

Salem, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Rockingham
Lawrence-Methuen Town-Salem, MA-NH NECTA Division
Merrimack Valley
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts
US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 3
District 22
Rockingham County District 25

Incorporated: 1750

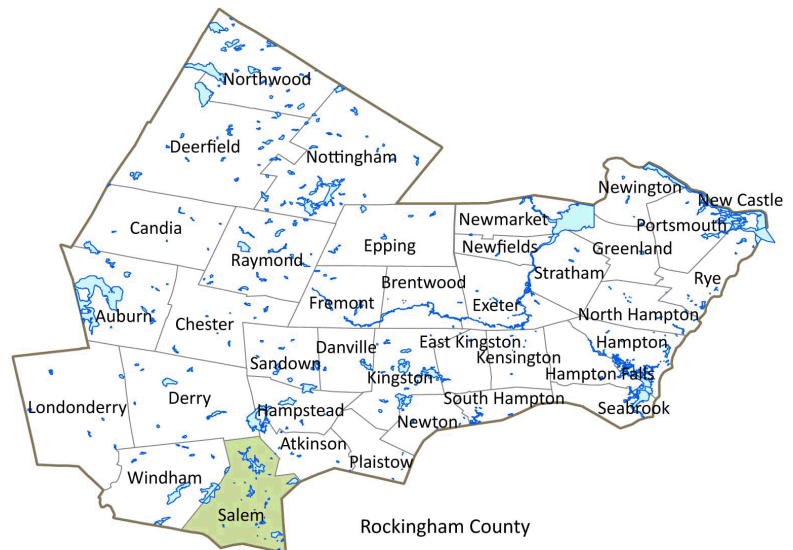
Origin: This town was known as the North Parish of Methuen, Massachusetts, or Methuen District, a name used as early as 1736. In 1741, when the boundary line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire was established, the North Parish, along with a portion of Dracut, became part of New Hampshire, and named Salem, after nearby Salem, Massachusetts. The area was organized as a district without township privileges. Residents petitioned for a separate incorporation five different times before Governor Benning Wentworth chartered Salem as a town in 1750.

Villages and Place Names: Arlington Park, Canobie Lake, Cluffs Crossing, Cowbell Corners, Foster Corners, Hampshire Road, Millville, North Salem, Noyes Terrace, Pine Grove Park, Salem Depot, Wilson Corners, Mount Ararat

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,218 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Salem totaled 9,950 over 50 years, from 20,142 in 1970 to 30,092 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 20 percent increase from 1970 to 1980. The town's population increased by five percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Salem was 30,647 residents, which ranked seventh among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 1,235.3 persons per square mile of land area. Salem contains 24.8 square miles of land area and 1.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen/Town Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022		\$69,400,666	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021		\$125,320,410	
Zoning Ordinance		1962/22	
Master Plan		2017	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planning Board	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Town Council; Planning; Zoning; Budget		
Appointed:	Conservation; Historic District; Recreation; Communications; Economic Development; Ethics		
Public Library	Kelley		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time	
Emergency Medical Service		Full-time	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Holy Family Hospital, Methuen MA		5 miles	310
Parkland Medical Center, Derry		13 miles	50
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		National Grid; Liberty Utilities	
Natural Gas Supplier		Unitil	
Water Supplier		Salem Water Department	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal		Private	
Curbside Trash Pickup		Private	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:		Business	Yes
		Residential	Yes
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.05	
2022 Equalization Ratio		82.0	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.08	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		74.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		22.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		2.2%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		12,888	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		9,091	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		703	
Five or More Units in Structure		2,376	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		718	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	30,647		319,424
2020	30,089		314,176
2010	28,776		295,223
2000	28,219		278,748
1990	25,841		246,744
1980	24,124		190,345
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	15,300	Female	14,858
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		1,168	
Age 5 to 19		4,891	
Age 20 to 34		6,066	
Age 35 to 54		7,352	
Age 55 to 64		5,242	
Age 65 and over		5,439	
Median Age		44.4 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		22,341	
High school graduate or higher		95.3%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		34.9%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$46,490	
Median family income		\$109,733	
Median household income		\$91,276	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$69,745	
Female		\$57,263	
Individuals below the poverty level		4.7%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		17,520	18,979
Employed		16,330	18,402
Unemployed		1,190	577
Unemployment rate		6.8%	3.0%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		2,061	2,744
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,406	\$1,432
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		17,887	16,856
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 764	\$1,179
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		19,948	19,599
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 830	\$1,214
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		1,200	1,188
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 915	\$1,162
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		21,148	20,787
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 835	\$1,211
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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Salem operates grades K-12**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Salem HS Career & Technical Ed Ctr**

District: **SAU 57**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	7	1	2	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-8	6-8	9-12	P K 1-8
Total Enrollment	1,921	777	1,241	211

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Rivier; UNH Manchester; Franklin Pierce-Manchester; MCPHS; Northern Essex (MA); UMass Lowell (MA)**

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **22** Total Capacity: **1,279**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital	Comprehensive physical rehabilitation	300	1981
JC Penney Co., Inc.	Retail store	200	1991
Reliable Security Guard Agency	Security guard services	135	1986
Salem Haven, Inc.	Elderly home	120	1955
The Home Depot	Home improvement center	100	1992

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)				RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
Road Access	US Routes			X	Municipal Parks
	State Routes	28, 38, 97, 111			YMCA/YWCA
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exits 1 - 2		X	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Distance	Local access		X	Golf Courses
Railroad		Boston & Maine		X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
Public Transportation		CART			Swimming: Outdoor Facility
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation					Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
Lawrence (MA) Municipal	Runway	5,000 ft. asphalt		X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes		X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service					Bowling Facilities
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	24 miles		X	Museums
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4		X	Cinemas
Driving distance to select cities:					Performing Arts Facilities
Manchester, NH		26 miles		X	Tourist Attractions
Portland, Maine		87 miles		X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
Boston, Mass.		33 miles		X	Youth Sports: Baseball
New York City, NY		235 miles		X	Youth Sports: Soccer
Montreal, Quebec		279 miles		X	Youth Sports: Football
				X	Youth Sports: Basketball
				X	Youth Sports: Hockey
					Campgrounds
				X	Fishing/Hunting
				X	Boating/Marinas
				X	Snowmobile Trails
				X	Bicycle Trails
				X	Cross Country Skiing
				X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
				X	Overnight or Day Camps
					Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre
					Other: Canobie Lake Park; Salem Town Forest; Americas Stonehenge; Tuscan Village
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)					
Workers 16 years and over					
Drove alone, car/truck/van		81.7%			
Carpooled, car/truck/van		6.0%			
Public transportation		0.8%			
Walked		1.7%			
Other means		0.6%			
Worked at home		9.1%			
Mean Travel Time to Work		28.0 minutes			
Percent of Working Residents					
Working in community of residence		32.5%			
Commuting to another NH community		26.6%			
Commuting out-of-state		40.9%			