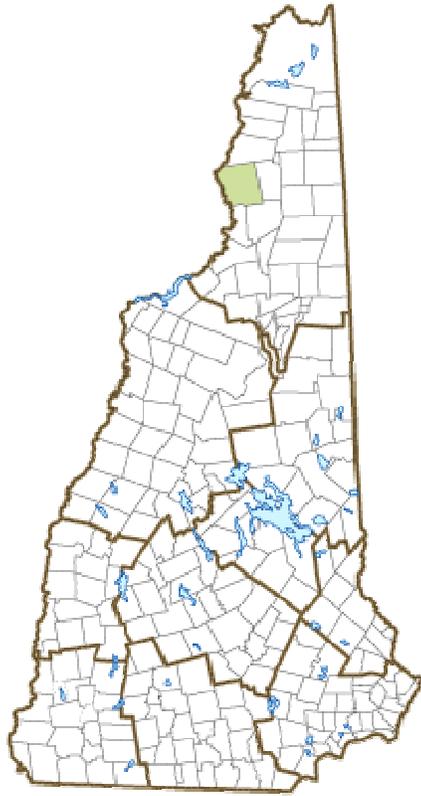


Stratford, NH



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Web Site	www.stratfordnh.org
Municipal Office Hours	Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 3:30 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 4 pm - 7 pm, Tuesday, 3 pm - 6 pm, first and third Saturday, 9:30 am - 12 noon, other hours by appointment
County	Coös
Labor Market Area	Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part
Tourism Region	Great North Woods
Planning Commission	North Country Council
Regional Development	Coös Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 1
State Representative	Coös County District 1

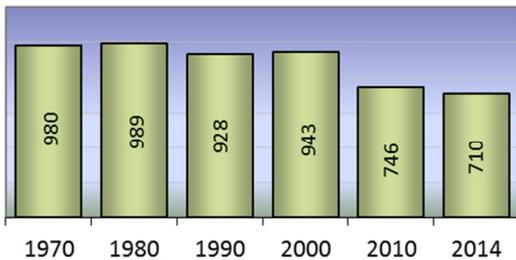
Incorporated: 1773

Origin: This territory was chartered in 1762 to early settlers mostly from Woodbury, Connecticut, as Woodbury. Indian troubles had many families forfeiting their claims, and even after a 1770 charter renewal, the original grantees were unable to make a settlement. The territory was chartered again in 1773 to Joshua Wentworth and others as Stratford, after another town in Connecticut. The name is also in honor of Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's home. The entire tract was one of the largest granted in New Hampshire, a total of 48,603 acres. The town was incorporated as Stratford in 1779 upon petition by residents.

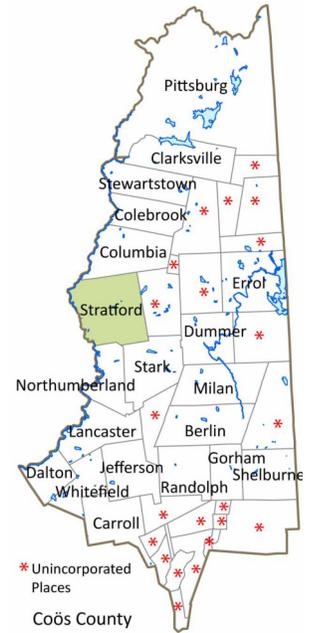
Villages and Place Names: Beatties, Mapleton, Masons, North Stratford, Stratford Center, Stratford Hollow, East Stratford

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 146 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population for Stratford declined over 54 years, dropping by 319, from 1,029 in 1960 to 710 in 2014. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of two percent between 1990 and 2000; population declined by 21 percent between 2000 and 2010. The 2014 Census estimate for Stratford was 710 residents, which ranked 208th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 8.9 persons per square mile of land area. Stratford contains 79.9 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2015	\$829,280
Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016	\$115,822
Zoning Ordinance	1995
Master Plan	2008
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Treasurer; Checklist; Moderator; Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Appointed:	Zoning; Planning
Public Library	Stratford Public

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Police Department		Part-time
Fire Department		Part-time & volunteer
Emergency Medical Service		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook	15 miles	16
Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster	22 miles	25

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Mint Energy; Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells & municipal
Sanitation	Private septic & municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	No
Cable Television Access	Limited
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$24.28
2015 Equalization Ratio	99.6
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$28.08
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	49.0%
Commercial Land and Buildings	5.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	45.1%

HOUSING (ACS 2010-2014)	
Total Housing Units	571
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	392
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	35
Five or More Units in Structure	32
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	112

DEMOGRAPHICS (US Census Bureau)		
Total Population	Community	County
2014	710	32,202
2010	746	33,055
2000	943	33,156
1990	928	34,879
1980	989	35,014
1970	980	34,189

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender			
Male	381	Female	329
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			34
Age 5 to 19			144
Age 20 to 34			99
Age 35 to 54			164
Age 55 to 64			102
Age 65 and over			167
Median Age			47.4 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			66.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher			10.7%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ (ACS 2010-2014)	
Per capita income	\$16,624
Median family income	\$32,813
Median household income	\$28,929
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$36,875
Female	\$21,818
Individuals below the poverty level	24.3%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMI)			
Annual Average	2005	2015	
Civilian labor force	442	272	
Employed	406	247	
Unemployed	36	25	
Unemployment rate	8.1%	9.2%	

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMI)			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	11	7	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 338	\$ 407	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	31	16	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 331	\$ 755	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	42	24	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 333	\$ 650	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	69	42	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 354	\$ 444	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	110	66	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 346	\$ 518	

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Stratford operates grades K-8; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Northumberland** District: **SAU 58**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center** Region: **3**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	58			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Berlin**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Stratford School	Education	20	
North Woods Trading Post	Gas, convenience, pizza	4	
Riverside Market & Deli	Convenience stre, deli	4	
Hollow Village General Store	Convenience store, gas	3	
Burns Truck Stop	Convenience store	3	
Town of Stratford	Municipal services		1773
Claudette & Dean's Place	Restaurant		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-91 (VT), Exit 28; I-93, Exit 41	
Distance	36 miles; 43 miles	
Railroad	St. Lawrence & Atlantic	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Gifford Field, Colebrook	Runway	2,440 ft. turf
Lighted? No	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Lebanon Municipal	Distance	110 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		1
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		139 miles
Portland, Maine		139 miles
Boston, Mass.		189 miles
New York City, NY		369 miles
Montreal, Quebec		135 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	64.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	13.7%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.9%
Other means	2.1%
Worked at home	18.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	34.1 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014	
Working in community of residence	27.5
Commuting to another NH community	61.8
Commuting out-of-state	10.7

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s):
	Other: Nash Stream Forest; Quad Rodeo; 4-Wheeler Trails; Nature Conservancy Lands; Grange; Cohos Historical Society; Old Home Day; Lion Cubs 4-H; Funtastic Fridays