

= City of Salford =

The City of Salford ( / ˈsɜːlfd / ) is a city and metropolitan borough of Greater Manchester , England . It is named after its largest settlement , Salford , but covers a far larger area which includes the towns of Eccles , Swinton and Pendlebury , Walkden , and Irlam which apart from Irlam each have a population of over 35 @, @ 000 . The city has a population of 218 @, @ 000 , and is administered from the Salford Civic Centre in Swinton .

The current city boundaries were set as part of the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 , and cover an amalgamation of five former local government districts . It is bounded on the south east by the River Irwell , which forms its boundary with the city of Manchester and by the Manchester Ship Canal to the south , which forms its boundary with Trafford . The metropolitan boroughs of Wigan , Bolton and Bury lie to the west , northwest and north respectively . Some parts of the city , which lies directly west of Manchester , are highly industrialised and densely populated , but around one third of the city consists of rural open space . This is because the western half of the city stretches across an ancient peat bog known as Chat Moss .

Salford has a history of human activity stretching back to the Neolithic age . There are over 250 listed buildings in the city , including Salford Cathedral , and three Scheduled Ancient Monuments . With the Industrial Revolution , Salford and its neighbours grew along with its textile industry . The former County Borough of Salford was granted city status in 1926 . The city and its industries experienced decline throughout much of the 20th century . Since the 1990 's , parts of Salford have undergone regeneration , especially Salford Quays , home of BBC North and Granada Television , and the area around the University of Salford .

Salford Red Devils are a professional rugby league club in Super League .

= = History = =

Although the metropolitan borough of the City of Salford was a 20th @-@ century creation , the area has a long history of human activity , extending back to the Stone Age . Neolithic flint arrow @-@ heads and tools , and evidence of Bronze Age activity has been discovered in Salford . The Roman road from Manchester ( Mamucium ) to Bury passes through the city ; a hoard of over 550 bronze Roman coins dating between 259 AD and 278 AD was discovered in Boothstown ; and a Romano @-@ British bog body , Worsley Man , was discovered in the Chat Moss peat bog .

In 1142 , a cell and priory dedicated to St. Leonard was established in Kersal . The 12th century hundred of Salford was created as Salfordshire in the historic county of Lancashire and survived until the 19th century , when it was replaced by one of the first county boroughs in the country . Salford became a free borough in about 1230 , when it was granted a charter as a free borough by the Earl Ranulph of Chester . The cell in Kersal was sold in 1540 during the Dissolution of the Monasteries . A 16th @-@ century manor house , called Kersal Cell , was built on the site of the priory . In the English Civil War between King Charles I and parliament , Salford was Royalist . Salford was also noted as Jacobite territory ; its inhabitants supported Charles Edward Stuart 's claim to the Kingdom of Great Britain and hosted him when he rode through the area during the Second Jacobite Rebellion .

During the Industrial Revolution , Salford grew as a result of the textile industry . Although Salford experienced an increase in population , it was overshadowed by the dominance of Manchester and did not evolve as a commercial centre in the same way . On 15 September 1830 , Eccles was site of the world 's first railway accident . During a stop in Eccles to take on water , William Huskisson , Member of Parliament for Liverpool , had his leg crushed by Stephenson 's Rocket ; at the time he was in conversation with the Duke of Wellington , who was opening the railway , and did not get out of the way of the train in time . Although Huskisson was taken to Eccles for treatment he died of his injuries . The six @-@ foot @-@ tall Oglala Sioux tribesman , " Surrounded By the Enemy " , died here from a bronchial infection at age twenty @-@ two in 1887 during a tour of Buffalo Bill 's Wild West Show and was buried at Brompton Cemetery . In 1894 , the Manchester Ship Canal was opened , running from the River Mersey to Salford Quays ; when it was complete it was the largest

navigation canal in the world . Along the route of the canal , it was necessary to create an aqueduct carrying the Bridgewater Canal over the Ship Canal . The Barton Swing Aqueduct , designed by Sir Edward Leader Williams , is 100 metres ( 330 ft ) long and weighs 1 @, @ 450 metric tons ( 1 @, @ 427 long tons ; 1 @, @ 598 short tons ) .

