

Essex County: Salem, MA

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PROFILE

Salem is an historic seaside community located approximately 16 miles north of Boston. From its days as one of the earliest landing sites of the English colonists, to its rise as the first major port in the United States, to its trailblazing efforts in opening up the East Indian trade, to its heyday as a thriving hub of American commerce and the home of Nathaniel Hawthorne, Salem's historical legacy is rich. Unfortunately, a well-known blemish on that legacy involved the infamous Salem Witchcraft Trials of 1692. Nonetheless, the City's golden years have left her modern inhabitants with architectural treasures, fine museums, and a sparkling literary heritage. Equally important, the development of Salem has produced a rich ethnic history, to which people of all races, creeds, colors and origins have contributed over the generations. Even today, Salem services children speaking no less than 20 different languages in its public school system. Long a trading, manufacturing and retail center, Salem has been making a slow, and sometimes painful, transition to a service-based economy. The City today serves as the home of Salem State College, the North Shore Medical Center, the Essex County District Superior and Probate Courts, and Registry of Deeds, the world-famous Peabody and Essex Museum, and a host of banks and other financial institutions. It is the educational, medical, legal, cultural and banking hub of the North Shore.

STATS

Total Area:	18.05 sq. miles	Land Area:	8.10 sq. miles
Population:	38,091 people	Population Density:	4,703 per sq. mile

FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Mayor-Council

Year Incorporated: as a town: 1626, as a city: 1836

LOCATION

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Swampscott and Lynn on the south, Peabody on the west, Beverly on the north, and Marblehead on the east. Salem is located on Salem Bay 16 miles north of Boston; 20 miles southeast of Lawrence; 90 miles south of Portland, Maine; and 236 miles from New York City.

TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION & ACCESS

Salem is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous spokes providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

MAJOR HIGHWAYS

Principal highways are State Routes 1A, 107, and 114.

RAIL

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from Salem. Travel time: 25-34 min.; 340 MBTA parking spaces. The Springfield Terminal Railway offers freight rail service. Contact number: (978) 663-1073

BUS

Salem is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA). There is fixed route service to Boston, North Beverly, Lynn, Salem Center and Danvers. Michaud Bus Lines provides service within Salem and to Peabody.

OTHER

The Beverly Municipal Airport, a Reliever (RL) facility in neighboring Beverly, has 3 asphalt runways 3,500'; 4,634'; and 5,001' long. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.

Sources: Department of Housing and Community Development; The Warren Group.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS LISTING

- Salem Public School District - Salem [View Contact](#)
- Salisbury (non-op) Public School District - Byfield [View Contact](#)

PUBLIC SCHOOLS LISTING

- Bates - Salem Elementary [View Contact](#)
- Bentley - Salem Elementary [View Contact](#)
- Carlton - Salem Elementary [View Contact](#)
- Horace Mann Laboratory - Salem Elementary [View Contact](#)
- Nathaniel Bowditch - Salem Elementary [View Contact](#)
- Salem Early Childhood - Salem Elementary [View Contact](#)
- Saltonstall School - Salem Elementary [View Contact](#)
- Witchcraft Heights - Salem Elementary [View Contact](#)
- Collins Middle - Salem Middle/Junior High [View Contact](#)
- Salem High - Salem Secondary [View Contact](#)

PRIVATE SCHOOLS LISTING

- Phoenix - Salem Elementary : K, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08 [View Contact](#)
- St Joseph - Salem Elementary : PK, K, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08 [View Contact](#)
- The Greenhouse School - Salem Elementary : K, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06 [View Contact](#)

CHARTER SCHOOLS LISTING

- Salem Academy Charter School - Salem Secondary

CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICTS LISTING

- Salem Academy Charter - Salem

ENROLLMENT BY GRADE / SCHOOL TYPE (2003)

