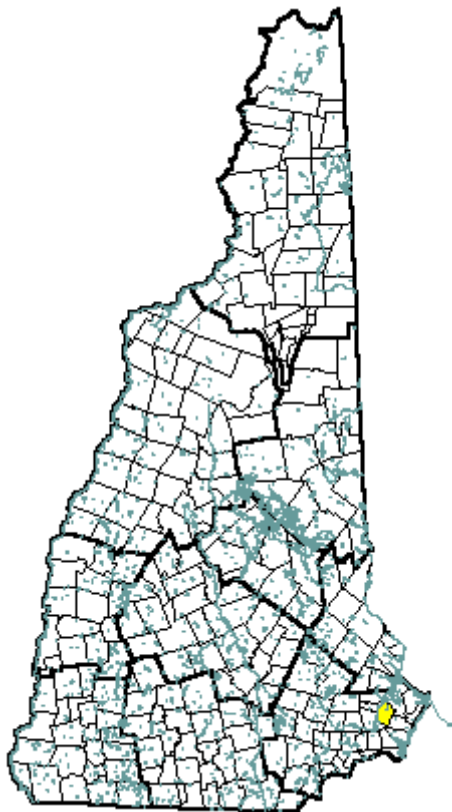


Stratham, NH



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County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Rockingham
Portsmouth NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion
Seacoast
Rockingham
Rockingham Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 23
Rockingham County District 13

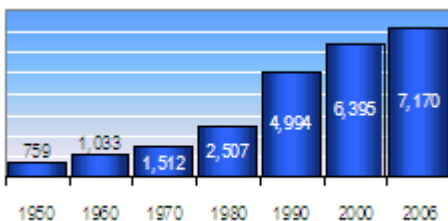
Incorporated: 1716

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: Stratham had the tenth largest percent change over 50 years, with the largest decennial percent change 99 percent between



1980 and 1990; the smallest, 28 percent between 1990 and 2000. Population change totaled 5,636, from 759 in 1950 to 6,395 in 2000. The 2006 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,170 residents, which ranked 45th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2006: 474.2 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, 2007	\$4,734,745
Budget: School Appropriations, 2007-2008	\$23,163,517
Zoning Ordinance	1957/07
Master Plan	1998
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Recreation; Heritage; Zoning; Public Works

Public Library **Wiggin Memorial****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full-time
Fire Department	Volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	8/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Exeter Hospital, Exeter	3 miles 100
Portsmouth Regional, Portsmouth	9 miles 209

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Unitil; PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	Northern Utilities
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business Residential
	Yes Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2006 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.02
2006 Equalization Ratio	86.2
2006 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.49
2006 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	85.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.3%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.5%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2006 Total Housing Units	2,774
2006 Single-Family Units	2,041
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	28
2006 Multi-Family Units	720
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	5
2006 Manufactured Housing Units	13

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2006	7,170	296,267
2000	6,395	278,748
1990	4,994	246,744
1980	2,507	190,345
1970	1,512	138,951

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender

Male	3,094	Female	3,261
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	432
Age 5 to 19	1,538
Age 20 to 34	833
Age 35 to 54	2,494
Age 55 to 64	494
Age 65 and over	564
Median Age	37.9 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	96.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	49.6%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$33,270
Median 4-person family income	\$81,391
Median household income	\$76,726
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$53,271
Female	\$36,759
Families below the poverty level	0.5%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1996	2006
Civilian labor force	3,123	4,045
Employed	3,043	3,920
Unemployed	80	125
Unemployment rate	2.6%	3.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1996	2006
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	305	570
Average Weekly Wage	\$642	\$1,149
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,005	2,793
Average Weekly Wage	\$596	\$1,103
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,310	3,363
Average Weekly Wage	\$602	\$1,111
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	244	498
Average Weekly Wage	\$467	\$771
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,554	3,860
Average Weekly Wage	\$589	\$1,067

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

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, Exeter			Region: 18
Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1		2
Grade Levels	P K 1-5	6-8		K 1-12
Total Enrollment	621	1,326		154
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2007:	Total Facilities: 8	Total Capacity: 359		
Nearest Community/Technical College:	Stratham			
Nearest Colleges or Universities:	McIntosh; University of NH; Southern NH University; Franklin Pierce University			

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberland	Retail, outdoor sport equipment, catalog	650	1994
Lindt Sprugli, Inc.	Chocolate manufacturer	295	1990
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	210	1975
Market Basket	Supermarket	150	1981
Vitronics Soltec	Computer assembly machinery	100	1998
H D Smith	Distributor	100	2006
Bell & Flynn	Sand, gravel, construction	44	1958
Seacoast Imported Auto, Inc.	Vehicle dealership	35	1991
Staples	Retailer, office products	25	2005

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	Yes	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
Hampton Airfield	Runway	2,100 ft. turf
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	No
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
Pease International	Distance	10 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	2	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	32 miles	
Portland, Maine	67 miles	
Boston, Mass.	53 miles	
New York City, NY	264 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	287 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	87.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	4.0%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	0.2%
Other means	1.7%
Worked at home	6.9%
Mean Travel Time to Work	27.2 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	19%
Commuting to another NH community	63%
Commuting out-of-state	17%

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
	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
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock, Sunday River (ME)
	Other: Stratham Fair; Lacross; Outdoor Skating Rink