

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

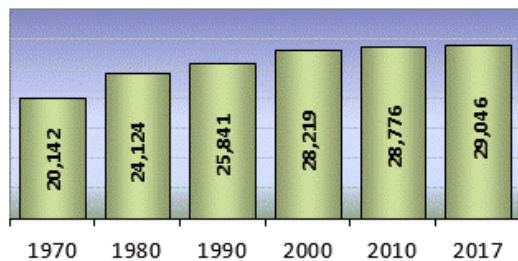
District 2
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District 22
Rockingham County District 8

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.

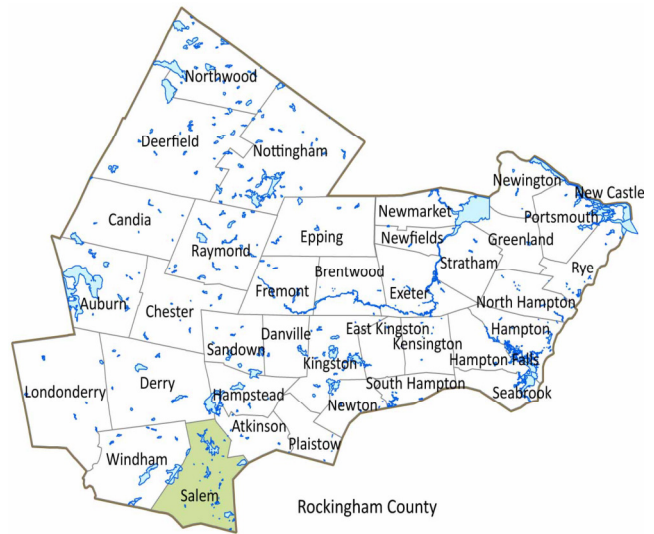
Villages and Place Names: Arlington Park, Canobie Lake, Cluffs Crossing, Cowbell Corners, Foster Corners, Hampshire Road, Millville, North Salem, Noyes Terrace, Pine Grove Park, Salem Depot, Wilson Corners, Mount Ararat

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



Population Trends: Population change for Salem totaled 19,836 over 57 years, the sixth largest numeric change, from 9,210 in 1960 to 29,046 in 2017. 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 2017 Census estimate for Salem was 29,046 residents, which ranked seventh among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 1,170.7 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 1.0 square miles of inland water area.



| MUNICIPAL SERVICES | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Type of Government | Selectmen/Town Manager | |
| Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018 | \$52,038,487 | |
| Budget: School Appropriations, 2018 | \$71,977,817 | |
| Zoning Ordinance | 1962/18 | |
| 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 | 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 | Yes | |
| Residential | Yes | |

| PROPERTY TAXES | | (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration) |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$20.84 | |
| 2017 Equalization Ratio | 90.7 | |
| 2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value) | \$18.91 | |
| 2017 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 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 |
| 2017 | 29,046 | 306,363 |
| 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 | | |
| Male | | \$63,963 |
| Female | | \$46,641 |
| Individuals below the poverty level | | 4.1% |

| LABOR FORCE | | | (NHES - ELMI) |
|----------------------|---------------|--|---------------|
| Annual Average | 2007 | | 2017 |
| Civilian labor force | 17,835 | | 17,639 |
| Employed | 16,967 | | 17,010 |
| Unemployed | 868 | | 629 |
| Unemployment rate | 4.9% | | 3.6% |

| EMPLOYMENT & WAGES | | | (NHES - ELMI) |
|---|----------------|--|----------------|
| 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 | 1,755 | 841 | 1,296 | 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

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|---|---|
| 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**