

# Stratham, NH



## Community Contact

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County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

Rockingham  
Portsmouth, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA  
Seacoast  
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

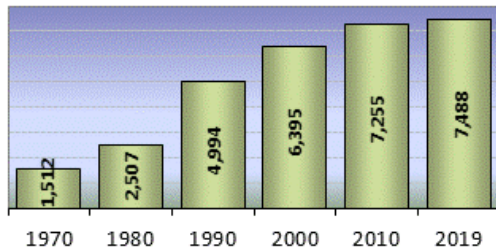
**Incorporated:** 1716

**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, Wriothesley Russell, Baron Howland of Streatham.

**Villages and Place Names:** unknown

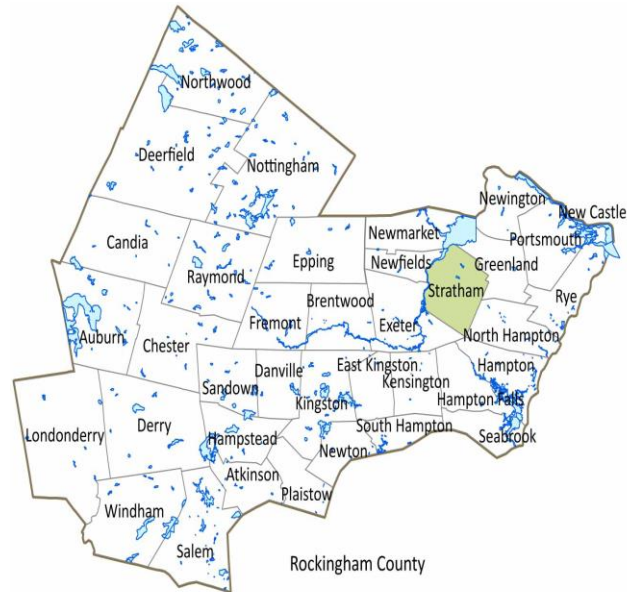
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 882 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Stratham totaled 5,976 over 49 years, from 1,512 in 1970 to 7,488 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was an increase of 99 percent between 1980 and 1990; the smallest, 13 percent between 2000 and 2010. The 2019 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,488 residents, which ranked 41st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



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**Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau):** 495.2 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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>			
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>		
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2018	<b>\$6,861,959</b>		
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Zoning Ordinance	<b>1957/15</b>		
Master Plan	<b>1998</b>		
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>		
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>		
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Checklist; Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>		
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation; Heritage; Recreation; Public Works; Energy; Zoning; Economic Development</b>		
Public Library	<b>Wiggin Memorial</b>		
<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Part-time</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Part-time</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Exeter Hospital, Exeter</b>	<b>3 miles</b>	<b>99</b>	
<b>Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth</b>	<b>9 miles</b>	<b>209</b>	
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>Unitil; Eversource Energy</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>Unitil</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells/Town of Exeter</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Private septic/Town of Exeter</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Municipal</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Voluntary</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</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>			
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.63</b>		
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>98.6</b>		
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$18.28</b>		
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>83.8%</b>		
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>14.5%</b>		
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.7%</b>		
<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Total Housing Units	<b>2,960</b>		
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>2,631</b>		
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>139</b>		
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>140</b>		
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>50</b>		

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>7,488</b>	<b>309,769</b>	
2010	<b>7,255</b>	<b>295,223</b>	
2000	<b>6,395</b>	<b>278,748</b>	
1990	<b>4,994</b>	<b>246,744</b>	
1980	<b>2,507</b>	<b>190,345</b>	
1970	<b>1,512</b>	<b>138,951</b>	
<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>3,833</b>	Female	<b>3,594</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5	<b>325</b>		
Age 5 to 19	<b>1,499</b>		
Age 20 to 34	<b>878</b>		
Age 35 to 54	<b>2,072</b>		
Age 55 to 64	<b>1,436</b>		
Age 65 and over	<b>1,217</b>		
Median Age	<b>46.9 years</b>		
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher	<b>97.0%</b>		
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>58.6%</b>		
<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b> <i>(ACS 2015-2019)</i>			
Per capita income	<b>\$56,070</b>		
Median family income	<b>\$133,445</b>		
Median household income	<b>\$109,483</b>		
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male	<b>\$104,141</b>		
Female	<b>\$56,923</b>		
Individuals below the poverty level	<b>1.7%</b>		
<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2009	2019	
Civilian labor force	<b>4,145</b>	<b>4,599</b>	
Employed	<b>3,938</b>	<b>4,497</b>	
Unemployed	<b>207</b>	<b>102</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	
<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>557</b>	<b>798</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,086</b>	<b>\$1,513</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>2,728</b>	<b>3,155</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,019</b>	<b>\$1,071</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>3,285</b>	<b>3,953</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,031</b>	<b>\$1,160</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>526</b>	<b>438</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 888</b>	<b>\$ 988</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>3,811</b>	<b>4,392</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$1,011</b>	<b>\$1,143</b>	

**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	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>		<b>P K 1-8</b>
Total Enrollment	<b>560</b>	<b>1,217</b>		<b>170</b>

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	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	<b>33, 101, 108</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit		<b>I-95, Exit 2</b>
	Distance	<b>6 miles</b>
Railroad	<b>Amtrack, Boston &amp; Maine</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>COAST</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Hampton Airfield</b>	Runway	<b>2,100 ft. turf</b>
Lighted? <b>Yes</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>35 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>31 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>62 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>52 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>260 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>286 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2015-2019)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>86.7%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>2.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.6%</b>
Walked	<b>0.9%</b>
Other means	<b>9.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>18.6%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>29.3 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

Working in community of residence	<b>20.1</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>61.3</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>18.6</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Museums
	Cinemas
<b>X</b>	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Baseball
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
<b>X</b>	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
<b>X</b>	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Gunstock, Sunday River (ME)</b>
	Other: <b>Stratham Fair; Lacrosse; Outdoor Skating Rink</b>