

Stratham, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Rockingham
Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Seacoast
Rockingham
Regional Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 24
Rockingham County Districts 19, 36

Incorporated: 1716

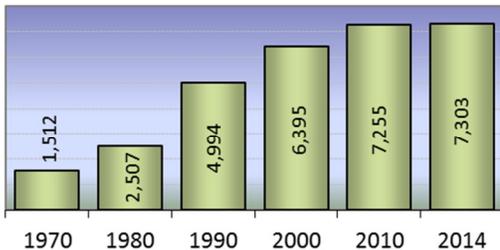
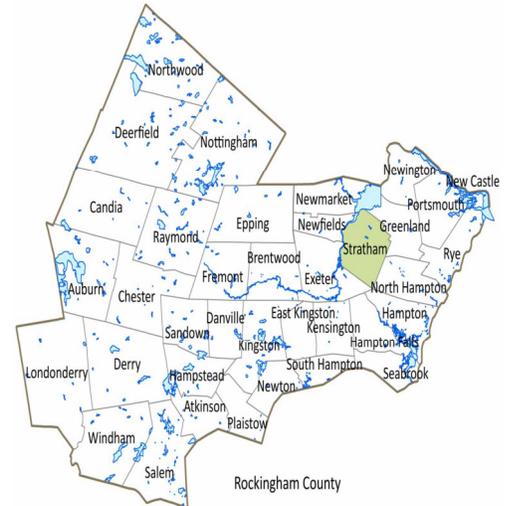
Origin: This territory was settled in 1631, a part of the Squamscott Patent granted to Edward Hilton, under the leadership of Captain Thomas Wiggin, who was called Governor. The settlement was called Squamscott, and was also known by the Indian name of Winnicut. In 1695 the territory was annexed to Exeter, having been associated with Hampton prior to that. In 1716, residents petitioned for a separate incorporated town, which was granted. Stratham was sixth town to be incorporated in New Hampshire, and named for a friend of Governor Samuel Shute of Massachusetts, Wriothesley Russell, Baron Howland of Streatham.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 882 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Stratham had the fourteenth largest percent change over 54 years, with the largest decennial percent

change of 99 percent between 1980 and 1990; the smallest, 13 percent between 2000 and 2010. Population change totaled 6,270, from 1,033 in 1960 to 7,303 in 2014. The 2014 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,303 residents, which ranked 42nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2014 (US Census Bureau): 483.0 persons per square mile of land area. Stratham contains 15.1 square miles of land area and 0.4 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2016	\$6,167,501
Budget: School Appropriations, 2015-2016	\$10,475,532
Zoning Ordinance	1957/15
Master Plan	1998
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Heritage; Recreation; Public Works; Energy; Zoning; Economic Development

Public Library **Wiggin Memorial**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Full-time	
Fire Department	Volunteer	
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	3 miles	99
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	9 miles	165

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Unitil; Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier	Unitil
Water Supplier	Private wells/Town of Exeter
Sanitation	Private septic/Town of Exeter
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES *(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)*

2015 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.90
2015 Equalization Ratio	95.5
2015 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.95
2015 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	82.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.9%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.2%

HOUSING *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Total Housing Units	2,812
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,608
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	35
Five or More Units in Structure	111
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	58

DEMOGRAPHICS *(US Census Bureau)*

Total Population	Community	County
2014	7,303	297,702
2010	7,255	295,223
2000	6,395	278,748
1990	4,994	246,744
1980	2,507	190,345
1970	1,512	138,951

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2010-2014

Population by Gender	Male	Female
	3,758	3,545

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	296
Age 5 to 19	1,547
Age 20 to 34	776
Age 35 to 54	2,317
Age 55 to 64	1,481
Age 65 and over	886
Median Age	44.7 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	97.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	59.0%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ *(ACS 2010-2014)*

Per capita income	\$59,990
Median family income	\$142,637
Median household income	\$116,875

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$102,522
Female	\$65,043

Individuals below the poverty level	.3%
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LABOR FORCE *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average	2005	2015
Civilian labor force	3,826	4,273
Employed	3,700	4,127
Unemployed	126	146
Unemployment rate	3.3%	3.4%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES *(NHES – ELMI)*

Annual Average Covered Employment	2004	2014
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	408	678
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 892	\$1,436
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,705	2,920
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,317	\$1,007
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	3,113	3,598
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,262	\$1,088
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	484	386
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 679	\$ 982
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	3,597	3,983
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,183	\$1,078

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Stratham operates grades K-5; grades 6-12 are part of Exeter Region Cooperative (Brentwood, East Kingston, Exeter, Kensington, Newfields, Stratham)** District: **SAU 16**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Seacoast School of Technology** Region: **18**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1		1
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8		P K 1-8
Total Enrollment	570	1,284		178

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Southern NH University; Franklin Pierce University**

2016 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **7** Total Capacity: **434**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberland	Retail outdoor sport equipment, catalog	650	1994
Lindt Sprugli, Inc.	Chocolate manufacturer	250	1990
Market Basket	Supermarket	150	1981
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	143	1975
Bauer Performance Sports	Retail sports equipment	50	1927
Bell & Flynn	Sand, gravel, construction	44	1958
Seacoast Imported Auto, Inc.	Vehicle dealership	35	1991
AutoFair/Nissan of Stratham	Car dealership, sales, and service	35	2012
H D Smith	Distributor	25	2006
Staples	Retail office products, services	25	2005

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	33, 101, 108
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 2
	Distance	6 miles
Railroad		Amtrack, Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		COAST
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hampton Airfield	Runway	2,100 ft. turf
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	35 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		31 miles
Portland, Maine		62 miles
Boston, Mass.		52 miles
New York City, NY		260 miles
Montreal, Quebec		286 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2010-2014)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.0%
Public transportation	0.4%
Walked	1.2%
Other means	2.4%
Worked at home	12.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.9 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2010-2014	
Working in community of residence	28.3
Commuting to another NH community	56.1
Commuting out-of-state	15.6

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock, Sunday River (ME)
	Other: Stratham Fair; Lacrosse; Outdoor Skating Rink