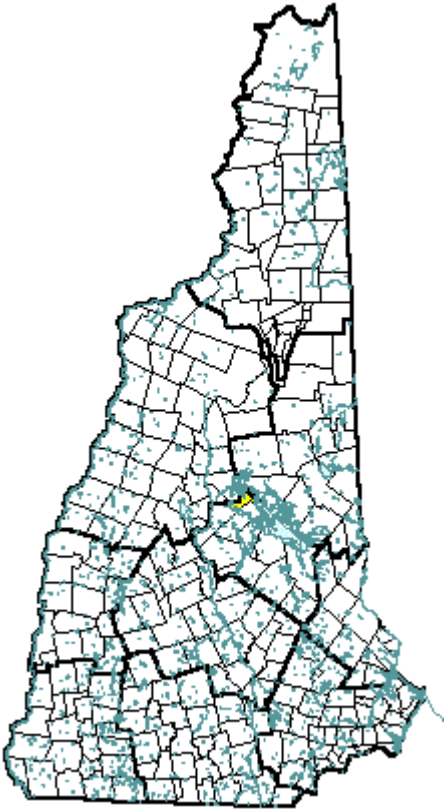


Center Harbor, NH



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County
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Belknap
Lakes
Lakes Region
Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 1
District 2
District 29

Incorporated: 1797

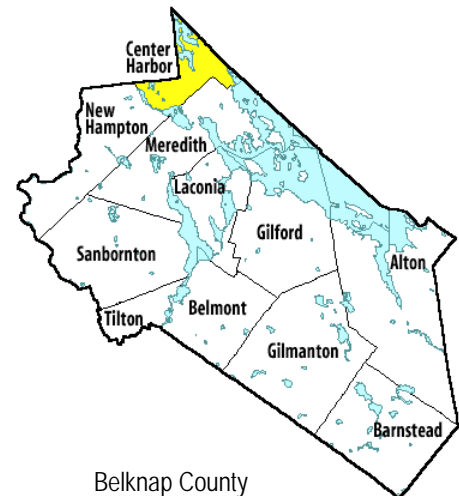
Origin: Center Harbor gets its name from two sources: from its location, centered between Meredith and Moultonborough Harbors, and also for the Senter family, who were owners of a large amount of property in the area. The town was a landing place for lake steamers and stagecoaches, making it a popular summer resort. Center Harbor was a favorite spot of John Greenleaf Whittier, and the home of Dudley Leavitt, author of the first Farmer's Almanac in 1797.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,093 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Center Harbor grew by a total of 545 residents over the last five decades, going from 451 in 1950 to 996 residents in 2000. Center Harbor's estimated population was 996 in both 1990 and 2000; only New Hampshire's 14 unpopulated places also had unchanged population in that time frame. The town's highest growth was a fifty percent increase between 1970-1980. The 2003 Census estimate for Center Harbor was 1,053 residents, which ranked 178th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 75.4 persons per square mile of land area. Center Harbor contains 13.3 square miles of land area and 2.9 square miles of inland water area.

Villages and Place Names: West Center Harbor



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
2004 Annual Budget	\$1,542,936
Zoning Ordinance	1969/95
Master Plan	1990
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Board of Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Library Trustees

Public Library James E. Nichols Memorial

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Lakes Region General, Laconia
Distance: 12 miles Staffed Beds: 106

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	NH Electric Coop.
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic & Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	None
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Yes
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$14.60
2003 Equalization Ratio	96.1
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$14.01
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	94.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.5%
Other Property including Utilities	0.6%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	665
2002 Single-Family Units	7
Building Permits Issued	7
2002 Multi-Family Units	8
Building Permits Issued	0
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	44

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	1,053	60,356
2000	996	56,325
1990	996	49,216
1980	808	42,884
1970	540	32,367

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	499	Female	497

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	43
Age 5 to 19	189
Age 20 to 34	118
Age 35 to 54	349
Age 55 to 64	124
Age 65 and over	173
Median Age	44.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	91.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	35.3%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$25,627
Median 4-person family income	\$55,938
Median household income	\$51,806

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$35,526
Female	\$24,231

Families below the poverty level

4.4%

LABOR FORCE

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	548	535
Employed	521	508
Unemployed	27	27
Unemployment rate	4.9%	5.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1993 2003

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	48	59
Average Weekly Wage	\$505	\$1,024
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	222	387
Average Weekly Wage	\$317	\$347
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	270	445
Average Weekly Wage	\$351	\$436
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	16	16
Average Weekly Wage	\$437	\$714
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	286	461
Average Weekly Wage	\$356	\$445

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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 Tech Ctr.; Winnisquam Agricultural Ed Ctr.			Region: 08
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				1
Grade Levels				7-12
Total Enrollment				n/a
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003:	Total Facilities: 0	Total Capacity: 0		
Nearest Community/Technical College:	Laconia			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	Plymouth State University			

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
EM Heath, Inc.	Supermarket, hardware	50	1945
Keepsake Quilting	Materials dry goods	30	1991
Bay Gull	Bagel shop	10	1995
Boot Leggers	Sport shoes	10	1996

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	3
	State Routes	25
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 23	
	Distance	13 miles
Railroad		No
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport	Laconia	
	Runway	5,286 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport	Manchester	
	Distance	68 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	63 miles
	Portland, Maine	118 miles
	Boston, Mass.	113 miles
	New York City, NY	310 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	228 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.5%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	9.5%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	1.9%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	4.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.3 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	19%
Commuting to another NH community	78%
Commuting out-of-state	3%

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
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
	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
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Summer camps; Proctor Sanctuary