

Stratham, NH



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Labor Market Area
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Rockingham
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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

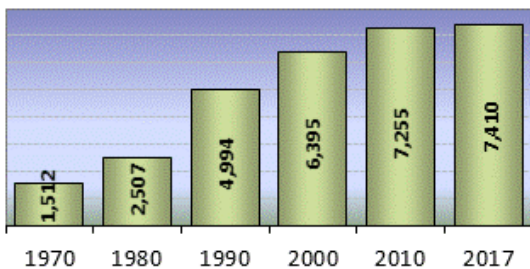
Incorporated: 1716

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, Wriothsley 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 6,377 over 57 years, from 1,033 in 1960 to 7,410 in 2017. The largest decennial



percent change was an increase of 99 percent between 1980 and 1990; the smallest, 13 percent between 2000 and 2010. The 2017 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,410 residents, which ranked 41st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2017 (US Census Bureau): 490.1 persons per square mile of land area. Stratham contains 15.1 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government	Selectmen		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	\$6,861,959		
Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018	\$10,773,635		
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	Part-time		
Emergency Medical Service	Part-time		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	3 miles	99	
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	9 miles	209	
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>			
2017 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$20.30		
2017 Equalization Ratio	89.1		
2017 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$18.05		
2017 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	83.8%		
Commercial Land and Buildings	14.4%		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.1%		
HOUSING <i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>			
Total Housing Units	2,913		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	2,601		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	131		
Five or More Units in Structure	135		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	46		

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2017	7,410	306,363	
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 <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2013-2017</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	3,854	Female	3,518
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	403		
Age 5 to 19	1,516		
Age 20 to 34	830		
Age 35 to 54	2,346		
Age 55 to 64	1,272		
Age 65 and over	1,005		
Median Age	44.4 years		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	97.7%		
Bachelor's degree or higher	63.3%		
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$ <i>(ACS 2013-2017)</i>			
Per capita income	\$54,956		
Median family income	\$136,932		
Median household income	\$107,297		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	\$108,056		
Female	\$54,719		
Individuals below the poverty level	.7%		
LABOR FORCE <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2007	2017	
Civilian labor force	4,116	4,520	
Employed	3,985	4,421	
Unemployed	131	99	
Unemployment rate	3.2%	2.2%	
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2007	2017	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	571	825	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,150	\$1,454	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	2,905	3,182	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,059	\$ 970	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	3,476	4,007	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,074	\$1,070	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	518	451	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 788	\$ 919	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,994	4,458	
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,037	\$1,055	

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	543	1,258		178

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

2017 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 2013-2017)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		80.4%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		5.8%	
Public transportation		0.0%	
Walked		1.2%	
Other means		0.5%	
Worked at home		12.2%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		29.2 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2013-2017			
Working in community of residence		27.1	
Commuting to another NH community		55.1	
Commuting out-of-state		17.8	

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