

Salem

Connecticut

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Belongs to
New London County
New London Labor Market Area
Southeast Economic Dev. Region
Southeastern Connecticut Planning Area

Incorporated in 1819

Demographics

<i>Population (1998)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	2,335	238,410	3,107,580	White	3,512	221,517	2,648,212
1990	3,310	254,957	3,287,116	Black	36	12,225	274,213
1998	3,666	251,177	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	56	4,718	73,304
2003	3,857	252,769	3,272,149	Native American	11	1,321	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	5.21%	0.63%	0.03%	Other	0	438	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	51	10,958	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	28.96	666.08	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	1.60%	6.37%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	126.59	377.10	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$25,246	\$23,627	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	1,245	93,856	1,229,087	High School Graduate	533	25.3%	648,366 29.7%
Median Age (1997)	35.5	35.4	37.2	Some College	706	33.5%	495,696 22.7%
				Bachelors or More	608	28.8%	597,693 27.4%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	142 8%	405 22%	136 7%	734 40%	296 16%	119 6%	1,832
Female	144 8%	381 21%	138 8%	753 41%	269 15%	149 8%	1,834
County Total	17,896 7%	43,485 17%	24,337 10%	97,191 39%	35,483 14%	32,785 13%	251,177
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	6	4.5%	13	2.1%	Roger & Linda Phillips	\$3,711,240	2.17%
Const. and Mining	45	34.1%	141	22.3%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$1,413,880	0.83%
Manufacturing	3	2.3%	26	4.1%	Burnett's, Inc.	\$1,275,420	0.75%
Trans. And Utilities	1	0.8%	1	0.2%	City of New London	\$1,205,400	0.71%
Trade	28	21.2%	141	22.3%	Salem Town Center LLC	\$1,044,970	0.61%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	1	0.8%	2	0.3%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$170,698,910	
Services	44	33.3%	241	38.1%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	4	3.0%	68	10.7%	Salem Elementary School	Witch Meadow Lake Campground	
Total	132	100.0%	633	100.0%	Salem Country Gardens	Quality Day Care & Coop Nursery	
					Town of Salem		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$10,182,410	\$30,837,967,729

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Students	510	461,203		53	55	61	60	50	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,206	\$8,300		66	59	40	52	48	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$45,556	\$48,598		66	46	35	46	60	51
Students Attending Public School	92.2%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	15.0	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	88.0%	75.8%							
High School Dropout Rate	2.5%	4.6%							
<i>Average Class Size</i>				<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
Kindergarten 15.5	Grade 2 16.0			Verbal		536	503		
Grade 5 19.7	Grade 7 17.3	High School 20.0		Math		532	499		

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$1,036,674	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$7,751,075	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$7,688,685	As % of Expenditures	13.5%
Tax Revenue	\$4,304,732	Education	\$5,148,738	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$245,079,651
Non-tax Revenue	\$259,296	Other	\$2,539,947	Per Capita	\$68,477
Intergovernmental	\$3,187,047	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$6,074,850	As % of State Average	87.8%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,155	As % of Expenditures	79.0%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/91
As % of State Average	81.1%	Per Capita	\$1,697	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A
		As % of State Average	163.1%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	27.00
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	17.24
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	6.0%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,396	109,981	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	87.5%	66.5%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	17	1,923	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	14	825	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	34	1,682	20,713
As % Existing Units	1.00%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	6	247	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	67	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	1	72	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	58	4,000	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	76	4,036
Average Price	\$156,609	\$127,398	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$141,000	\$114,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	947	60,315	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	13.8%	35.6%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	24	11,508	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	2,099	133,951	1,723,300	1. Salem	168	New London	284
Employed	1,996	126,435	1,635,400	2. Montville	37	Groton	240
Unemployed	103	7,516	87,900	3. New London	32	Norwich	190
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	5.6%	5.1%	4. Norwich	29	Salem	168
Total Employment	700	126,990	1,581,700	5. East Lyme	23	Waterford	139
Manufacturing	40	20,790	265,850	6. Stonington	22	Hartford	104
'92-'97 Growth Rate	48.9%	16.7%	4.3%	7. Griswold	14	East Lyme	86
Daytime Population	646	119,632	1,740,247	8. Plainfield	13	Colchester	75
				9. Lisbon	11	Montville	75
				10. Bozrah	8	Old Saybrook	33

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	0	1,378	Total Volumes	13,299	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	3	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.1	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	3	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	16.1	40	Hartford	29	na
% Open Land (1990)	83.1%	68.8%	Boston	87	na
			New York City	104	Water Provider
			Providence	49	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Contact local provider
Total Beds	0	563			Cable Provider
					Century Cable Management Corporation
					860-886-2466