

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

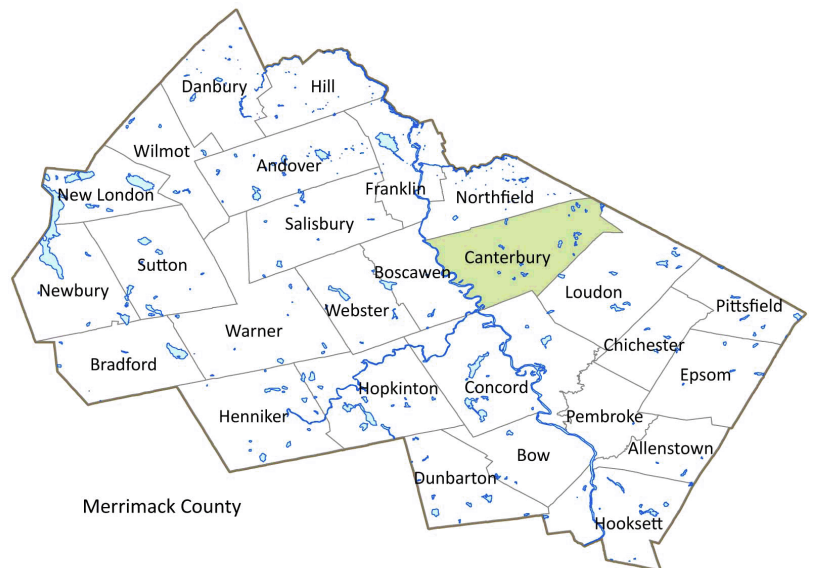
Origin: First granted in 1727, the town was named for William Wake, Archbishop of Canterbury. Canterbury in England is famous for its cathedral, and for being the center of English Christianity since 597 AD. The town was originally a fort or trading post where the Penacook Indians came to trade. Canterbury 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	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$5,147,993	
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 – ELMI)	
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 – ELMI)	
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 CARESchools 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