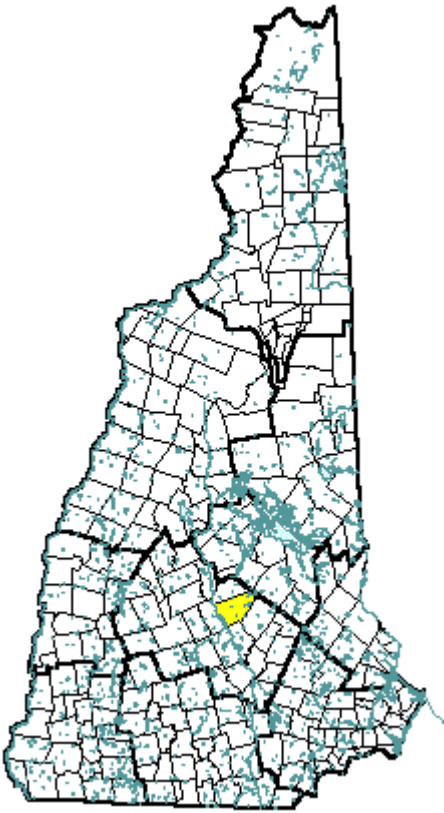


Canterbury, NH



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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,
and Thursday, 4 pm - 8 pm

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
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 2
District 7
Merrimack County District 6

Incorporated: 1741

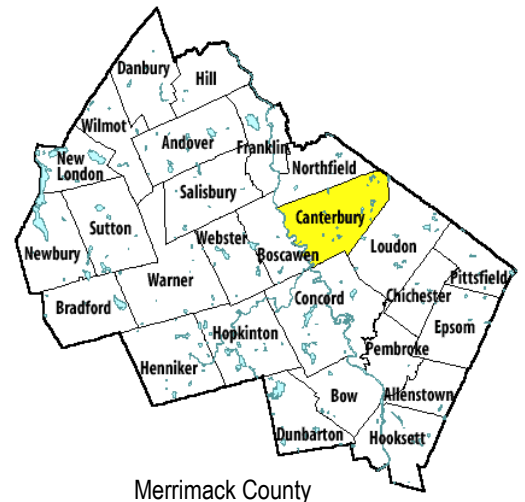
Origin: First granted in 1727, the town was named for William Wake, Archbishop of Canterbury. Canterbury in England is famous for its cathedral, and for being the center of English Christianity since 597 AD. The town was originally a fort or trading post where the Penacook Indians came to trade. Canterbury was home to the last colony of Shakers, and the Canterbury Shaker Village is now a museum.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,038 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Canterbury's population grew at above-average rates over four of the last five decades. Growth rates ranged from a seven percent increase between 1950-1960 to a 58 percent increase between 1970-1980. Canterbury's population was over three times higher in 2000 than 1950, going from 627 in 1950 to 1,979 residents in 2000, a total increase of 1,352 residents. The 2004 Census estimate for Canterbury was 2,222 residents, which ranked 127th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 50.6 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.

Villages and Place Names: Boyce, Canterbury Station, Canterbury Center, Hills Corner, Kezer Seminary, Shaker Village



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 Trustees
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):

Concord Hospital, Concord
Distance: **12 miles** Staffed Beds: **202**

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

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$33.10
2004 Equalization Ratio	47.3
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.58
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.6%
Other Property including Utilities	1.2%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	934
2003 Single-Family Units	887
Building Permits Issued	32
2003 Multi-Family Units	35
Building Permits Issued	2
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	12

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	2,222	145,542
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

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

(Census 2000)

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%**LABOR FORCE**

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	1,166	1,292
Employed	1,140	1,254
Unemployed	26	38
Unemployment rate	2.2%	2.9%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	35	43
Average Weekly Wage	\$405	\$533
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	128	166
Average Weekly Wage	\$341	\$534
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	162	208
Average Weekly Wage	\$355	\$534
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	33	67
Average Weekly Wage	\$374	\$490
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	195	275
Average Weekly Wage	\$358	\$523

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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 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, 2004: 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 Shaker Village	Tours, restaurant	15+	
Canterbury Elementary School	Education	25	

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	132
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 18
	Distance	2 miles
Railroad		State owned line
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Concord
	Runway	6,005 feet
	Lighted?	Yes
	Navigational Aids?	Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
	Distance	30 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	30 miles
	Portland, Maine	107 miles
	Boston, Mass.	79 miles
	New York City, NY	277 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	246 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

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
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Shaker Village