

Meredith, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Belknap
Meredith, NH LMA
Lakes
Lakes Region
Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 2
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 3,761 over 50 years, from 2,904 in 1970 to 6,665 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 60 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by seven percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Meredith was 6,764 residents, which ranked 49th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 167.8 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, 2023	\$18,576,879
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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 72

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	Breezeline; Consolidated; First Light
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.97
2022 Equalization Ratio	56.5
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$ 7.87
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	92.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	7.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	.6%

HOUSING (ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units	5,213
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	4,228
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	332
Five or More Units in Structure	411
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	242

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2022	6,764	64,781
2020	6,662	63,705
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) 2017-2021		
Population by Gender		
Male	3,486	Female 3,144
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5	207	
Age 5 to 19	862	
Age 20 to 34	938	
Age 35 to 54	1,461	
Age 55 to 64	1,210	
Age 65 and over	1,952	
Median Age	53.1 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over: 5,206		
High school graduate or higher	97.6%	
Bachelor's degree or higher	43.0%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)
Per capita income	\$43,176	
Median family income	\$98,000	
Median household income	\$61,359	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male	\$56,088	
Female	\$57,794	
Individuals below the poverty level	10.6%	

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2012	2022
Civilian labor force	3,136	3,114
Employed	2,970	3,035
Unemployed	166	79
Unemployment rate	5.3%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	584	547
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,096	\$1,409
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,067	2,204
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 599	\$ 963
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,651	2,752
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 708	\$1,051
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	364	344
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 841	\$1,174
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	3,015	3,096
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 724	\$1,065

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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	401	150	289	

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

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **4** Total Capacity: **172**

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

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 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	75.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.5%
Public transportation	1.0%
Walked	1.7%
Other means	0.8%
Worked at home	16.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.7 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	47.2%
Commuting to another NH community	48.1%
Commuting out-of-state	4.7%

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