

Salem, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
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 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 8

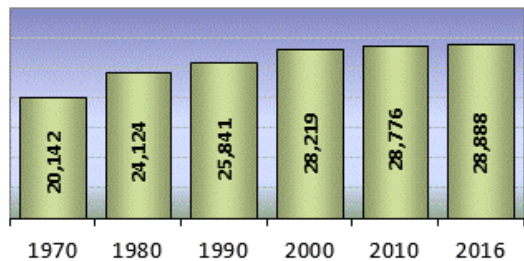
Incorporated: 1750

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

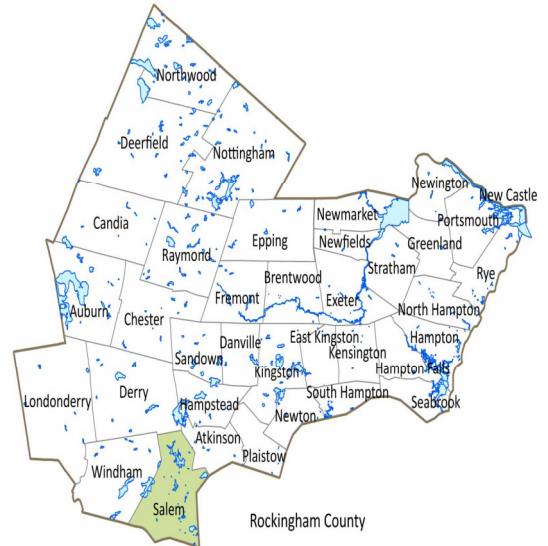
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 1,218 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Salem totaled 19,678 over 56 years, the sixth largest numeric change, from 9,210 in 1960 to 28,888 in



2016. 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 2016 Census estimate for Salem was 28,888 residents, which ranked seventh among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2016 (US Census Bureau): 1,164.4 persons per square mile of land area, the seventh 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, 2017	\$51,647,763
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017	\$69,734,130
Zoning Ordinance	1962/17
Master Plan	2001
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 82

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	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
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
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2016 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.43
2016 Equalization Ratio	92.3
2016 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.87
2016 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	67.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	30.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.0%

HOUSING (ACS 2012-2016)	
Total Housing Units	11,892
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	8,646
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	560
Five or More Units in Structure	2,181
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	505

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2016	28,888	303,251
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) 2012-2016			
Population by Gender			
Male	14,258	Female	14,602
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			1,277
Age 5 to 19			4,852
Age 20 to 34			5,160
Age 35 to 54			8,736
Age 55 to 64			3,951
Age 65 and over			4,884
Median Age			44.6 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			91.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher			34.1%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2012-2016)	
Per capita income	\$39,983
Median family income	\$98,508
Median household income	\$79,451
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers, 16 years and over	
Male	\$63,963
Female	\$46,641
Individuals below the poverty level	4.1%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2006	2016
Civilian labor force	17,502	17,779
Employed	16,676	17,153
Unemployed	826	626
Unemployment rate	4.7%	3.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2006	2016
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	2,957	2,518
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,157	\$1,438
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	16,644	18,392
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 662	\$ 893
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	19,601	20,910
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 737	\$ 958
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	1,185	1,103
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 856	\$1,058
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	20,786	22,013
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 744	\$ 963

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	1,743	879	1,277	128

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

2017 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **21** Total Capacity: **1,080**

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 2012-2016)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.0%
Public transportation	1.2%
Walked	0.3%
Other means	0.7%
Worked at home	4.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	28.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2012-2016	
Working in community of residence	29.2
Commuting to another NH community	23.4
Commuting out-of-state	47.4

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