

# Church Planting Profile: Saco, Maine

**Summary:** Saco is located in York County, near the Atlantic Ocean, and about twenty miles southwest of Portland, near interstate 95, in a region that also includes Biddeford and Old Orchard Beach. The population is generally white with a large number of families with children at home. Evangelical Christians make up less than 2% of the population of York County. There is an OPC church and a PCA church in Portland.



Main Street, Saco

source: wikipedia.com

## Demographics:

**City Population, 2007: 18,164**

*Pop. change: +8.0% since 2000*

**County Pop., 2007: 201,341**

### Racial Breakdown:

White, non-Hispanic	97.9%
Two or more races	0.9%
Hispanic	0.6%
Black	0.3%
Other	0.9%

**Median Age: 37.2 (38.6 ME)**

### Age Breakdown:

Under 18	25.0%
Ages 18-24	6.8%
Ages 25-44	32.1%
Ages 45-64	22.2%
Age 65 and over	13.9%

**Avg. Household Size: 2.4 people**

**Avg. Family Size: 2.9 people**

## Economics:

**Median Household Income, 2007: \$54,135**

**Median House/Condo Value, 2007: \$230,080**

**Regional Unemployment Rate, 12/08: 5.5%**

**Cost of Living, 2008 (US average = 100): 119.8**

### Principal Industries in County:

Trade, Transportation, Utilities	23.7%
Education and Health Services	20.7%
Manufacturing	18.2%
Hospitality	14.1%

### Principal Employers:

Sweetster (health care)	850
Home Health Visiting Nurse	500
Funtown/Splashtown	300
Counseling Service Inc.	230

## Other:

### Educational Attainment Breakdown (age 25+)

High School or higher	86.9%
Bachelor's Degree or higher	23.3%
Graduate/Professional Degree	7.6%

### Nearest Major Colleges and Universities:

Univ. of New England (3 miles – 2251 students)
Univ. of South. Maine (17 miles – 7381 students)

### Principal Media Outlets:

Newspaper: Biddeford Journal Tribune
Radio: WMTW (870 AM) WRED (95.9 FM)

**Average January Low Temperature: 11.3°**

**Average July High Temperature: 76.3°**

**Average Annual Rainfall: 47.1 inches**

**Average Annual Snowfall: 68 inches**

## Saco Places of Worship:

United Baptist Church (ABC)

[www.unitedbaptistsaco.org](http://www.unitedbaptistsaco.org)

First Parish Congregational Church (UCC)

[www.firstparishsaco.org](http://www.firstparishsaco.org)

Trinity Episcopal Church (ECUSA)

[www.trinitysaco.org](http://www.trinitysaco.org)

Bible Baptist Church (CBAmerica)

[www.biblebaptistsaco.org](http://www.biblebaptistsaco.org)

Most Holy Trinity Parish (Roman Catholic)

[www.mhtsaco.org](http://www.mhtsaco.org)

Cornerstone United Methodist Church

[www.gbgm-umc.org/cornerstone](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/cornerstone)

Seacoast Chapel

[www.seacoastchapel.com](http://www.seacoastchapel.com)

St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church

[www.stdemetriosmaine.org](http://www.stdemetriosmaine.org)

Saco Seventh Day Adventist Church

[www.eadventist.net/search/organization.asp?org=AN4IHV](http://www.eadventist.net/search/organization.asp?org=AN4IHV)

New Testament Baptist Church (Independent)

Unitarian-Universalist Church of Saco & Biddeford