At the start of the 20th century , Salford began to decline due to competition from outside the UK . A survey in 1931 concluded that parts of Salford were amongst the worst slums in the country . Salford was granted city status in 1926 . During World War II , Salford Docks were regularly bombed .

In the decades following the Second World War there was a significant economic and population decline in Salford . In 1961 a small part of Eccles was added to the city . On 1 April 1974 , the City and County Borough of Salford was abolished under the Local Government Act 1972 , and was replaced by the metropolitan borough of City of Salford , one of ten local government districts in the new metropolitan county of Greater Manchester . The city status of the new district was confirmed by additional letters patent issued on the same day . Since the early 1990s , the decline has slowed .

Prior to the metropolitan borough 's creation , the name Salford for the new local government district courted controversy . Salford was " thought second @-@ class by those in Eccles " , who preferred the new name " Irwell " for the district ( with reference to the River Irwell ) . A councillor for the then City and County Borough of Salford objected to this suggestion , stating this label was nothing but " a dirty stinking river " . The name Irwell won 8 votes to Salford 's 7 , but a private protest and deliberation favoured Salford as the name for the new city , citing that the River Irwell would pass through two other Greater Manchester districts , and that it " doesn 't touch Worsley " .

= = Geography = =

The City of Salford is bounded to the north by the boroughs of Bolton and Bury , to the south by Trafford , to the west by Wigan and to the east by Manchester . The natural mossland of Chat Moss lies in the south western corner of the city ; it covers an area of about 10 @. @ 6 square miles ( 27 @. @ 5 km<sup>2</sup> ) , accounting for about 30 % of the city 's area , and lies 75 feet ( 23 m ) above sea level . The moss makes up the largest area of prime farmland in Greater Manchester . Kersal Moor is an area of moorland spanning 8 hectares ( 20 acres ) in Kersal ; it is a local nature reserve and a Site of Biological Importance . Greenspace accounts for 55 @. @ 7 % of the City of Salford 's total area , domestic buildings and gardens comprise 20 @. @ 0 % , and the rest is made up of roads and non @-@ domestic buildings .

To the south of Salford are the docks of Salford Quays , now home to the iconic Media City UK - the home of BBC . Media City UK is a large area that crosses the boundary into Trafford Park , Trafford . Although Salford Quays is in the City of Salford new M50 postcodes were distributed to the area to separate and create new boundaries in the early 2000s . Arguably the most affluent area in Salford , The Quays ( as it is locally known ) has seen regeneration and a growth in job opportunities and available housing in the 2010s .

The River Irwell runs south east through Kearsley , Clifton and Agecroft then meanders around Lower Broughton and Kersal , Salford Crescent and the centre of Manchester , joining the rivers Irk and Medlock . Turning west , it meets the Mersey south of Irlam , where the route of the river was altered in the late 19th century to form part of the course of the Manchester Ship Canal . The Ship Canal , opened in 1894 , forms part of Salford 's southern boundaries with Trafford . The city 's climate is generally temperate , like the rest of Greater Manchester . The nearest weather station is 10 miles ( 16 km ) away at Ringway , in Manchester ; the mean highest and lowest temperatures ( 13 @. @ 2 ° C ( 55 @. @ 8 ° F ) and 6 @. @ 4 ° C ( 43 @. @ 5 ° F ) ) are slightly above the national average , while the annual rainfall ( 806 @. @ 6 millimetres ( 31 @. @ 76 in ) ) and average hours of sunshine ( 1394 @. @ 5 hours ) are respectively above and below the national averages .

= = Governance = =

== Parliamentary constituencies ==

The City of Salford is represented by Members of Parliament ( MPs ) for three constituencies , Salford and Eccles by Rebecca Long @-@ Bailey ( Labour ) , Worsley and Eccles South by Barbara Keeley ( Labour ) , and the Broughton and Kersal wards of Salford in Blackley and Broughton by Graham Stringer ( Labour ) .

