

# Stratford, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 3:30 pm;**  
**Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Monday, 10 am - 1 pm, Tuesday,**  
**3 pm - 6 pm, Wednesday, 9 am - 3:30 pm, other hours 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

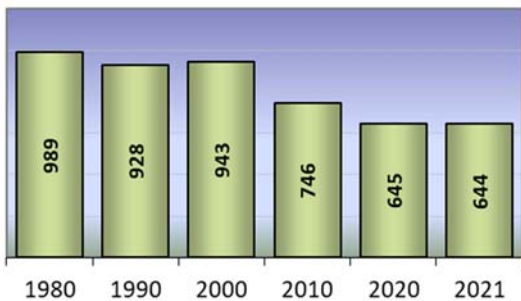
**District 2**  
**District 1**  
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**Coös County District 1**

## 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 decreased by 345 over 41 years, from 989 in 1980 to 644 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 21 percent decline between 2000 and 2010. The 2021 Census estimate for Stratford was 644 residents, which ranked 212th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau):** 8.1 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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2021	<b>\$938,469</b>	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2021-2022	<b>\$2,282,000</b>	
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1995</b>	
Master Plan	<b>2021</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>	
Boards and Commissions		
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Treasurer; Checklist; Moderator; Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>	
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Planning; Conservation</b>	
Public Library	<b>Stratford Public</b>	
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department	<b>State Police</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Part-time &amp; volunteer</b>	
Emergency Medical Service		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster</b>	<b>22 miles</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Nextera; Eversource</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells &amp; municipal</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Yes</b>
	Residential	<b>Yes</b>
<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>		
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.28</b>	
2021 Equalization Ratio	<b>95.7</b>	
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.80</b>	
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>55.5%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>5.1%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>39.3%</b>	
<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>		
Total Housing Units	<b>585</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>409</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>16</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>27</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>133</b>	

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	<b>644</b>	<b>31,289</b>	
2020	<b>642</b>	<b>31,173</b>	
2010	<b>746</b>	<b>33,055</b>	
2000	<b>943</b>	<b>33,156</b>	
1990	<b>928</b>	<b>34,879</b>	
1980	<b>989</b>	<b>35,014</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>547</b>	Female	<b>344</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>72</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>98</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>138</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>257</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>152</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>174</b>
Median Age			<b>49.0 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>72.5%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>7.7%</b>
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Per capita income		<b>\$20,019</b>	
Median family income		<b>\$43,469</b>	
Median household income		<b>\$42,321</b>	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$21,788</b>
Female			<b>\$35,469</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>33.9%</b>	
<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	<b>287</b>	<b>250</b>	
Employed	<b>250</b>	<b>232</b>	
Unemployed	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>12.9%</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>		<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 419</b>	<b>\$ 428</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>20</b>	<b>27</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 298</b>	<b>\$ 624</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 326</b>	<b>\$ 584</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>50</b>	<b>32</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 477</b>	<b>\$ 516</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>76</b>	<b>66</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 425</b>	<b>\$ 551</b>	

**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	49			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

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

2021 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	
Burns Truck Stop	Convenience store	3	
Hollow Village General Store	Convenience store, gas	3	
Claudette & Dean's Place	Restaurant		
Town of Stratford	Municipal services		1773

*Employer Information Supplied by Municipality***TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

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

**COMMUTING TO WORK***(ACS 2016-2020)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>80.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>3.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.6%</b>
Other means	<b>3.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>12.7%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>22.1 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020**

Working in community of residence	<b>86.1%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>13.0%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>0.9%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

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