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
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 Winnicutt. 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, Wriothesley 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 6,432 over 58 years, from 1,033 in 1960 to 7,465 in 2018. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 99 percent between 1980 and 1990; the smallest, 13 percent between 2000 and 2010. The 2018 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,465 residents, which ranked 41st among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2018 (US Census Bureau): 493.7 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

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018</td>
<td>$6,861,959</td>
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<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2017-2018</td>
<td>$10,773,635</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1957/15</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>1998</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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**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

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<td>Police Department</td>
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<td>Emergency Medical Service</td>
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**Nearest Hospital(s)**
- Exeter Hospital, Exeter: 3 miles, 99 Staffed Beds
- Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth: 9 miles, 209 Staffed Beds

### Utilities

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<th>Utility</th>
<th>Supplier</th>
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<td>Electric Supplier</td>
<td>Unitil; Eversource Energy</td>
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<td>Natural Gas Supplier</td>
<td>Unitil</td>
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<td>Water Supplier</td>
<td>Private wells/Town of Exeter</td>
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<td>Sanitation</td>
<td>Private septic/Town of Exeter</td>
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<td>Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Solid Waste Disposal</td>
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<td>Curbside Trash Pickup</td>
<td>Municipal</td>
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<td>Pay-As-You-Throw Program</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Recycling Program</td>
<td>Voluntary</td>
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<tr>
<td>Telephone Company</td>
<td>Fairpoint</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cellular Telephone Access</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Cable Television Access</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Public Access Television Station</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>High Speed Internet Service</td>
<td>Business</td>
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<td>Residential</td>
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### 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>
<th>Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type</th>
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<tr>
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<td>2018</td>
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<td>Residential Land and Buildings</td>
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<td></td>
<td>$20.30</td>
<td>89.1</td>
<td>$18.05</td>
<td>83.8%</td>
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<td>Commercial Land and Buildings</td>
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<td>14.4%</td>
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<td>Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other</td>
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<td>2.1%</td>
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### Housing

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<tr>
<th>Type of Housing</th>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Detached or Attached</th>
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<tr>
<td>Housing Units</td>
<td>2,955</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single-Family Units</td>
<td>2,610</td>
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### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Population</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2018</td>
<td>7,465</td>
<td>309,176</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>7,255</td>
<td>295,223</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>6,395</td>
<td>278,748</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>4,994</td>
<td>246,744</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>2,507</td>
<td>190,345</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>1,512</td>
<td>138,951</td>
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### Demographics

**Population by Gender**
- Male: 3,911
- Female: 3,507

**Population by Age Group**
- Under age 5: 351
- Age 5 to 19: 1,500
- Age 20 to 34: 919
- Age 35 to 54: 2,104
- Age 55 to 64: 1,401
- Age 65 and over: 1,143
- Median Age: 46.5 years

**Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over**
- High school graduate or higher: 96.9%
- Bachelor's degree or higher: 61.5%

### Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2014-2018)

- Per capita income: $56,673
- Median family income: $136,250
- Median household income: $113,833
- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $110,735
  - Female: $57,477
- Individuals below the poverty level: 1.1%

### Labor Force (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average: 2008 – 2018
- Civilian labor force: 4,144 – 4,555
- Employed: 4,011 – 4,455
- Unemployment: 133 – 100
- Unemployment rate: 3.2% – 2.2%

### Employment & Wages (NHES – ELMI)

- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2008 – 2018
- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 593 – 806
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,218 – $1,536
- Service Providing Industries
  - Average Employment: 2,854 – 3,255
  - Average Weekly Wage: $932 – $980
- Total Private Industry
  - Average Employment: 3,446 – 4,061
  - Average Weekly Wage: $981 – $1,090

### Government (Federal, State, and Local)

- Average Employment: 520 – 487
- Average Weekly Wage: $847 – $929

- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 3,966 – 4,548
  - Average Weekly Wage: $964 – $1,073

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, March 2020. Community Response Received 6/14/2018
**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)  
Number of Schools: 1  
Grade Levels: P K 1-5  
Total Enrollment: 560  

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 6  
Total Capacity: 445  

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**  
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Timberland</td>
<td>Retail outdoor sport equipment, catalog</td>
<td>650</td>
<td>1994</td>
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<td>Lindt Spruill, Inc.</td>
<td>Chocolate manufacturer</td>
<td>250</td>
<td>1990</td>
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<td>Market Basket</td>
<td>Supermarket</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>1981</td>
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<td>Shaw's Supermarket</td>
<td>Supermarket</td>
<td>143</td>
<td>1975</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bauer Performance Sports</td>
<td>Retail sports equipment</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>1927</td>
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<tr>
<td>Bell &amp; Flynn</td>
<td>Sand, gravel, construction</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>1958</td>
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<td>Seacoast Imported Auto, Inc.</td>
<td>Vehicle dealership</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>1991</td>
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<td>AutoFair/Nissan of Stratham</td>
<td>Car dealership, sales, and service</td>
<td>35</td>
<td>2012</td>
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<tr>
<td>H D Smith</td>
<td>Distributor</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>2006</td>
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<td>Staples</td>
<td>Retail office products, services</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>2005</td>
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Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**  
Road Access  
US Routes: 33, 101, 108  
State Routes: I-95, Exit 2  
Distance: 6 miles  

Railroad  
Amtrack, Boston & Maine  
Distance: 6 miles  

Public Transportation  
Coast  
Distance: 6 miles  

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 2014-2018)**  
Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van: 84.6%  
Carpooled, car/truck/van: 3.7%  
Public transportation: 0.4%  
_walked: 0.9%  
Other means: 10.3%  
Worked at home: 9.9%  
Mean Travel Time to Work: 28.4 minutes  

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2014-2018  
Working in community of residence: 21.4  
Commuting to another NH community: 61.9  
Commuting out-of-state: 16.7  

**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