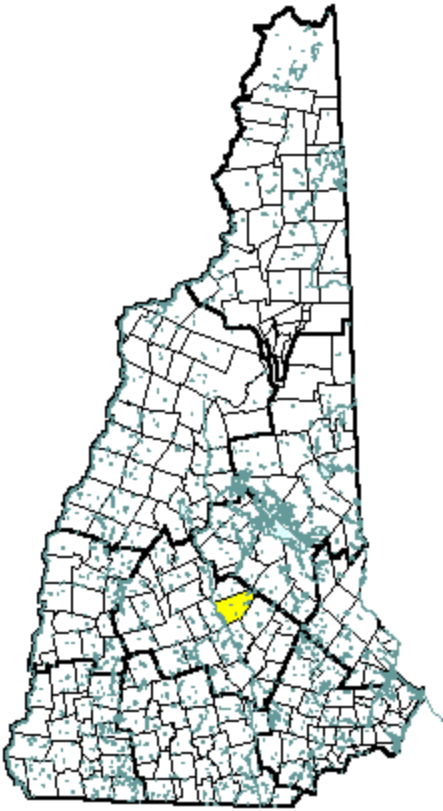


# Canterbury



Incorporated: **1741**

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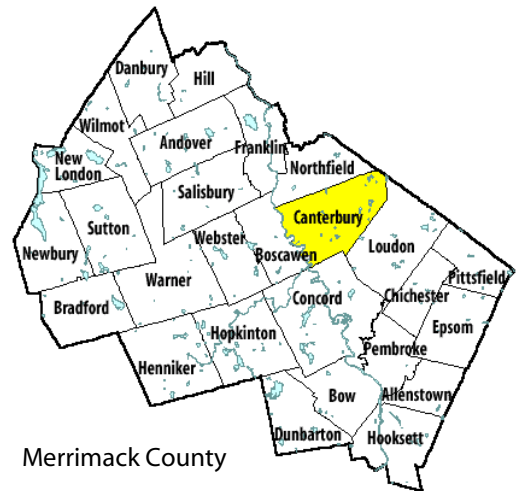
City/Town Office Hours: **Selectmen, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 am – 1 pm; Town Clerk, Monday, 9 am – 3 pm; Tuesday, 11 am – 6 pm; and Thursday, 4 – 8 pm**

County: **Merrimack**  
Labor Market Area: **Concord**  
Planning Commission: **Central NH Regional**  
Tourism Region: **Merrimack Valley**

**Demographics, 2000 Census:** From 1990 to 2000, population in Canterbury grew by 17.3 percent to 1,979, adding 292 residents. The median age is 42.4, with 24.5 percent of the population under the age of 18 and 10.4 percent age 65 and older. The total number of households is 749, with an average size of 2.64 persons. Of those, 590 are family households, with an average size of 2.91 persons. As of April 1, 2000, there were 838 total housing units.

**Population density, 2000:** 45.0 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.

**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.



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

City/Town Office Hours:

**Clerk: M 9-3 pm, T 11-6 pm, Th 4-8 pm; Selectmen:  
MWF 9-1 pm**

Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Annual Budget (2002)	<b>\$2,454,531</b>
Planning Board	<b>Elected</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By Zoning	<b>Planning Board</b>
Master Plan	<b>1956/99</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>1998</b>
	<b>Yes</b>
Public Library	<b>Elkins Library</b>

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>6/9</b>

Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>
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Nearest Hospital(s):

**Concord, Concord**Distance: **12 miles**Beds: **188****TAXES**

2001 Total Tax Rate	<b>\$28.75</b>
2001 Equalization Ratio	<b>0.70</b>
2001 Full Value Tax Rate	<b>\$20.10</b>
2001 Property Valuation:	
Residential	<b>96.3%</b>
Commercial	<b>0.7%</b>
Other	<b>3.0%</b>

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; NH Elec.; Concord Elec.</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>EnergyNorth</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>
Municipal Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>No</b>
Mandatory Recycling Program	<b>Yes</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>

**HOUSING****2000**

Total Housing Units	<b>838</b>
Single-Family Units	<b>793</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>20</b>
Multi-Family Units	<b>33</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>0</b>
Manufactured Housing Units	<b>12</b>
Median Value, Owner-Occupied Housing	<b>\$132,900</b>
Median Gross Rent (monthly)	<b>\$617</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS****(US CENSUS)**

Total Population	Community	County
2000	<b>1,979</b>	<b>136,225</b>
1990	<b>1,687</b>	<b>120,005</b>
1980	<b>1,410</b>	<b>98,302</b>
1970	<b>895</b>	<b>80,925</b>

Population by Gender, 2000		
Male	<b>955</b>	Female <b>1,024</b>

Population by Age Group, 2000	
Under age 5	<b>108</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>413</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>219</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>807</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>227</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>205</b>

Median Age	<b>42.4 years</b>
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Total Households	<b>750</b>	Ave. Size <b>2.64 persons</b>
Total Families	<b>595</b>	Ave. Size <b>2.91 persons</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>93.9%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>43.4%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999****(US CENSUS)**

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

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	<b>\$41,302</b>
Female	<b>\$32,312</b>

Families below the poverty level	<b>2.0%</b>
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**TRANSPORTATION**

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	<b>132</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-93, Exit 18</b>
Distance		<b>2 miles</b>

Railroad	<b>State owned line</b>
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>

Nearest Airport	<b>Concord</b>
Runway	<b>6,005 feet</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigational Aids? <b>Yes</b>

Nearest Commercial Airport	<b>Manchester</b>
Distance	<b>30 miles</b>

**DISTANCE TO**

Manchester, NH	<b>30 miles</b>
Portland, ME	<b>107 miles</b>
Boston, MA	<b>79 miles</b>
New York City, NY	<b>277 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec	<b>246 miles</b>

## EDUCATION/CHILD CARE FACILITIES

Primary & Secondary	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			2
Grade Levels	K-5			1-8
Total Enrollment	144			45

If no schools, district students attend: **Shaker Regional, Belmont**

Regional Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Tech Ctr.; Winnisquam Agricultural Ed Ctr.**

Distance: **6 miles**

Region: **08**

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2001: Total Facilities: **2**

Total Capacity: **44**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Concord**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Franklin Pierce Law**

## LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Canterbury Elementary School  
Canterbury Shaker Village

## PRODUCT/SERVICE

Education  
Tours, restaurant,

## EMPLOYEES ESTABLISHED

25  
15+

## LABOR FORCE

	1990	2001
Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	907	1,273
Employed	867	1,237
Unemployed	40	36
Unemployment rate	4.4%	2.8%

## COMMUTING TO WORK, 2000

(US CENSUS)

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**

## EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1991

2000

Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	0	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$0	n
Non-Manufacturing Industries		
Average Employment	111	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$295	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	111	238
Average Weekly Wage	\$295	\$462
Government		
Average Employment	18	47
Average Weekly Wage	\$296	\$309
Total, Private plus Government		
Average Employment	128	285
Average Weekly Wage	\$295	\$437

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Municipal Parks  
YMCA/YWCA  
Boys Club/Girls Club  
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  
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  
Youth Sports: Hockey  
Campgrounds  
X Fishing/Hunting  
Boating/Marinas  
Snowmobile Trails  
Bicycle Trails  
Cross Country Skiing

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Shaker Village**