== Council ==

In 1974 , Salford City Council was created to administer the newly formed local government district . Until 1986 , it shared power with the Greater Manchester County Council . The council offices are in Swinton , in what was formerly Swinton and Pendlebury Town Hall . The Labour Party have been in control of the council since its formation in 1974 . The council has a constitution detailing how they should operate in performing their duties .

Salford City Council was assessed by the Audit Commission and judged to be " improving well " in providing services for local people . Overall the council was awarded " three star " status meaning it was " performing well " and " consistently above minimum requirements " , similar to 46 % of all local authorities .

The modern metropolitan borough of the City of Salford is based on the former County Borough of the City of Salford which included the city centre , Pendleton , Weaste , Claremont , Langworthy , Broughton , Kersal , Ordsall and Seedley . The city is entirely unparished and absorbed the municipal boroughs of Eccles and Swinton and Pendlebury and the urban districts of Irlam and Worsley . An urban district was a type of local government district which covered an urbanised area .

Since 2012 , in addition to the long @-@ existing and largely ceremonial , annually appointed civic mayor of Salford , the city has also had a directly elected Mayor .

== Electoral wards ==

There are 60 councillors representing 20 wards . Swinton and Walkden have six councillors each .

== Central Salford and Salford West ==

The district is divided into two areas ( Central Salford and Salford West ) for some purposes including planning , regeneration and housing .

Central Salford is the eastern part of the district and comprises seven wards : Broughton , Claremont , Irwell Riverside , Kersal , Ordsall , Langworthy and Weaste & Seedley . This is the more urban half of the district and lies partly within the Manchester Inner Ring Road . Salford Quays lies within this area . Between 2005 and 2011 , the Central Salford Urban Regeneration Company was responsible for urban regeneration in this area , securing over £ 1 billion of private sector investment . Social housing is provided by Salix Homes in this area .

Salford West comprises the other 13 wards , including the towns of Eccles , Swinton and Walkden . This is the more suburban and rural half of the district . Salford City Council 's aspiration is that " In 2028 , Salford West will be one of the most desirable and prosperous areas in Greater Manchester . " Social housing is provided by City West Housing Trust in this area .

== Coat of arms ==

The coat of arms of Salford City Council depicts a weaving shuttle surrounded by five bees with a three masted ship above , on a shield flanked by two lions . The blue background with a gold chief is taken from the arms of the city council of the County Borough of Salford , who in turn took it from the colours of the Earl of Chester . The shuttle and five bees represent the industry of the area and five settlements who benefited from the textile industry . The ship is borrowed from the crest of Eccles

Borough Council and represents the importance of waterways to the city . The ship is flanked by two millrinds ? the centres of millstones ? symbolising engineering . The lions are taken from the crest of the Borough of Swinton and Pendlebury ; they are wearing iron steel chain representing engineering . The shield is topped by a griffin carrying a pennon depicting three boars ' heads . The griffin is taken from the crest of Eccles and the boars are from the crest of Irlam Urban District . Beneath the shield is a scroll reading *salus populi suprema lex* , Latin for " the welfare of the people is the highest law " .

===== Budget =====

In 2007 ? 8 , Salford City Council spent a total of £ 218 million . The council spent £ 50M on children 's services ( 23 % ) ; £ 68M on community health and social care ( 31 % ) ; £ 15M environmental service ( 7 % ) ; £ 28M on housing and planning ( 13 % ) ; and £ 9M on customer and support services ( 4 % ) . For the 2008 ? 9 financial year , the council 's income is expected to consist of £ 125M ( 59 % ) from government grants and £ 87M ( 41 % ) from council tax .

===== Audit =====

A Comprehensive Area Assessment by the Audit Commission in 2010 found that Salford 's key priorities are improving health , reducing crime , helping young people achieve A @-@ level qualifications , social services , including the views of minority groups , improving skills and " making Salford a cleaner and more attractive place to live " .

