

# Stratford, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen, Town Administrative Assistant: M-Th 9-3:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, 10-1, Tuesday, 3-6, Wednesday, 9-3:30, or by appointment**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Coös**  
**Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part**  
**Great North Woods**  
**North Country Council**  
**Coös Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 1**  
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**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 change for Stratford totaled a negative 335 over 50 years, from 980 in 1970 down to 645 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 21 percent decrease from 2000 to 2010. The town's population decreased by 14 percent from 2010 to 2020, the fifth largest loss among the cities and towns. The 2022 Census estimate for Stratford was 663 residents, which ranked 209th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 8.3 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, 2022		\$1,018,370	
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Zoning Ordinance		2023	
Master Plan		2021	
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; Conservation		
Public Library	Stratford Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		State Police	
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		Nextera; Eversource	
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		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Limited	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$19.16	
2022 Equalization Ratio		67.2	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$12.65	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		55.0%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		4.9%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		40.0%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		532	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		388	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		13	
Five or More Units in Structure		26	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		105	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022		663	31,504
2020		662	31,268
2010		746	33,055
2000		943	33,156
1990		928	34,879
1980		989	35,014
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	519	Female	311
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		62	
Age 5 to 19		85	
Age 20 to 34		107	
Age 35 to 54		222	
Age 55 to 64		167	
Age 65 and over		187	
Median Age		51.8 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		605	
High school graduate or higher		75.7%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		9.8%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$21,934	
Median family income		\$46,210	
Median household income		\$45,109	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$22,091	
Female		\$32,083	
Individuals below the poverty level		30.0%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		281	259
Employed		247	241
Unemployed		34	18
Unemployment rate		12.1%	6.9%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		7	6
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 455	\$ 531
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		31	34
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 364	\$ 726
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		38	40
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 381	\$ 696
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		40	33
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 467	\$ 549
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		77	73
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 425	\$ 630
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**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 (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)**

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	63			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities:

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities:

Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Stratford School	Education	20	
Town of Stratford	Municipal services		1773
North Woods Trading Post	Gas, convenience, pizza	4	
Burns Truck Stop	Convenience store	3	
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 2017-2021)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	84.4%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.3%
Public transportation	.0%
Walked	.7%
Other means	2.0%
Worked at home	9.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	21.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	21.3%
Commuting to another NH community	77.0%
Commuting out-of-state	1.7%

#### 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): **Bretton Woods**

Other: **Nash Stream Forest; Quad Rodeo; 4-Wheeler Trails; Nature Conservancy Lands; Grange; Cohos Historical Society; Old Home Day; Lion Cubs 4-H**