Schools	pk	k	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	SP	CT	Total
Salem Public District	166	370	356	422	338	429	427	407	403	407	454	313	283	225	0	0	0	0	5000
Salem Private Schools	24	36	27	32	38	26	39	31	35	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	332

PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BY RACE (2003)

RACE / ETHNICITY	District (%)	State (%)
Native American	0.1	0.3
African American	4.6	8.8
Asian	2.7	4.6
Hispanic	28.6	11.2

White 64 75.1

PLANS OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (2002)

DROPOUT RATES (2001)

HIGH SCHOOLS	Number of Grads	% 2-year Public College	% 4-year Public College	% 2-year Private College	% 4-year Private College	% Military	% Work	% Dropout Rate
Salem High	237	28	27	6	19	3	11	2.8

MCAS TEST RESULTS (2003)

▶ **RESULTS OF DISTRICTS**

Hide Public School District : **SALEM**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)	# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district
	GRADE 3 - Reading	NA	NA	48	63	41	30	12	7	0
GRADE 4 - English Language Arts	5	10	41	45	41	34	14	10	0	421
GRADE 4 - Mathematics	9	12	23	28	48	43	20	16	0	422
GRADE 5 - Science and technology	11	18	30	33	40	34	19	15	0	422
GRADE 6 - Mathematics	6	16	23	26	34	32	37	26	0	402
GRADE 7 - English Language Arts	3	8	52	57	36	28	8	7	0	402
GRADE 8 - Mathematics	8	12	19	25	28	30	44	33	0	403
GRADE 8 - Science and technology	1	4	22	28	36	37	40	1	0	403
GRADE 10 - English Language Arts	10	20	37	41	39	28	15	12	0	305
GRADE 10 - Mathematics	14	24	26	27	33	28	27	21	0	310

▶ **RESULTS OF PUBLIC and CHARTER SCHOOLS**

Hide Public School : **BATES**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)	# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district
	GRADE 3 - Reading	NA	NA	34	63	46	30	11	7	0
GRADE 4 - English Language Arts	8	10	42	45	39	34	10	10	0	62
GRADE 4 - Mathematics	10	12	29	28	40	43	20	16	0	62
GRADE 5 - Science and technology	11	18	35	33	37	34	17	15	0	54

Hide Public School : **BENTLEY**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)	# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district
	GRADE 3 - Reading	NA	NA	56	63	42	30	2	7	0
GRADE 4 - English Language Arts	7	10	33	45	49	34	11	10	0	72
GRADE 4 - Mathematics	6	12	13	28	53	43	29	16	0	72
GRADE 5 - Science and technology	2	18	22	33	57	34	20	15	0	60

Hide Public School : **CARLTON**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)	# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district
	GRADE 3 - Reading	NA	NA	50	63	42	30	8	7	0
GRADE 4 - English Language Arts	11	10	33	45	50	34	6	10	0	18
GRADE 4 - Mathematics	11	12	28	28	56	43	6	16	0	18
GRADE 5 - Science and technology	0	18	17	33	63	34	21	15	0	24

Hide Public School : **NATHANIEL BOWDITCH**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)	# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district
	GRADE 3 - Reading	NA	NA	55	63	40	30	6	7	0
GRADE 4 - English Language Arts	5	10	32	45	47	34	17	10	0	66
GRADE 4 - Mathematics	3	12	24	28	53	43	20	16	0	66
GRADE 5 - Science and technology	7	18	31	33	44	34	18	15	0	55
GRADE 6 - Mathematics	13	16	33	26	37	32	17	26	0	54
GRADE 7 - English Language Arts	7	8	63	57	30	28	0	7	0	67

Hide Public School : **HORACE MANN LAB**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)	# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district
	GRADE 3 - Reading	NA	NA	44	63	41	30	10	7	0
GRADE 4 - English Language Arts	0	10	51	45	29	34	15	10	0	55
GRADE 4 - Mathematics	7	12	29	28	49	43	10	16	0	55
GRADE 5 - Science and technology	16	18	25	33	33	34	19	15	0	64

