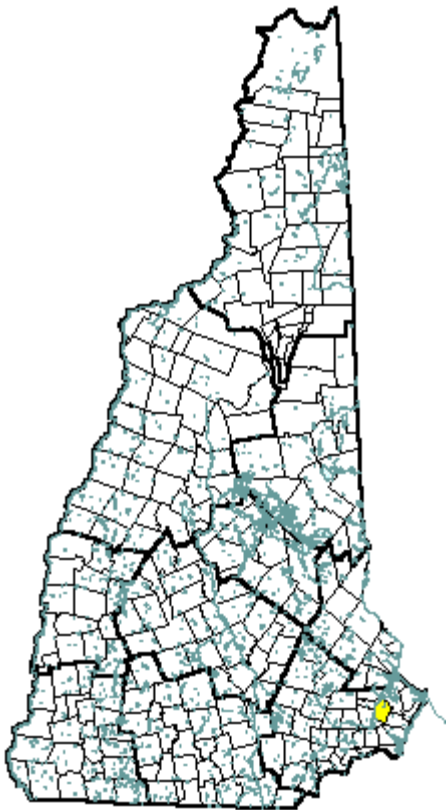


Stratham, NH



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County

Rockingham

Labor Market Area

Portsmouth NH-ME Metro-NECTA, NH Portion

Tourism Region

Seacoast

Planning Commission

Rockingham

Regional Development

Rockingham Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 1
District 3
District 23
Rockingham County District 13

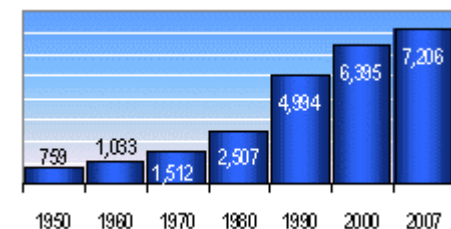
Incorporated: 1716

Origin: This territory was settled in 1631, a part of the Squamscott Patent granted to Edward Hilton, under the leadership of Captain Thomas Wiggan, 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: 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 2007 Census estimate for Stratham was 7,206 residents, which ranked 44th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 476.4 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, 2009	\$4,923,240
Budget: School Appropriations, 2009	\$21,661,026
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; Zoning; Conservation; Heritage; Recreation; 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	Fairpoint
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)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$19.10
2007 Equalization Ratio	85.1
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.32
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	2.4%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	2,806
2007 Single-Family Units	2,069
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	28
2007 Multi-Family Units	724
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	4
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	13

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	7,206	296,543
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
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	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	3,222	4,087
Employed	3,160	3,955
Unemployed	62	132
Unemployment rate	1.9%	3.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	321	571
Average Weekly Wage	\$624	\$1,150
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	2,034	2,905
Average Weekly Wage	\$720	\$1,059
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	2,356	3,476
Average Weekly Wage	\$707	\$1,074
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	243	518
Average Weekly Wage	\$481	\$788
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	2,599	3,994
Average Weekly Wage	\$686	\$1,037

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	620	1,366		146
NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008:	Total Facilities: 7	Total Capacity: 320		
Nearest Community College:	Great Bay			
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
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	210	1975
Lindt Sprugli, Inc.	Chocolate manufacturer	295	1990
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	Retail office products, services	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		
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	35 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	8	
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