Stratford, NH

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Board of Selectmen
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Selectmen: Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 3:30 pm; Town Clerk, Tax Collector: Tuesday, 12 noon - 6 pm, Wednesday, 1 pm - 7 pm, second 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 58 years, dropping by 348, from 1,029 in 1960 to 681 in 2018. 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 2018 Census estimate for Stratford was 681 residents, which ranked 210th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 8.5 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with Easton. Stratford contains 79.9 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.
### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

<table>
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<th>Type of Government</th>
<th>Selectmen</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019</td>
<td>$827,405</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2019-2020</td>
<td>$2,406,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1995</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2008</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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### 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:** State Police
- **Fire Department:** Part-time & volunteer
- **Emergency Medical Service:**
  - Nearest Hospital(s): Distance Staffed Beds
  - Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook: 15 miles 12
  - 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:** 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

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
<th>Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
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<tr>
<td>2018</td>
<td>$25.16</td>
<td>108.7</td>
<td>$34.46</td>
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### 2018 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

- Residential Land and Buildings: 46.1%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 5.5%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 42.8%

### HOUSING

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<th>Type of Housing</th>
<th>(ACS 2014-2018)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Housing Units</td>
<td>571</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
<td>396</td>
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<td>Two to Four Units in Structure</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Five or More Units in Structure</td>
<td>22</td>
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<td>Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units</td>
<td>137</td>
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### POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL) (US Census Bureau)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2018</td>
<td>681</td>
<td>31,589</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>746</td>
<td>33,055</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>943</td>
<td>33,156</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>928</td>
<td>34,879</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>989</td>
<td>35,014</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>980</td>
<td>34,189</td>
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### DEMOGRAPHICS

#### AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2014-2018

- **Population by Gender**
  - Male: 349
  - Female: 323
  - Male: 73.2%
  - Female: 9.2%

- **Population by Age Group**
  - Under age 5: 16
  - Age 5 to 19: 152
  - Age 20 to 34: 55
  - Age 35 to 54: 222
  - Age 55 to 64: 95
  - Age 65 and over: 132
  - Median Age: 45.0 years

- **Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
  - High school graduate or higher: 73.2%
  - Bachelor’s degree or higher: 9.2%

- **Income, Inflation Adjusted $** (ACS 2014-2018)
  - Per capita income: $17,740
  - Median family income: $39,432
  - Median household income: $37,955

  - Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
    - Male: $30,089
    - Female: $25,536

- **Individuals below the poverty level:** 27.5%

#### LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELM)

- **Annual Average**
  - 2008: 2018
  - Civilian labor force: 426
  - Employed: 388
  - Unemployed: 38
  - Unemployment rate: 8.9%

#### EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELM)

- **Annual Average Covered Employment**
  - 2008: 2018
  - Total Private Industry
    - Average Employment: 30
    - Average Weekly Wage: $290
  - Goods Producing Industries
    - Average Employment: 7
    - Average Weekly Wage: $406
  - Service Providing Industries
    - Average Employment: 24
    - Average Weekly Wage: $258
  - Government (Federal, State, and Local)
    - Average Employment: 59
    - Average Weekly Wage: $511
  - Total, Private Industry plus Government
    - Average Employment: 90
    - Average Weekly Wage: $436

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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) Region: **3**

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<tr>
<th>Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)</th>
<th>Elementary</th>
<th>Middle/Junior High</th>
<th>High School</th>
<th>Private/Parochial</th>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Schools</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>Grade Levels</td>
<td>PK 1-8</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Enrollment</td>
<td>66</td>
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Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

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

#### 2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

- Total Facilities: 0
- Total Capacity: 0

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<tr>
<th>Largest Businesses</th>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stratford School</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>20</td>
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<tr>
<td>North Woods Trading Post</td>
<td>Gas, convenience, pizza</td>
<td>4</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hollow Village General Store</td>
<td>Convenience store, gas</td>
<td>3</td>
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<td>Burns Truck Stop</td>
<td>Convenience store</td>
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<td>Town of Stratford</td>
<td>Municipal services</td>
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<td>1773</td>
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<tr>
<td>Claudette &amp; Dean's Place</td>
<td>Restaurant</td>
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### Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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<th>Transportation (distances estimated from city/town hall)</th>
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<td>Road Access: US Routes 3</td>
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<td>State Routes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nearest Interstate, Exit I-91 (VT), Exit 28; I-93, Exit 41 Distance 36 miles; 43 miles</td>
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<td>Railroad St. Lawrence &amp; Atlantic</td>
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<td>Public Transportation No</td>
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<td>Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation Gifford Field, Colebrook Runway 2,440 ft. turf</td>
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<td>Lighted? No</td>
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<td>Navigation Aids? No</td>
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<td>Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service Lebanon Municipal Distance 110 miles</td>
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<tr>
<td>Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport 1</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<th>Commuting to Work (ACS 2014-2018)</th>
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<td>Workers 16 years and over</td>
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<td>Drove alone, car/truck/van 73.7%</td>
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<td>Public transportation 0.0%</td>
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<td>Walked 1.7%</td>
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<td>Other means 16.0%</td>
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<td>Worked at home 10.8%</td>
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<td>Mean Travel Time to Work 28.8 minutes</td>
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<th>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018</th>
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<td>Working in community of residence 29.3%</td>
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<td>Commuting to another NH community 64.2%</td>
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<td>Commuting out-of-state 6.5%</td>
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### Recreation, Attractions, and Events

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

Nearest Ski Area(s): Nash Stream Forest; Quad Rodeo; 4-Wheeler Trails; 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