

Salem, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
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 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 8

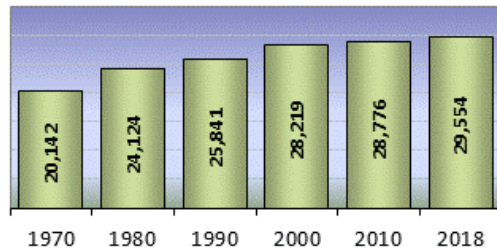
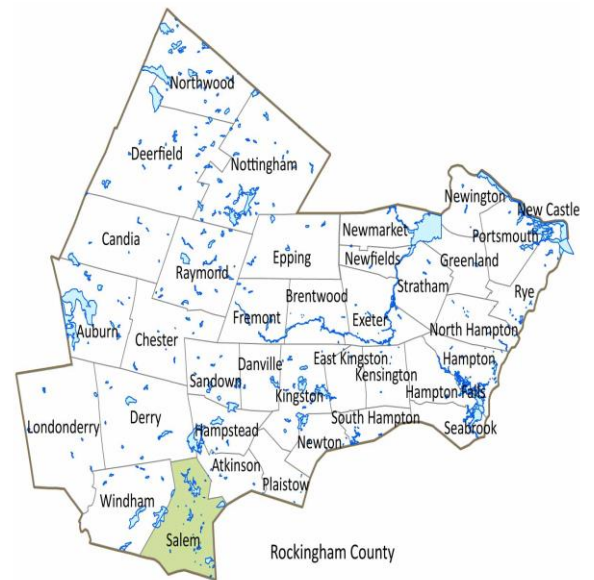
Incorporated: 1750

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 20,344 over 58 years, the sixth largest numeric change, from 9,210 in 1960 to 29,554 in 2018. The largest



decennial percent change was an increase of 119 percent between 1960 and 1970. The next largest percent increase, of 20 percent, occurred between 1970 and 1980. The 2018 Census estimate for Salem was 29,554 residents, which ranked seventh among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 1,191.2 persons per square mile of land area, the sixth highest among the cities and towns. 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, 2019	\$60,208,866
Budget: School Appropriations, 2019	\$73,379,847
Zoning Ordinance	1962/19
Master Plan	2017
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Director

Boards and Commissions
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Zoning**
 Appointed: **Conservation**

Public Library **Kelley**

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Full-time
Fire Department		Municipal
Emergency Medical Service		Municipal
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Holy Family Hospital, Methuen MA	5 miles	385
Parkland Medical Center, Derry	13 miles	86

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		No
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	Yes
	Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2018 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.84
2018 Equalization Ratio	90.7
2018 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.91
2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	67.7%
Commercial Land and Buildings	30.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.0%

HOUSING (ACS 2014-2018)	
Total Housing Units	12,011
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	8,722
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	649
Five or More Units in Structure	2,148
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	492

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2018	29,554	309,176	
2010	28,776	295,223	
2000	28,219	278,748	
1990	25,841	246,744	
1980	24,124	190,345	
1970	20,142	138,951	

DEMOGRAPHICS AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2014-2018			
Population by Gender			
Male	14,366	Female	14,767
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,390
Age 5 to 19			4,986
Age 20 to 34			5,261
Age 35 to 54			7,858
Age 55 to 64			4,383
Age 65 and over			5,255
Median Age			44.2 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			91.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher			34.6%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2014-2018)	
Per capita income			\$42,460
Median family income			\$105,126
Median household income			\$83,343
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$66,698
Female			\$49,234
Individuals below the poverty level			4.4%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2008	2018
Civilian labor force	17,828	17,935
Employed	16,880	17,346
Unemployed	948	589
Unemployment rate	5.3%	3.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2008	2018
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,737	2,760
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,229	\$1,494
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	16,678	17,860
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 688	\$ 941
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	19,415	20,620
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 764	\$1,015
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,276	1,131
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 870	\$1,102
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	20,691	21,751
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 771	\$1,020

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Salem operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 57**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Salem HS Career & Technical Ed Ctr** Region: **17**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	6	1	2	2
Grade Levels	P K 1-8	6-8	9-12	P K 1-12
Total Enrollment	1,761	825	1,284	138

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **New England**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **19** Total Capacity: **1,163**

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)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	28, 38, 97, 111
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exits 1 - 2
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		CART
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Lawrence (MA) Municipal	Runway	5,000 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	24 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		26 miles
Portland, Maine		87 miles
Boston, Mass.		33 miles
New York City, NY		235 miles
Montreal, Quebec		279 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2014-2018)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.4%
Public transportation	0.7%
Walked	1.3%
Other means	5.3%
Worked at home	4.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	29.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018	
Working in community of residence	31.7
Commuting to another NH community	22.6
Commuting out-of-state	45.7

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
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: Rockingham Park; Canobie Lake Park; Salem Town Forest; Americas Stonehenge