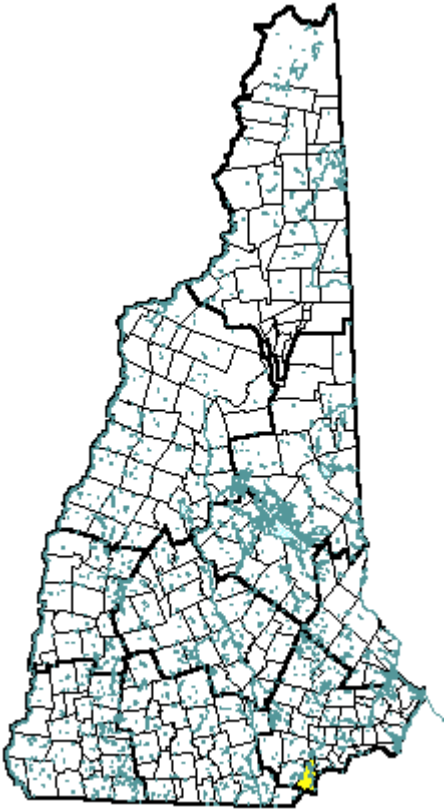


Salem, NH



Community Contact	Salem Planning Department Ross Moldoff, Planning Director 33 Geremonty Drive Salem, NH 03079
Telephone	(603) 890-2080
Fax	(603) 898-1223
E-mail	rmoldoff@ci.salem.nh.us
Web Site	www.townofsalemnh.org
Municipal Office Hours	Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5 pm
County	Rockingham
Tourism Region	Merrimack Valley
Planning Commission	Rockingham
Regional Development	Rockingham Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 3
State Senate	District 22
State Representative	District 76

Incorporated: 1750

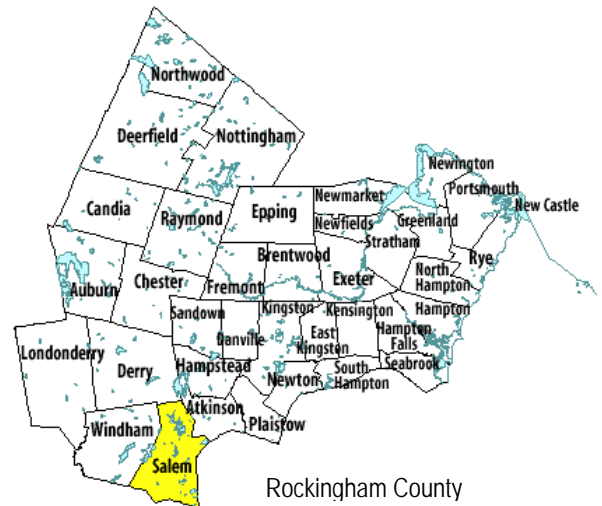
Origin: As early as 1736, Salem was the North Parish of Methuen, Massachusetts, or Methuen District. In 1741, when the boundary line between Massachusetts and New Hampshire was re-established, the North Parish became part of New Hampshire, and was given the name Salem, taken from nearby Salem, Massachusetts. Salem is home to Canobie Lake, the Canobie Lake Amusement Park, and Rockingham Park.

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 448 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population growth rates for Salem started high, increasing by 92 percent between 1950-1960 and by 119 percent between 1960-1970, then slowed dramatically, growing by twenty percent, seven percent, and nine percent over the next three decades. Salem's population grew by a total of 23,307 residents, the fourth largest increase, going from 4,805 in 1950 to 28,112 in 2000. The 2003 Census estimate for Salem was 29,115 residents, which ranked sixth among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2003: 1,151.7 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.

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



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen/Town Manager
2004 Annual Budget	\$32,500,000
Zoning Ordinance	1962/04
Master Plan	2001
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Director

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Board of Selectmen
Appointed:	Planning Board; Zoning of Adjustment; Conservation Commission

Public Library **Kelley**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Full-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	5/9
Emergency Medical Service	Municipal & other

Nearest Hospital(s):

Parkland Medical, Derry NH or Holy Family, Methuen MA
 Distance: **7 miles** Staffed Beds: **82; 271**

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Granite State
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities
Water Supplier	Salem Water Dept.
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	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
High Speed Internet Service:	Yes
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2003 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$20.22
2003 Equalization Ratio	63.3
2003 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000)	\$12.72
2003 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	66.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	32.2%
Other Property including Utilities	1.0%

HOUSING

2002 Total Housing Units	11,120
2002 Single-Family Units	8,142
Building Permits Issued	125
2002 Multi-Family Units	2,169
Building Permits Issued	0
2002 Manufactured Housing Units	809

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2003	29,115	290,102
2000	28,112	277,359
1990	25,746	245,845
1980	24,124	190,345
1970	20,142	138,951

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	13,994	Female	14,118

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	1,783
Age 5 to 19	5,887
Age 20 to 34	4,749
Age 35 to 54	9,584
Age 55 to 64	2,869
Age 65 and over	3,240
Median Age	38.1 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	87.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	25.4%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999**(Census 2000)**

Per capita income	\$26,170
Median 4-person family income	\$67,278
Median household income	\$58,090

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$46,330
Female	\$31,031

Families below the poverty level**3.1%****LABOR FORCE**

Annual Average	1993	2003
Civilian labor force	16,081	17,353
Employed	14,183	16,014
Unemployed	1,898	1,339
Unemployment rate	11.8%	7.7%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES**1993 2003**

Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	2,656	3,190	
Average Weekly Wage	\$679	\$1,132	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	12,128	16,256	
Average Weekly Wage	\$420	\$593	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	14,784	19,446	
Average Weekly Wage	\$466	\$681	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	907	1,121	
Average Weekly Wage	\$512	\$807	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	15,691	20,567	
Average Weekly Wage	\$469	\$688	

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Salem operates grades 1-12** District: **SAU 57**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Salem High School; Pinkerton Academy** Region: **17**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	6	1	1	3
Grade Levels	P 1-5	6-8	9-12	K-8
Total Enrollment	1,894	1,236	2,105	n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2003: Total Facilities: **35** Total Capacity: **1,085**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Nashua**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Chester College of New England**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Hadco Corporation	Printed circuit boards	360	
Northeast Rehabilitation Hospital	Comprehensive physical rehab	300	
JC Penney Co., Inc.	Retail department store	200	
Key Packaging Industries Corporation	High density polyethylene	190	
ServiceMaster	In home & janitorial cleaning	170	
Reliable Security Guard Agency	Security guard services	135	
Salem Haven, Inc.	Elderly home	120	
The Home Depot	Building supply	100	

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	28, 38, 97
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 1-2
	Distance	Local access
Railroad		Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		No
Nearest Airport		Manchester
Runway		9,250 feet
Lighted?	Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Manchester
Distance		22 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		23 miles
Portland, Maine		86 miles
Boston, Mass.		34 miles
New York City, NY		234 miles
Montreal, Quebec		279 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van%	88.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	6.9%
Public transportation	0.2%
Walked	1.0%
Other means	0.9%
Worked at home	2.3%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.4 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	30%
Commuting to another NH community	18%
Commuting out-of-state	51%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
X	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
X	Swimming: Indoor Facility
X	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
X	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
X	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
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): McIntyre
	Other: Rockingham Park; Canobie Lake Park; Salem Town Forest