===== Demography =====

At the 2001 UK census , the City of Salford had a total population of 216 @,@ 103 . Of the 94 @,@ 238 households in Salford , 29 @.@ 3 % were married couples living together , 36 @.@ 7 % were one @-@ person households , 8 @.@ 5 % were co @-@ habiting couples and 12 @.@ 5 % were lone parents . The figures for lone parent households were above the national average of 9 @.@ 5 % , and the percentage of married couples was also below the national average of 36 @.@ 5 % ; the proportion of one person households was higher than the national average of 30 @.@ 1 % .

The population density was 2 @,@ 223 / km<sup>2</sup> ( 5 @,@ 760 / sq mi ) and for every 100 females , there were 96 @.@ 6 males . Of those aged 16 ? 74 in Salford , 35 @.@ 5 % had no academic qualifications , significantly higher than 28 @.@ 9 % in all of England . 5 @.@ 3 % of Salford 's residents were born outside the United Kingdom , significantly lower than the national average of 9 @.@ 2 % . The largest minority group was recorded as Asian , at 1 @.@ 4 % of the population .

The number of theft from a vehicle offences and theft of a vehicle per 1 @,@ 000 of the population was 21 @.@ 3 and 7 @.@ 9 compared to the English national average of 7 @.@ 6 and 2 @.@ 9 respectively . The number of sexual offences was 1 @.@ 1 compared to the average of 0 @.@ 9 . The national average of violence against another person was 16 @.@ 7 compared to the Salford average of 27 @.@ 2 . The figures for crime statistics were all recorded during the 2006 / 7 financial year . Although all were above the averages for England , Salford 's crime rate was lower than Manchester 's .

===== Population change =====

The table below details the population change since 1801 , including the percentage change since the last available census data . Although the City of Salford has existed as a metropolitan borough since 1974 , figures have been generated by combining data from the towns , villages , and civil parishes that would later be constituent parts of the city .

===== Religion =====

At the 2001 UK census , 76 @. @ 5 % of Salford 's residents were Christian , 2 @. @ 4 % Jewish , 1 @. @ 2 % Muslim , 0 @. @ 3 % Hindu , 0 @. @ 2 % Buddhist , and 0 @. @ 1 % Sikh . 11 @. @ 0 % had no religion , 0 @. @ 2 % had an alternative religion and 8 @. @ 1 % did not state their religion . Salford is covered by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford , and the Church of England Diocese of Manchester . During the mid @- @ 19th century , there was an influx of Irish people into the Salford area , partly due to The Great Hunger in Ireland . In 1848 , Salford Roman Catholic Cathedral was consecrated , reflecting Salford 's large Irish @- @ born community at the time .

Of Salford 's six Grade I listed buildings , three are churches . St Augustine 's Church , in Pendlebury , was built in 1874 by George Frederick Bodley . The Church of St Mary the Virgin , in Eccles , was originally built in the 13th century but was expanded in the 15th . A church has been on the site since at least the Norman period . St Mark 's Church , in Worsley , was built in 1846 by George Gilbert Scott . The six Grade II \* listed churches are the Church of St Andrew in Eccles , the Cathedral Church of St John , the Church of St Luke in Pendleton , Monton Unitarian Church in Monton , the Church of St Philip in Salford , and the United Reformed Church .

= = Economy = =

Salford Docks ( also called Manchester Docks ) were opened by Queen Victoria in 1894 , providing docks in Manchester and Salford for the Manchester Ship Canal which linked Manchester to the sea . During the 1970s , the docks fell into decline as they proved too small for new , larger ships , and when they were abandoned in 1982 over 3 @, @ 000 people lost their jobs . Salford City Council purchased the docks in 1984 and since then they underwent regeneration as a centre of tourism in Salford , which included the construction of the Lowry Centre . More than 10 @, @ 000 people are employed in the Quays in jobs such as retail , construction , and e @- @ commerce . In 2007 , it was confirmed that the BBC would be moving five of its departments to a new development on Pier 9 of Salford Quays , to be called MediaCityUK . The move , which is expected to be completed by 2011 , will create up to 15 @, @ 500 jobs and add £ 1bn to the regional economy over 5 years .

