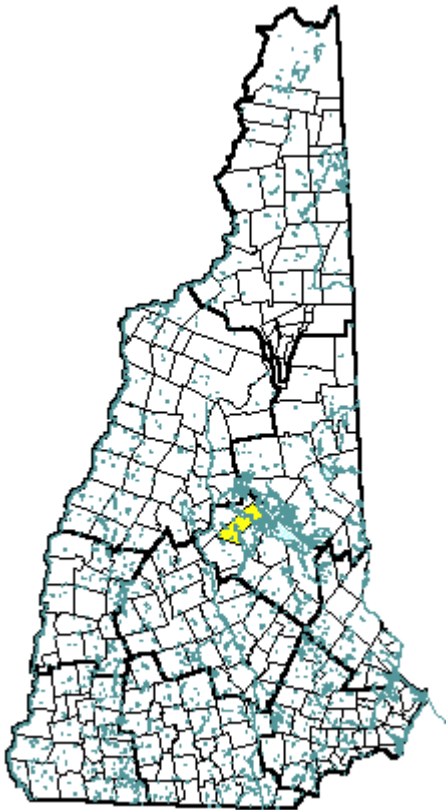


# Meredith, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

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 30

Incorporated: 1768

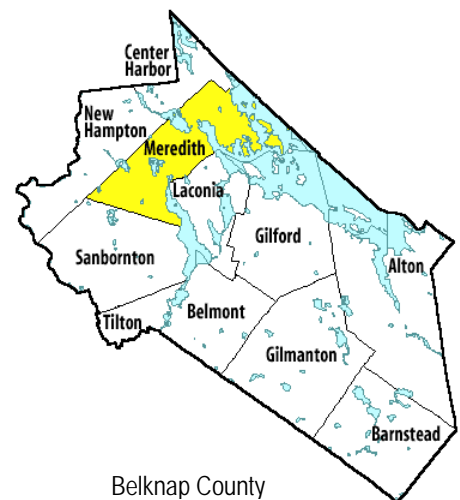
**Origin:** Meredith was first known as Palmer's Town, in honor of Samuel Palmer, a teacher of surveying and navigation, who had laid out much of the land surrounding Lake Winnepesaukee. One of the first towns to have a charter granted by the Masonian Proprietors, many new settlers were from Salem, Massachusetts, and the town was renamed New Salem. In 1768, the land was regranted and named after Sir William Meredith, who opposed taxation on the colonies.

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 881 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population growth in Meredith was below the statewide average rate over three of the last five decades. Decennial growth rates ranged from a four percent increase between 1980-1990 to a 60 percent increase between 1970-1980. Meredith's population increased by a total of 3,721 residents, going from 2,222 in 1950 to 5,943 residents in 2000. The 2003 Census estimate for Meredith was 6,352 residents, which ranked 49th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2003:** 150.1 persons per square mile of land area. Meredith contains 40.3 square miles of land area and 14.2 square miles of inland water area.

**Villages and Place Names:** Bear Island, East Bear Island, Leavitt Park, Lovejoy Sands, Meredith Center



**MUNICIPAL SERVICES**

Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager
2003 Annual Budget	\$9,881,032
Zoning Ordinance	1971/02
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planner/Engineer/CEO

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected:	<b>Board of Selectmen</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning Board; Conservation Commission; Library Trustees; Cemetery Trustees</b>

Public Library      **Meredith Public**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Full-time Chief</b>
Town Fire Insurance Rating	<b>6/9</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Commercial</b>

**Nearest Hospital(s):**

**Lakes Region General, Laconia**  
Distance: **10 miles**      Staffed Beds: **106**

**UTILITIES**

Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; NH Electric Coop.</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Meredith Water Dept.</b>
Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>
Telephone Company	<b>Verizon</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	<b>unknown</b>
Business	<b>unknown</b>
Residential	<b>unknown</b>

**PROPERTY TAXES**

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	<b>\$16.23</b>
2003 Equalization Ratio	<b>89.4</b>
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	<b>\$14.47</b>
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>90.4%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>9.0%</b>
Other Property including Utilities	<b>0.6%</b>

