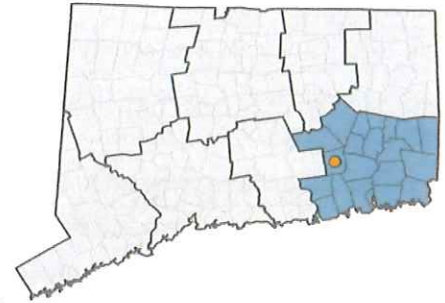


Salem (New London)

Salem is a town in New London County with 685 residents age 65 or older. Compared to state average rates, older residents fared better on some healthy aging indicators with lower rates of anemia, chronic kidney disease, CHF, diabetes, ischemic heart disease, peripheral vascular disease, prostate cancer, traumatic brain injury, bipolar and personality disorders, schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, and visual impairment. However, they had higher rates of obesity and tooth loss. They are more likely to take the health promotion steps of having an annual physical exam and wearing a seatbelt while driving, but are less likely to do any physical activity within the last month, meet the CDC guidelines for muscle-strengthening and aerobic physical activities, have a flu shot in the last year, and an annual dental exam. Community resources to support healthy aging include 9 home health agencies, 4 hospice agencies, a senior center, and a public library.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS	Significantly different than STATE RATE	COMMUNITY ESTIMATE	STATE ESTIMATE
Total population all ages		4,126	3,581,504
Population 60 years or older as % of total population		24.6%	23.0%
Total population 60 years or older		1,017	823,529
Population 65 years or older as % of total population		16.6%	16.4%
Total population 65 years or older		685	587,580
% 65-74 years	*	78.4%	55.7%
% 75-84 years	*	16.8%	29.1%
% 85 years or older	*	4.8%	15.2%
% 65+ population who are female		54.0%	56.8%
% 85+ population who are female		54.5%	66.6%
Race and ethnicity of the population 65+			
% White		88.3%	88.4%
% African American	*	0.0%	6.8%
% Asian		3.6%	2.3%
% Other race		8.0%	2.6%
% Hispanic/Latino		13.0%	5.8%
Marital status of the population 65+			
% married	*	77.2%	53.8%
% divorced/separated		9.3%	14.9%
% widowed	*	10.4%	24.2%
% never married		3.1%	7.1%
Education of the population 65+			
% with less than high school education	*	6.3%	14.7%
% with high school or some college		51.4%	53.3%
% with college degree	*	42.3%	32.1%
% with graduate or professional degree		23.8%	16.8%
% of 65+ population who speak only English at home		90.7%	84.3%
% of 65+ population who are veterans of military service		20.3%	17.4%

HEALTHY AGING INDICATORS	BETTER / WORSE STATE RATE	COMMUNITY ESTIMATE	STATE ESTIMATE
% 65+ with asthma		15.0%	14.1%
% 65+ with atrial fibrillation		13.7%	16.1%
% 65+ with autism spectrum disorder		0.12%	0.12%
% 65+ with benign prostatic hyperplasia (men)		44.0%	42.7%
% 65+ with breast cancer (women)		8.4%	11.4%
% 65+ with cataract		63.0%	64.8%
% 65+ with chronic kidney disease	B	24.0%	29.9%
% 65+ with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease		21.4%	21.0%
% 65+ with colon cancer		2.4%	2.7%
% 65+ with congestive heart failure	B	15.1%	22.6%
% 65+ with diabetes	B	28.4%	33.8%
% 65+ with endometrial cancer (women)		2.4%	2.0%
% 65+ with epilepsy		2.6%	2.9%
% 65+ with fibromyalgia, chronic, pain and fatigue		27.5%	26.6%
% 65+ with glaucoma		27.5%	28.3%
% 65+ ever had a heart attack		3.8%	4.5%
% 65+ with HIV/AIDS		0.15%	0.21%
% 65+ with hypertension		74.4%	76.2%
% 65+ with hypothyroidism		22.1%	25.1%
% 65+ with ischemic heart disease	B	32.1%	40.7%
% 65+ with leukemias and lymphomas		2.4%	2.7%
% 65+ with liver disease		8.6%	9.5%
% 65+ with lung cancer		2.3%	1.9%
% 65+ with migraine and other chronic headache		6.1%	5.2%
% 65+ with osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis		53.3%	54.2%
% 65+ with osteoporosis		18.4%	20.2%
% 65+ with peripheral vascular disease	B	14.8%	19.9%
% 65+ with pressure ulcer or chronic ulcer		8.7%	9.2%
% 65+ with prostate cancer (men)	B	7.7%	13.1%
% 65+ with stroke		9.7%	11.9%
% 65+ with traumatic brain injury	B	0.9%	1.3%
% 65+ with 4+ (out of 15) chronic conditions		58.7%	61.8%
% 65+ with 0 chronic conditions		8.1%	7.2%

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# of drug overdose deaths (all ages)		4	4,613
% 65+ with opioid use disorder		1.9%	2.2%
% 65+ with substance use disorder		6.5%	6.8%
% 60+ who used marijuana in last month		N/A	2.9%
% 60+ excessive drinking		9.7%	9.2%
% 65+ with tobacco use disorder		9.6%	10.1%
% 60+ current smokers		8.3%	7.7%
% 60+ ever used E-Cigarettes in last month		8.2%	6.3%

HEALTHY AGING INDICATORS	BETTER / WORSE STATE RATE	COMMUNITY ESTIMATE	STATE ESTIMATE
# Part D monthly prescription fills per person annually		49.1	50.3
# home health visits annually	*	2.4	4.1
# durable medical equipment claims annually		1.7	1.9
# inpatient hospital stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually		222.1	273.3
% Medicare inpatient hospital readmissions (as % of admissions)		17.7%	17.2%
# skilled nursing facility stays/1000 persons 65+ years annually		80.9	104.7
# skilled nursing home Medicare beds/1000 persons 65+ years		0.0	42.3
% 65+ getting Medicaid long term services and supports	*	1.6%	5.5%
% 65+ hospice users	*	1.4%	2.7%
% 65+ hospice users as % of decedents		45.5%	45.5%
Median hospice days per hospice user (65+, deceased)		19.0	10
Median hospice payment (Medicare + other) per hospice user		\$4,537.54	\$3,741.18
COMMUNITY			
Air pollution: annual # of unhealthy days for 65+ (county)		6	N/A
Age-friendly efforts in community		Not yet	Not yet
# of senior centers		1	165
# of universities and community colleges		0	64
# of public libraries		1	238
# of YMCAs		0	19
% in county with access to broadband (all ages)		98.2%	99.1%
% 60+ who used Internet in last month		73.3%	75.1%
Voter participation rate in 2016 election (age 18+)		87.5%	76.9%
SAFETY & CRIME			
Homicide rate/100,000 persons (county)		2.0	2.0
# firearm fatalities (all ages) (county)		71	932
# 65+ deaths by suicide (county)		5	26
TRANSPORTATION			
% 65+ who own a motor vehicle	*	100.0%	87.3%
% 60+ who always drive or ride wearing a seatbelt	B	95.6%	93.0%
% 60+ who drove under the influence of drinking in last month		N/A	2.2%
# of fatal crashes involving adult age 60+/town		1	342
# of fatal crashes involving adult age 60+/county		44	342
HOUSING			
% 65+ population who live alone	*	12.4%	28.4%
Average household size (all ages)		2.5	2.5
Median house value		\$274,300.00	\$272,700.00
% 60+ own home	*	95.0%	76.9%
% 60+ homeowners who have mortgage	*	59.9%	47.1%
% 60+ stressed about paying rent/mortgage in last month		18.9%	17.4%