Finance and professional services , tourism and culture , and computer and internet based services have been identified as growth industries in Greater Manchester and are concentrated in Manchester and Salford . Average house prices in the City of Salford are sixth out of all the metropolitan boroughs in Greater Manchester , 7 @. @ 6 % lower than the average for the county . There are , however , areas of considerable affluence , within the city , such as Broughton Park , parts of Kersal , Ellesmere Park , Worsley , parts of Swinton and Pendlebury and the ultra @- @ modern Salford Quays .

At the 2011 UK census , Salford had 173 @, @ 117 residents aged 16 to 74 . 4 @. @ 7 % of these people were students with jobs , 4 @. @ 1 % looking after home or family , 6 @. @ 9 % permanently sick or disabled and 2 @. @ 9 % economically inactive for other reasons . The City of Salford has a high rate of people who are permanently sick and disabled , 70 % higher than the national average of 4 @. @ 0 % .

In 2001 , of 89 @, @ 920 residents of the City of Salford in employment , the industry of employment was 18 @. @ 7 % retail and wholesale , 14 @. @ 4 % manufacturing , 12 @. @ 7 % property and business services , 11 @. @ 9 % health and social work , 7 @. @ 7 % transport and communications , 7 @. @ 6 % education , 6 @. @ 8 % construction , 5 @. @ 1 % hotels and restaurants , 4 @. @ 7 % public administration and defence , 4 @. @ 4 % finance , 0 @. @ 7 % energy and water supply , 0 @. @ 4 % agriculture , and 4 @. @ 9 % other . This was roughly in line with national figures , except for the proportion of jobs in agriculture which is less than half the national average , reflecting the city 's suburban nature and its proximity to the centre of Manchester .

JCDecaux UK has its Manchester office in the Metroplex Business Park in Salford .

= = Culture = =

## == Landmarks ==

As of September 2003 , the City of Salford has 6 Grade I , 14 Grade II \* , and 253 Grade II listed buildings . The city has the equal second highest number of Grade I listed buildings out of the districts of Greater Manchester , behind Manchester . The Grade I listed buildings are the Church of St Augustine , the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin , St Mark 's Church , Ordsall Hall , Wardley Hall , and a bridge over the River Irwell . Salford Cathedral , built in 1845 , is the seat of the Diocese of Salford and a Grade II \* listed building . Most of the Salford 's tallest buildings are mid @-@ 20th century residential tower blocks or 21st century high rise apartments . A study by Professor Christopher Collier of the University of Salford suggested that Manchester 's drizzly climate is largely due to the multitude of high @-@ rise blocks in Salford . Collier has proposed that they have a " dramatic influence on the region 's weather patterns " , and may contribute to the 8 ° C ( 14 ° F ) temperature difference between Salford and its surrounding countryside .

There are three Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the city . The oldest is an Iron Age promontory fort occupied from 500 BC ? 200 AD . Also scheduled is Hanging Bridge on the border with Manchester , dating to the 14th century , and an underground section of the Bridgewater Canal in Swinton built in 1759 .

## == Sport ==

Salford is home to a number of past and present rugby league teams . Founded in 1873 , Salford Red Devils play in the Super League at the AJ Bell Stadium , in Barton , Salford . They are 6 times Champions and they won the Challenge Cup in 1938 , and have experienced two previous stretches in the Super League , 1997 ? 2002 and 2004 ? 2007 . In 2008 they won the Northern Rail Cup beating Doncaster 60 @-@ 0 in the Final at Blackpool . They previously won the same trophy in 2003 . They also won the National League 1 Grand Final in 2008 , beating Celtic Crusaders after extra time in Warrington . Construction on a new 20 @,@ 000 seat £ 35 million pound stadium was complete in 2012 . Now named the AJ Bell stadium it is home to Salford Red Devils and Sale Sharks rugby union team .

Swinton Lions were founded in 1866 and play in the Championship at Park Lane , Whitefield . They won the Rugby Football League Championship six times between 1927 and 1964 , before it was superseded by Super League . They have also won the Challenge Cup three times between 1900 and 1928 .

Broughton Rangers were founded in 1877 and won the Rugby League Challenge Cup in the 1901 ? 02 and 1910 ? 11 seasons . The club folded in 1955 , but were reformed as a local amateur club in 2007 with the support of Salford Red Devils .

