

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

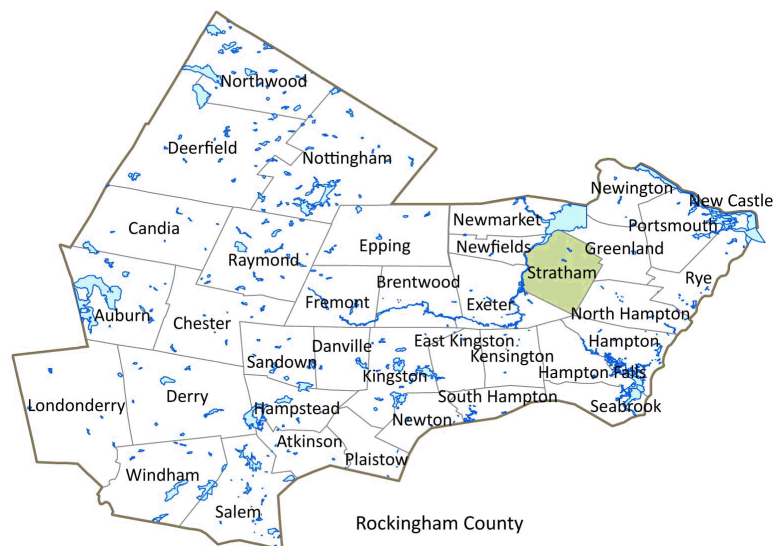
Origin: This territory was settled in 1631, a part of the Squamscott Patent granted to Edward Hilton, under the leadership of Captain Thomas Wiggin, who was called Governor. The settlement was called Squamscott, and was also known by the Indian name of Winnicutt. In 1695 the territory was annexed to 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 6,161 over 50 years, from 1,512 in 1970 to 7,673 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 99 percent increase from 1980 to 1990, doubling the population. The town's population increased by six percent from 2010 to 2020. The 2022 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,801 residents, which ranked 42nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau): 515.9 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, 2022		\$8,211,188	
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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	173
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		Consolidated Communications	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		No	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Yes	
	Residential	Yes	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$18.71	
2022 Equalization Ratio		70.3	
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$13.09	
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		83.9%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		14.4%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.7%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Total Housing Units		3,088	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		2,769	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		118	
Five or More Units in Structure		160	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		41	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2022	7,801		319,424
2020	7,669		314,176
2010	7,255		295,223
2000	6,395		278,748
1990	4,994		246,744
1980	2,507		190,345
DEMOGRAPHICS		AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021	
Population by Gender			
Male	3,521	Female	4,141
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5		386	
Age 5 to 19		1,514	
Age 20 to 34		889	
Age 35 to 54		2,171	
Age 55 to 64		1,302	
Age 65 and over		1,400	
Median Age		46.5 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:		5,625	
High school graduate or higher		96.7%	
Bachelor's degree or higher		60.7%	
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2017-2021)	
Per capita income		\$62,761	
Median family income		\$140,539	
Median household income		\$130,923	
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male		\$105,708	
Female		\$66,058	
Individuals below the poverty level		3.9%	
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average		2012	2022
Civilian labor force		4,288	4,658
Employed		4,104	4,563
Unemployed		184	95
Unemployment rate		4.3%	2.0%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment		2012	2022
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment		608	778
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,227	\$1,889
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment		2,717	3,075
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,063	\$1,299
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment		3,325	3,854
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,093	\$1,419
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment		375	422
Average Weekly Wage		\$ 956	\$1,112
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment		3,700	4,276
Average Weekly Wage		\$1,079	\$1,388
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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	521	951		156

Nearest Community College: **Great Bay**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2022 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	500	1994
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	143	1975
Lindt Sprugli, Inc.	Chocolate manufacturer	1,000	1990
Market Basket	Supermarket	150	1981
Bauer Performance Sports	Retail sports equipment	50	1927
H D Smith	Distributor	25	2006
Bell & Flynn	Sand, gravel, construction	44	1958
Staples	Retail office products, services	25	2005
Seacoast Imported Auto, Inc.	Vehicle dealership	35	1991
AutoFair/Nissan of Stratham	Car dealership, sales, and service	35	2012

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 2017-2021*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	82.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	3.5%
Public transportation	1.3%
Walked	1.6%
Other means	0.9%
Worked at home	10.6%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.0 minutes
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	19.9%
Commuting to another NH community	69.5%
Commuting out-of-state	10.6%

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**