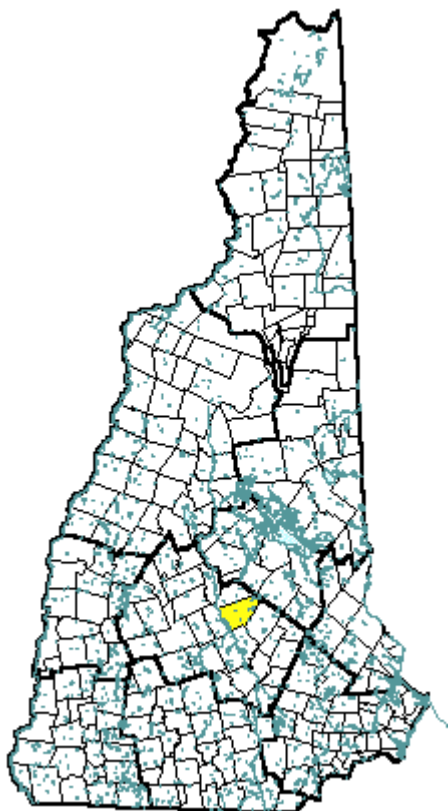


Canterbury, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 am - 1 pm;

Town Clerk: Monday, 9 am - 3 pm, Tuesday, 11 am - 6 pm,

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County

Merrimack

Labor Market Area

Concord NH Micro-NECTA

Tourism Region

Merrimack Valley

Planning Commission

Central NH Regional

Regional Development

Capitol Region Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 2

Executive Council

District 2

State Senate

District 7

State Representative

Merrimack County District 6

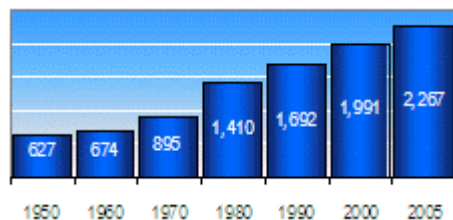
Incorporated: 1741

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 1,364 over 50 years, from 627 in 1950 to 1,991 in 2000. The largest decennial percent



change was a

58 percent increase

between 1970 and 1980, accounting for over one-third of the total population change. The 2005 Census estimate for Canterbury was 2,267 residents, which ranked 127th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2005: 51.6 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, 2005	\$1,806,998
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005	\$2,818,052
Zoning Ordinance	1956/05
Master Plan	1998
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; Library
Appointed:	Zoning; Conservation; Recreation; Recycling

Public Library **Elkins Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	6/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Concord Hospital, Concord	14 miles	295

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric; Concord Electric
Natural Gas Supplier	KeySpan
Water Supplier	Private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2005 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$37.43
2005 Equalization Ratio	42.8
2005 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.96

2005 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	96.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.6%

HOUSING SUPPLY *(NH Office of Energy and Planning)*

2005 Total Estimated Housing Units	972
2005 Single-Family Units	925
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	14
2005 Multi-Family Units	35
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2005 Manufactured Housing Units	12

DEMOGRAPHICS*(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2005	2,267	146,881
2000	1,991	136,716
1990	1,692	120,618
1980	1,410	98,302
1970	895	80,925

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender

Male	955	Female	1,024
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	108
Age 5 to 19	413
Age 20 to 34	219
Age 35 to 54	807
Age 55 to 64	227
Age 65 and over	205
Median Age	42.4 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	93.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	43.4%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999*(US Census Bureau)*

Per capita income	\$27,374
Median 4-person family income	\$62,583
Median household income	\$58,026

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$41,302
Female	\$32,312

Families below the poverty level	2.0%
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LABOR FORCE*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average	1995	2005
Civilian labor force	1,157	1,323
Employed	1,135	1,290
Unemployed	22	33
Unemployment rate	1.9%	2.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES*(NHES - ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	1995	2005
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	35	44
Average Weekly Wage	\$366	\$532
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	134	167
Average Weekly Wage	\$371	\$492
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	168	211
Average Weekly Wage	\$370	\$500
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	34	68
Average Weekly Wage	\$346	\$496
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	202	279
Average Weekly Wage	\$366	\$499

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

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 Regional High School, Tilton** Region: **08**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			2
Grade Levels	K R 1-5			1-8
Total Enrollment	131			n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2006: Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **44**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce Law**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Gold Star	Agricultural	60+/-	
Canterbury Elementary School	Education	25	
Canterbury Shaker Village	Tours, restaurant	15+	

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		8
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		28 miles
Portland, Maine		106 miles
Boston, Mass.		78 miles
New York City, NY		279 miles
Montreal, Quebec		246 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.5%
Public transportation	0.2%
Walked	1.7%
Other means	1.1%
Worked at home	10.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	19%
Commuting to another NH community	77%
Commuting out-of-state	4%

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