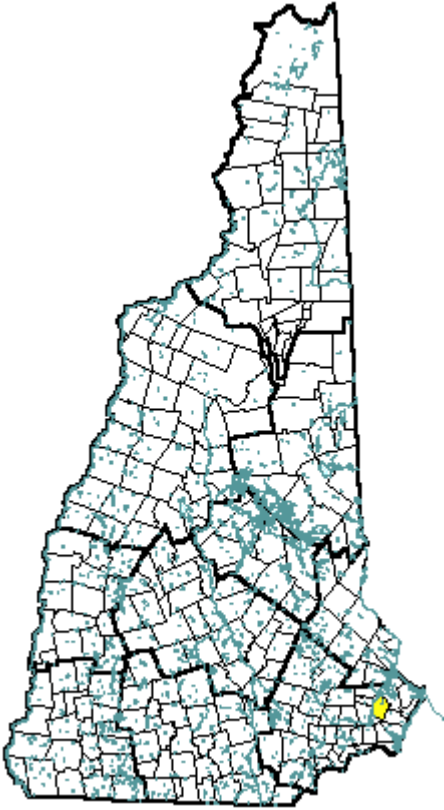


Stratham, NH



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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	District 1
Executive Council	District 3
State Senate	District 23
State Representative	Rockingham County District 13

Incorporated: 1716

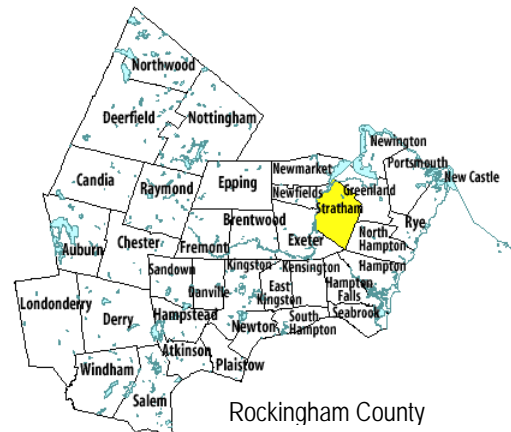
Origin: Settled in 1631, this area, called Winnicut by the Indians, was known as Squamscott Patent or Point of Rocks because of its location between the Great Bay and the Squamscott River. The sixth town to be incorporated in New Hampshire, the town was named for a friend of Governor Samuel Shute of Massachusetts, Wriothsesley Russell, Baron Howland of Streatham.

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

Population Trends: Stratham's population grew well above the statewide average rate, and had the tenth highest percent increase over fifty years. Decennial growth rates ranged from a 28 percent increase between 1990-2000 to a 98 percent increase between 1980-1990. Overall, Stratham's population grew by a total of 5,596 residents, going from 759 in 1950 to 6,355 in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Stratham was 6,892 residents, which ranked 45th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 455.8 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.

Villages and Place Names:



MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$4,018,711
Budget: School Appropriations	not available
Zoning Ordinance	1957/05
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):

Exeter Hospital; Portsmouth Regional
 Distance: 3 miles Staffed Beds: 88; 165

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	Exeter & Hampton; 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	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.00
2004 Equalization Ratio	89.9
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$14.42
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	84.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	12.4%
Other Property including Utilities	2.7%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	2,597
2003 Single-Family Units	1,886
Building Permits Issued	72
2003 Multi-Family Units	696
Building Permits Issued	7
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	15

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	6,892	292,526
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

(Census 2000)

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

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	3,110	3,761
Employed	3,024	3,637
Unemployed	86	124
Unemployment rate	2.8%	3.3%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	262	408
Average Weekly Wage	\$595	\$892
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	1,300	2,705
Average Weekly Wage	\$423	\$1,317
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	1,562	3,113
Average Weekly Wage	\$452	\$1,262
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	214	484
Average Weekly Wage	\$475	\$679
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	1,777	3,597
Average Weekly Wage	\$454	\$1,183

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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, 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-12
Total Enrollment	626	1,366		n/a

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: **11** Total Capacity: **390**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Stratham**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **McIntosh; University of NH; Southern NH University; Franklin Pierce College**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Timberland	Retail, outdoor sport equipment, catalog	650	1994
Shaw's Supermarket	Supermarket	195	1975
Lindt Sprugli, Inc.	Chocolate manufacturer	170	1990
Market Basket	Supermarket	150	1981
Vitronics Soltec	Computer assembly machinery	100	1998
Seacoast Newspapers	Printing, publishing	70	1986
Bell & Flynn	Sand, gravel, construction	44	1958
Staples	Retailer, office products	25	2005

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	
	State Routes	33, 101, 108
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-95, Exit 4, 3, 3B
	Distance	4 miles
Railroad		Amtrack, Boston & Maine
Public Transportation		Yes
Nearest Airport		Pease
	Runway	11,321 feet
	Lighted? Yes	Navigational Aids? Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport		Pease
	Distance	4 miles
Driving distance to select cities:		
	Manchester, NH	32 miles
	Portland, Maine	68 miles
	Boston, Mass.	54 miles
	New York City, NY	261 miles
	Montreal, Quebec	288 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

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
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock; Sunday River (ME)
	Other: Stratham Fair; Lacross; Outdoor skating rink