

Stratham, NH



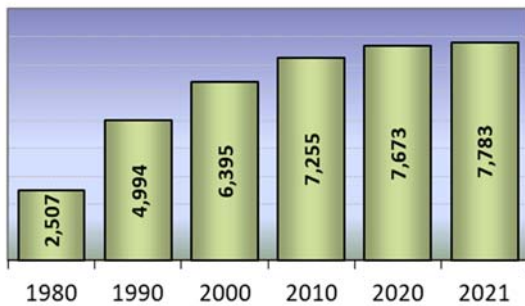
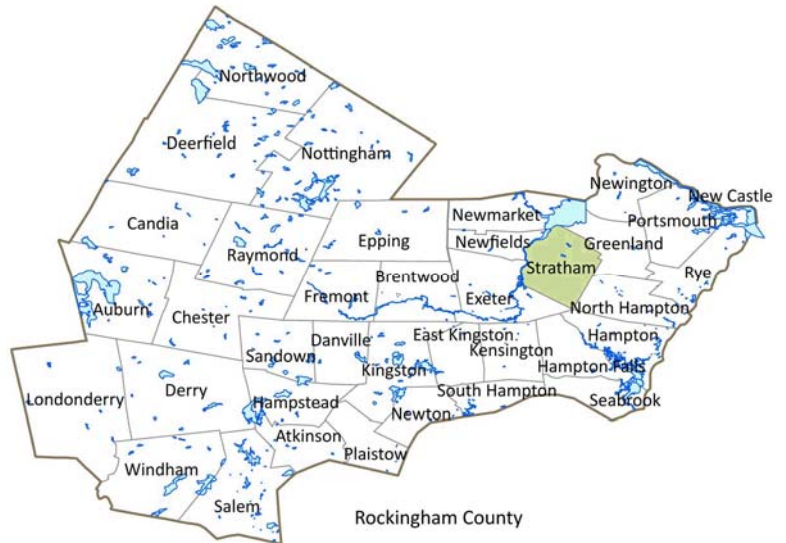
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County	Rockingham
Labor Market Area	Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Tourism Region	Seacoast
Planning Commission	Rockingham
Regional Development	Regional Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 1
Executive Council	District 3
State Senate	District 24
State Representative	Rockingham County Districts 12, 33

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, Wriothlesley Russell, Baron Howland of Streatham.

Villages and Place Names: unknown

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



Population Trends: Population change for Stratham totaled 5,276 over 41 years, from 2,507 in 1980 to 7,783 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 99 percent between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,783 residents, which ranked 42nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 514.7 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, 2021	\$8,050,185		
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Zoning Ordinance	1957/15		
Master Plan	2019		
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectboard; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Town Clerk/Tax Collector		
Appointed:	Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Heritage; Recreation; Public Works; Energy; Zoning		
Public Library	Wiggin Memorial		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department	Full-time		
Fire Department	Part-time		
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	3 miles	99	
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	9 miles	188	
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 <i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>			
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.52		
2021 Equalization Ratio	81.8		
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.06		
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	83.7%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.4%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	1.9%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Total Housing Units	2,970		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached			
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	123		
Five or More Units in Structure	130		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	64		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	7,783	316,947	
2020	7,695	314,430	
2010	7,255	295,223	
2000	6,395	278,748	
1990	4,994	246,744	
1980	2,507	190,345	
DEMOGRAPHICS <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	3,670	Female	3,796
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	293		
Age 5 to 19	1,474		
Age 20 to 34	825		
Age 35 to 54	2,287		
Age 55 to 64	1,264		
Age 65 and over	1,323		
Median Age	48.2 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	97.3%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	58.6%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>			
Per capita income	\$62,776		
Median family income	\$134,650		
Median household income	\$126,009		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$118,125		
Female	\$65,714		
Individuals below the poverty level	2.4%		
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2011	2021	
Civilian labor force	4,241	4,572	
Employed	4,044	4,445	
Unemployed	197	127	
Unemployment rate	4.6%	2.8%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	609	786	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,231	\$1,860	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	2,801	3,006	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,548	\$1,245	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	3,410	3,791	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,492	\$1,372	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	346	412	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 993	\$1,151	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,756	4,203	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,446	\$1,351	

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**

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	481	1,057		161

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH; Southern NH University; Franklin Pierce University**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **5** Total Capacity: **432**

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
AutoFair/Nissan of Stratham	Car dealership, sales, and service	35	2012
Seacoast Imported Auto, Inc.	Vehicle dealership	35	1991
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 2016-2020)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	83.0%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.0%
Public transportation	0.6%
Walked	1.6%
Other means	0.7%
Worked at home	11.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	26.5 minutes
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020	
Working in community of residence	73.1%
Commuting to another NH community	14.8%
Commuting out-of-state	12.1%

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
	Museums
	Cinemas
	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