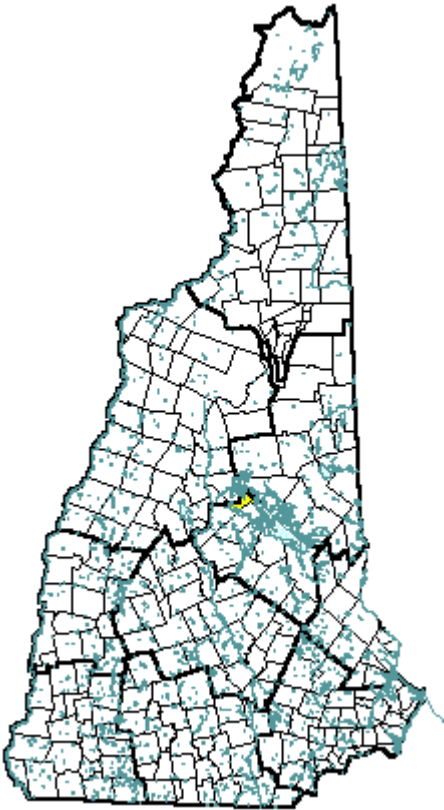


# Center Harbor, NH



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## Municipal Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 am - 3 pm, and  
Wednesday, 9 am - 12 noon and 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Belknap  
Moultonborough NH LMA  
Lakes  
Lakes Region  
Belknap County Economic Development Council

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

District 1  
District 1  
District 2  
Belknap County District 1

Incorporated: 1797

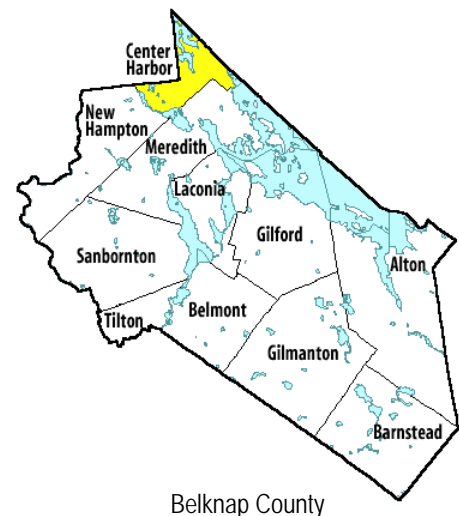
**Origin:** Center Harbor gets its name from two sources: from its location, centered between Meredith and Moultonborough Harbors, and also for the Senter family, who were owners of a large amount of property in the area. The town was a landing place for lake steamers and stagecoaches, making it a popular 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:** 263 residents in 1800

**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 2004 Census estimate for Center Harbor was 1,073 residents, which ranked 179th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density, 2004:** 80.5 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
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$1,670,896
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005	\$2,138,739
Zoning Ordinance	1969/95
Master Plan	1990
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

**Boards and Commissions**

Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Library Trustees; Zoning

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	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory

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

**PROPERTY TAXES**

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.90
2004 Equalization Ratio	82.9
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$11.52

2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	95.2%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.1%
Other Property including Utilities	0.7%

**HOUSING**

2003 Total Housing Units	687
2003 Single-Family Units	627
Building Permits Issued	15
2003 Multi-Family Units	15
Building Permits Issued	0
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	45

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Total Population	Community	County
2004	1,073	60,858
2000	1,000	56,576
1990	979	49,294
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**

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	588	664
Employed	555	636
Unemployed	33	28
Unemployment rate	5.6%	4.2%

**EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	48	82
Average Weekly Wage	\$512	\$890
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	261	447
Average Weekly Wage	\$333	\$385
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	310	529
Average Weekly Wage	\$361	\$463
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	16	15
Average Weekly Wage	\$463	\$878
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	325	543
Average Weekly Wage	\$366	\$474

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## 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 Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton</b>			Region: <b>08</b>
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				<b>1</b>
Grade Levels				<b>7-12</b>
Total Enrollment				<b>n/a</b>
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004:	Total Facilities: <b>2</b>	Total Capacity: <b>20</b>		
Nearest Community/Technical College:	<b>Laconia</b>			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	<b>Plymouth State University</b>			

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

## TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	<b>3</b>
	State Routes	<b>25</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-93, Exit 23</b>	
Distance	<b>13 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>No</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>No</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>68 miles</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	<b>63 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine	<b>118 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.	<b>113 miles</b>	
New York City, NY	<b>310 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec	<b>228 miles</b>	

## COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

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

## 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): <b>Gunstock</b>
	Other: <b>Summer camps; Proctor Sanctuary</b>