Hide Public School : **SALTONSTALL SCHOOL**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)	# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district
	GRADE 3 - Reading	NA	NA	47	63	32	30	20	7	0
GRADE 4 - English Language Arts	5	10	45	45	40	34	10	10	0	62
GRADE 4 - Mathematics	16	12	24	28	41	43	19	16	0	63
GRADE 5 - Science and technology	20	18	36	33	26	34	18	15	0	66

Hide Public School : **WITCHCRAFT HEIGHTS**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)	# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district
	GRADE 3 - Reading	NA	NA	49	63	46	30	5	7	0
GRADE 4 - English Language Arts	4	10	46	45	37	34	13	10	0	84
GRADE 4 - Mathematics	11	12	21	28	50	43	18	16	0	84
GRADE 5 - Science and technology	12	18	36	33	39	34	14	15	0	95

Hide Public School : **COLLINS MIDDLE**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)	# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district

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GRADE 6 - Mathematics	5	16	21	26	34	32	39	26	0	341
GRADE 7 - English Language Arts	2	8	52	57	38	28	8	7	0	328
GRADE 8 - Mathematics	8	12	19	25	28	30	44	33	0	397
GRADE 8 - Science and technology	2	4	23	28	37	37	39	1	0	397

Hide Public School : **SALEM HIGH**

Grades and Subjects	% Advanced		% Proficient		% Needs impr.		% Warning		% Failing (absent)		# of All students
	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	state	district	district	
	GRADE 10 - English Language Arts	10	20	37	41	39	28	14	12	0	
GRADE 10 - Mathematics	14	24	27	27	33	28	26	21	0	304	

Note: To ensure the confidentiality of individual student MCAS results, if the number of students tested plus the number of students absent is fewer than 10 for a particular population of students in a school (for example, students with disabilities), the results for that population of students are not shown.

Source: Massachusetts Department of Education.

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Median Sales Price for the Calendar Year

Year	Month(s)	1-Family	Condo	All Sales
2004	Jan-Dec	318,500	267,000	300,000
2003	Jan-Dec	305,000	250,000	285,000
2002	Jan-Dec	276,750	222,500	257,000
2001	Jan-Dec	227,278	193,000	224,900
2000	Jan-Dec	202,250	165,500	190,000
1999	Jan-Dec	170,500	151,000	166,000
1998	Jan-Dec	155,000	135,000	146,750
1997	Jan-Dec	138,000	125,000	135,000
1996	Jan-Dec	136,000	122,000	127,500
1995	Jan-Dec	132,000	119,000	123,900
1994	Jan-Dec	133,350	110,500	115,300
1993	Jan-Dec	128,500	106,000	113,000
1992	Jan-Dec	130,000	100,000	110,000
1991	Jan-Dec	135,000	110,000	120,000
1990	Jan-Dec	139,000	126,490	131,500
1989	Jan-Dec	156,000	137,995	149,000
1988	Jan-Dec	155,000	143,000	149,900
1987	Jan-Dec	148,750	148,400	153,718

Number of Sales for the Calendar Year

Year	Month(s)	1-Family	Condo	All Sales
2004	Jan-Dec	232	461	909
2003	Jan-Dec	231	410	872
2002	Jan-Dec	192	338	750
2001	Jan-Dec	214	365	817
2000	Jan-Dec	194	345	793

1999	Jan-Dec	234	331	829
1998	Jan-Dec	267	329	866
1997	Jan-Dec	227	314	739
1996	Jan-Dec	210	286	701
1995	Jan-Dec	163	223	559
1994	Jan-Dec	192	229	608
1993	Jan-Dec	173	263	577
1992	Jan-Dec	141	205	457
1991	Jan-Dec	135	162	412
1990	Jan-Dec	117	182	419
1989	Jan-Dec	115	200	456
1988	Jan-Dec	171	335	739
1987	Jan-Dec	176	582	1,027

Source: The Warren Group.

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