**HOUSING**

2002 Total Housing Units	<b>4,292</b>
2002 Single-Family Units	<b>3,570</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>42</b>
2002 Multi-Family Units	<b>446</b>
Building Permits Issued	<b>0</b>
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	<b>276</b>

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Population	Community	County
2003	<b>6,352</b>	<b>60,356</b>
2000	<b>5,943</b>	<b>56,325</b>
1990	<b>4,837</b>	<b>49,216</b>
1980	<b>4,646</b>	<b>42,884</b>
1970	<b>2,904</b>	<b>32,367</b>

**Census 2000 Demographics**

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>2,938</b>	Female <b>3,005</b>

**Population by Age Group**

Under age 5	<b>290</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>1,158</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>787</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>1,971</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>738</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>999</b>
Median Age	<b>42.5 years</b>

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**

High school graduate or higher	<b>89.9%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>30.3%</b>

**ANNUAL INCOME, 1999****(Census 2000)**

Per capita income	<b>\$24,867</b>
Median 4-person family income	<b>\$54,764</b>
Median household income	<b>\$42,758</b>

**Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers**

Male	<b>\$35,766</b>
Female	<b>\$26,772</b>

**Families below the poverty level****4.2%****LABOR FORCE**

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	<b>2,622</b>	<b>3,204</b>
Employed	<b>2,465</b>	<b>3,112</b>
Unemployed	<b>157</b>	<b>92</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES****1993      2003**

<b>Goods Producing Industries</b>		
Average Employment	<b>688</b>	<b>726</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$438</b>	<b>\$782</b>
<b>Service Providing Industries</b>		
Average Employment	<b>1,606</b>	<b>1,935</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$494</b>
<b>Total Private Industry</b>		
Average Employment	<b>2,294</b>	<b>2,661</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$362</b>	<b>\$572</b>
<b>Government (Federal, State, and Local)</b>		
Average Employment	<b>266</b>	<b>374</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$501</b>	<b>\$612</b>
<b>Total, Private Industry plus Government</b>		
Average Employment	<b>2,560</b>	<b>3,035</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$377</b>	<b>\$577</b>

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

## EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend:	<b>Grades K-12 are part of Inter-Lakes Cooperative (Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich)</b>			District: <b>SAU 2</b>
Career Technology Center(s):	<b>J. Oliva Huot Tech Ctr.; Winnisquam Agricultural Ed Ctr.</b>			Region: <b>08</b>
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K R 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>K-8</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>410</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>n/a</b>
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003:	Total Facilities: <b>3</b>	Total Capacity: <b>173</b>		
Nearest Community/Technical College:	<b>Laconia</b>			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	<b>Plymouth State University</b>			

<b>LARGEST EMPLOYERS</b>	<b>PRODUCT/SERVICE</b>	<b>EMPLOYEES</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>
Vutek	Color ink machinery	300	1988
Meredith Village Savings Bank	Banking	166	1869
Golden View	Nursing home	125	
Hampshire Hospitality Holdings	Hospitality	100	1983
Meredith Harley Davidson	Motorcycle retail, repair, service	67	1983
Remcom/North Corporation	Machine electrical connectors	65	1983
Annalee Mobilite Dolls, Inc.	Soft sculpture dolls	50	1962
Ippolito's Furniture	Furniture sales	36	1978
Comstock Industries, Inc.	Metals, plastics manufacturing	24	1979
Salmon Press	Job printing, newspapers	17	1880

## TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>25, 104</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exit 23</b>	
	Distance	<b>7 miles</b>
Railroad	<b>State owned line</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>Yes</b>	
Nearest Airport	<b>Laconia</b>	
Runway	<b>5,286 feet</b>	
Lighted?	<b>Yes</b>	Navigational Aids? <b>Yes</b>
Nearest Commercial Airport	<b>Manchester</b>	
Distance	<b>57 miles</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	<b>58 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine	<b>113 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.	<b>108 miles</b>	
New York City, NY	<b>305 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec	<b>228 miles</b>	

## COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>78.5%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>11.1%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>3.8%</b>
Other means	<b>0.6%</b>
Worked at home	<b>6.0%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>22 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	<b>40%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>56%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>4%</b>

## RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	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
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Annalee Doll Museum; Scenic RR</b>