

# Stratford, NH



## Community Contact

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## Municipal Office Hours

**Selectmen, Town Administrative Assistant: M-Th 9-3:30; Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Monday, 10-1, Tuesday, 3-6, Wednesday, 9-3:30, or by appointment**

County  
Labor Market Area  
Tourism Region  
Planning Commission  
Regional Development

**Coös  
Littleton, NH-VT LMA, NH part  
Great North Woods  
North Country Council  
Coös Economic Development Corp.**

## Election Districts

US Congress  
Executive Council  
State Senate  
State Representative

**District 2  
District 1  
District 1  
Coös County District 1**

**Incorporated: 1773**

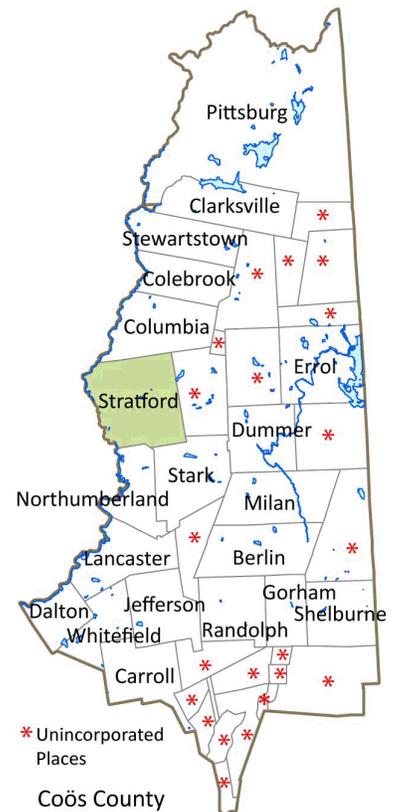
**Origin:** This territory was chartered in 1762 to early settlers mostly from Woodbury, Connecticut, as Woodbury. Indian troubles had many families forfeiting their claims, and even after a 1770 charter renewal, the original grantees were unable to make a settlement. The territory was chartered again in 1773 to Joshua Wentworth and others as Stratford, after another town in Connecticut. The name is also in honor of Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare's home. The entire tract was one of the largest granted in New Hampshire, a total of 48,603 acres. The town was incorporated as Stratford in 1779 upon petition by residents.

**Villages and Place Names:** Beatties, Mapleton, Masons, North Stratford, Stratford Center, Stratford Hollow, East Stratford

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 146 residents in 1790

**Population Trends:** Population change for Stratford totaled a negative 335 over 50 years, from 980 in 1970 down to 645 in 2020. The largest decennial percent change was a 21 percent decrease from 2000 to 2010. The town's population decreased by 14 percent from 2010 to 2020, the fifth largest loss among the cities and towns. The 2022 Census estimate for Stratford was 663 residents, which ranked 209th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2022 (US Census Bureau):** 8.3 persons per square mile of land area. Stratford contains 79.9 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	<b>\$1,018,370</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	<b>\$2,457,142</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>2023</b>
Master Plan	<b>2021</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

<b>Boards and Commissions</b>	
Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Trust Funds; Treasurer; Checklist; Moderator; Town Clerk/Tax Collector</b>
Appointed:	<b>Zoning; Planning; Conservation</b>
Public Library	<b>Stratford Public</b>

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>State Police</b>
Fire Department	<b>Part-time &amp; volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook</b>	<b>15 miles</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Weeks Medical Center, Lancaster</b>	<b>22 miles</b>	<b>25</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Nextera; Eversource</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells &amp; municipal</b>
Sanitation	<b>Private septic &amp; municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</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>	
2022 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$19.16</b>
2022 Equalization Ratio	<b>67.2</b>
2022 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$12.65</b>
2022 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>55.0%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>4.9%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>40.0%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> <i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Total Housing Units	<b>532</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>388</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>13</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>26</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>105</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2022	<b>663</b>	<b>31,504</b>	
2020	<b>662</b>	<b>31,268</b>	
2010	<b>746</b>	<b>33,055</b>	
2000	<b>943</b>	<b>33,156</b>	
1990	<b>928</b>	<b>34,879</b>	
1980	<b>989</b>	<b>35,014</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> <i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2017-2021</i>			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>519</b>	Female	<b>311</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>62</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>85</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>107</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>222</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>167</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>187</b>
Median Age			<b>51.8 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over:	<b>605</b>
High school graduate or higher	<b>75.7%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>9.8%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		<i>(ACS 2017-2021)</i>	
Per capita income			<b>\$21,934</b>
Median family income			<b>\$46,210</b>
Median household income			<b>\$45,109</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$22,091</b>
Female			<b>\$32,083</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>30.0%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average	2012	2022	
Civilian labor force	<b>281</b>	<b>259</b>	
Employed	<b>247</b>	<b>241</b>	
Unemployed	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	
Unemployment rate	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> <i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>			
Annual Average Covered Employment	2012	2022	
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 455</b>	<b>\$ 531</b>	
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	<b>31</b>	<b>34</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 364</b>	<b>\$ 726</b>	
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 381</b>	<b>\$ 696</b>	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	<b>40</b>	<b>33</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 467</b>	<b>\$ 549</b>	
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 425</b>	<b>\$ 630</b>	

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**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Stratford operates grades K-8; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Northumberland** District: **SAU 58**  
 Career Technology Center(s): **Hugh J. Gallen Career & Technical Center (Littleton); White Mountains RHS (Whitefield)**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	63			

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities:

2022 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: Total Capacity:

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Stratford School	Education	20	
Town of Stratford	Municipal services		1773
North Woods Trading Post	Gas, convenience, pizza	4	
Burns Truck Stop	Convenience store	3	
Claudette & Dean's Place	Restaurant		

## Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 28; I-93, Exit 41</b>	
Distance	<b>36 miles; 43 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>St. Lawrence &amp; Atlantic</b>	
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Gifford Field, Colebrook</b>	Runway	<b>2,440 ft. turf</b>
Lighted?	<b>No</b>	Navigation Aids? <b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Lebanon Municipal</b>	Distance	<b>110 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>1</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>139 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>139 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>189 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>369 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>135 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2017-2021)**

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>84.4%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>3.3%</b>
Public transportation	<b>.0%</b>
Walked	<b>.7%</b>
Other means	<b>2.0%</b>
Worked at home	<b>9.6%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>21.8 minutes</b>
Percent of Working Residents	
Working in community of residence	<b>21.3%</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>77.0%</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>1.7%</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	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
	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
<b>X</b>	Tourist Attractions
<b>X</b>	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Bretton Woods</b>
	Other: <b>Nash Stream Forest; Quad Rodeo; 4-Wheeler Trails; Nature Conservancy Lands; Grange; Cohos Historical Society; Old Home Day; Lion Cubs 4-H</b>