians came to trade. Canterbury 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 1,517 over 50 years, from 895 in 1970 to 2,412 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 58 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by three percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Canterbury was 2,457 residents, which ranked 126th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (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, 2021	\$3,401,752
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Zoning Ordinance	1956/22
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	236

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		
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		Yes
Recycling Program		Mandatory
Telephone Company	Consolidated Communications	
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)
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.80	
2022 Equalization Ratio	73.2	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.15	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	92.5%	
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.8%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.7%	

HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)
Total Housing Units	1,000	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	892	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	50	
Five or More Units in Structure	0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	58	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2022	2,457	156,020
2020	2,389	153,808
2010	2,352	146,445
2000	1,991	136,716
1990	1,692	120,618
1980	1,410	98,302

DEMOGRAPHICS			AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021
Population by Gender			
Male	1,068	Female	1,212
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			90
Age 5 to 19			340
Age 20 to 34			374
Age 35 to 54			621
Age 55 to 64			408
Age 65 and over			447
Median Age			47.8 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 1,708			
High school graduate or higher			94.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			46.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)
Per capita income		\$47,533
Median family income		\$134,659
Median household income		\$101,429
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$78,173
Female		\$63,018
Individuals below the poverty level		4.4%

LABOR FORCE			(NHES – ELM1)
Annual Average	2012		2022
Civilian labor force	1,448		1,473
Employed	1,392		1,442
Unemployed	56		31
Unemployment rate	3.9%		2.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES			(NHES – ELM1)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012		2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	23		59
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 556		\$ 696
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	193		240
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 675		\$1,117
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	216		298
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 662		\$1,034
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	67		78
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 603		\$ 720
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	283		376
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 648		\$ 969

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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**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-5			
Total Enrollment	116			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **UNH School of Law; Granite State; Magdalen; Southern NH University**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **82**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Canterbury Shaker Village	Tours, restaurant	15	
Canterbury Elementary School	Education	25	
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 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	72.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	7.3%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	3.9%
Other means	2.3%
Worked at home	13.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	31.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	25.3%
Commuting to another NH community	72.1%
Commuting out-of-state	2.6%

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