At amateur level , the city is represented in rugby league by the Salford City Roosters .

Also in Salford are several football and cricket teams . Irlam F.C. is an amateur football team that has played in the Manchester Football League since 1989 . They were founded in 1969 as Mitchell Shackleton Football Club and changed their name in 2006 . Salford City F.C. was founded in 1940 and play in the Northern Premier League . Monton & Weaste C.C. and Clifton C.C. have played in the Central Lancashire Cricket League since 2005 and 2006 respectively . Walkden play in the Bolton Cricket League . Little Hulton play in the Bolton and District Cricket Association . Winton and Worsley play in the Manchester and District Cricket Association . City of Salford Swimming Club , and at the recent National Arena League A Final , they finished seventh best in the country - and second in the north west behind Stockport , are based and have their home pool in Broughton

## == Education ==

Overall , Salford was ranked 75th out of the all the Local Education Authorities ( LEAs ) ? and seventh in Greater Manchester ? in National Curriculum assessment performance in 2007 . Unauthorised absences and authorised absences from Salford secondary schools in 2006 ? 07 were 2 @.@ 0 % and 7 @.@ 0 % respectively , both higher than the national average ( 1 @.@ 4 %

and 6 @. @ 4 % ) . In 2007 , the Salford LEA was ranked 127th out of 149 in the country ? and ninth in Greater Manchester ? based on the percentage of pupils attaining at least 5 A \* ? C grades at General Certificate of Secondary Education ( GCSE ) including maths and English ( 37 @. @ 8 % compared with the national average of 46 @. @ 7 % ) . In 2007 , Beis Yaakov High School was the most successful school in Salford at GCSE , with 90 % of the pupils gaining five or more GCSEs at A \* ? C grade including maths and English . Bridgewater School was the most successful at A ? level .

The University of Salford is one of four universities in Greater Manchester and was ranked 81st by The Times . It has over 19 @, @ 000 students and a 69 @. @ 7 % level of student satisfaction . In 2007 , the university received nearly 17 @, @ 000 applications for 3 @, @ 660 places . The university is undergoing £ 150M of redevelopment through investment in new facilities , including a £ 10M law school and a £ 22M building for health and social care which were opened in 2006 . In 2007 , the drop out rate from the university was 25 % . Of the students graduating , 50 % gained first class or 2 : 1 degrees , which is below the national average of about 55 % .

= = Transport = =

The city of Salford is served by nine railway stations on four routes . Eccles and Patricroft are on the northern route of the Liverpool to Manchester Line , while Irlam , in the southwest of the borough , is on the southern route . Clifton is on the line to Bolton and Preston ; Swinton , Moorside and Walkden are on the Manchester to Southport Line via Wigan ; and Salford Central and Salford Crescent are served by both routes . A station at Pendleton was closed in 1998 after suffering fire damage and a loss of patronage in favour of nearby Salford Crescent , opened a few years earlier . All train services are provided by Northern Rail ,

The Eccles line of the Manchester Metrolink runs through the City of Salford , with stations at Exchange Quay , Salford Quays , Anchorage , Harbour City , Broadway , Langworthy , Weaste , Ladywell and Eccles . The line was opened in two stages , in 1999 and 2000 , as Phase 2 of the system 's development .

There are bus stations at Pendleton and Eccles . Buses run to destinations throughout the city , across Greater Manchester and further afield : Pendleton is served by a route to Preston , Eccles Interchange is next to the Metrolink stop .

The council is responsible for the administration and maintenance of public roads and footpaths in the city .

= = Twin towns = =

The City of Salford has formal twinning arrangements with four European places . Each was originally twinned with a place within the city prior to its creation in 1974 .

Clermont @-@ Ferrand , France ( originally twinned with County Borough of Salford in 1966 )

Saint @-@ Ouen , France ( Worsley Urban District , 1961 )

Narbonne , France ( Municipal Borough of Eccles , 1957 )

Lünen , Germany ( Municipal Borough of Swinton and Pendlebury , 1966 )