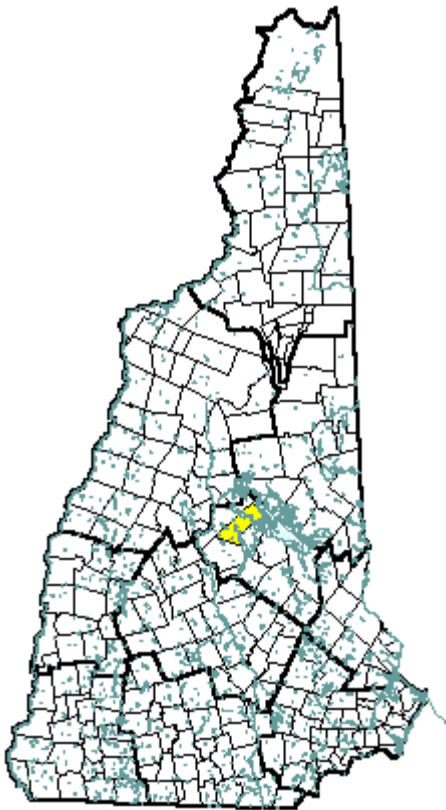


Meredith, NH



Community Contact

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Municipal Office Hours

Monday through Friday, 8 am - 5 pm.

County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Belknap
Laconia NH Micro-NECTA
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 3

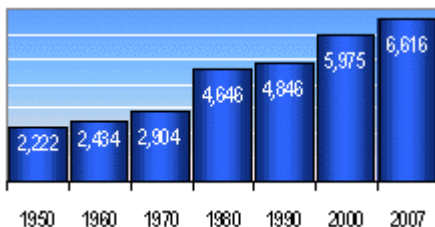
Incorporated: 1768

Origin: Meredith was first granted in 1748 to a group of settlers led by Samuel Palmer, a teacher of surveying and navigation, who had laid out much of the land surrounding Lake Winnepesaukee. It was known as Palmer's-Town, or Second Township, since it was the second town granted by the Masonian Proprietors that lay at the lake. Many settlers were from Salem, Massachusetts, and the town was later called New Salem. In 1768, the town was incorporated by Governor John Wentworth as Meredith, for Sir William Meredith, who allied with William Pitt in opposition to taxation on the colonies.

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

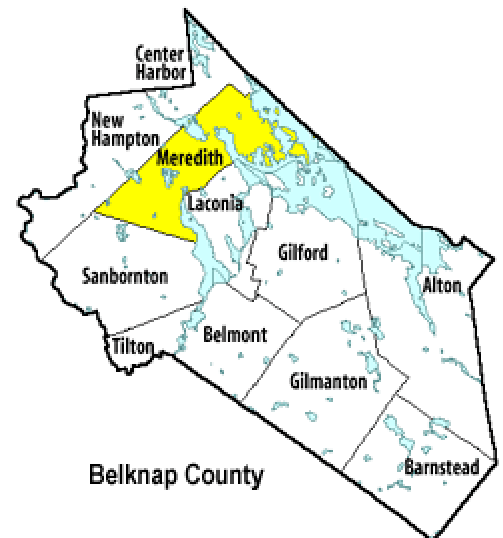
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 881 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Meredith totaled 3,753 over 50 years, from 2,222 in 1950 to 5,975 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 60 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, just four percent between 1980 and 1990.



The 2007 Census estimate for Meredith was 6,616 residents, which ranked 47th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 160.0 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.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2008	\$12,909,458
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008	\$13,206,339
Zoning Ordinance	1971/08
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planner/Engineer/CEO

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Zoning; Parks & Recreation

Public Library **Meredith Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time Chief
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/8B
Emergency Medical Service	Commercial
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia	10 miles 137

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Meredith Water Department
Sanitation	Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	none
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Limited Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$10.91
2007 Equalization Ratio	93.9
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	10.23
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	91.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	7.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.4%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	4,727
2007 Single-Family Units	3,805
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	27
2007 Multi-Family Units	627
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	2
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	295

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	6,616	61,048
2000	5,975	56,576
1990	4,846	49,294
1980	4,646	42,884
1970	2,904	32,367

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender		
Male	2,938	Female 3,005
Population by Age Group		
Under age 5		290
Age 5 to 19		1,158
Age 20 to 34		787
Age 35 to 54		1,971
Age 55 to 64		738
Age 65 and over		999
Median Age		42.5 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	89.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	30.3%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$24,867
Median 4-person family income	\$54,764
Median household income	\$42,758
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$35,766
Female	\$26,772
Families below the poverty level	4.2%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	2,968	3,467
Employed	2,882	3,353
Unemployed	86	114
Unemployment rate	2.9%	3.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	713	650
Average Weekly Wage	\$504	\$1,027
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,084	2,148
Average Weekly Wage	\$387	\$622
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,797	2,798
Average Weekly Wage	\$417	\$717
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	334	383
Average Weekly Wage	\$470	\$728
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	3,131	3,181
Average Weekly Wage	\$423	\$718

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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 Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Regional High School, Tilton			Region: 08
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	K 1-8
Total Enrollment	358	344	435	43
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008:	Total Facilities: 3	Total Capacity: 173		
Nearest Community College:	Lakes Region			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	Plymouth State University			

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Vutek	Color ink machinery	380	1988
Interlakes School System	Education	228	
Meredith Village Savings Bank	Banking services	210	1869
Golden View	Nursing home	130	
Hampshire Hospitality Holdings	Inn, spa, marketplace	115	1983
Town of Meredith	Municipal Services	78	
Remcom/North Corporation	Machine electrical connectors	65	1983
Meredith Harley Davidson	Motorcycle retail, repair, service	64	1983
Annalee Mobilite Dolls, Inc.	Soft sculpture dolls	50	1962
Ippolito's Furniture	Furniture sales	36	1978

TRANSPORTATION *(distances estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	104, 132, 25
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 23
	Distance	9 miles
Railroad	State owned line	
Public Transportation	Yes	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	56 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	8	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	58 miles	
Portland, Maine	80 miles	
Boston, Mass.	108 miles	
New York City, NY	311 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	226 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

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

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	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
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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Annalee Doll Museum; Scenic Railroad