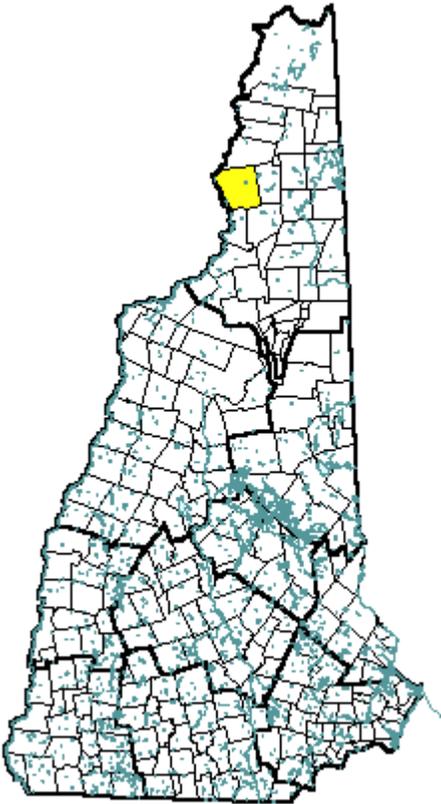


Stratford, NH



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Municipal Office Hours

Selectmen and Administrative Assistant: Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 12 noon and 1 pm - 4 pm, or call for an appointment

County
Labor Market Area
Tourism Region
Planning Commission
Regional Development

Coos
Littleton NH-VT LMA, NH Portion
Great North Woods
North Country Council
Coos Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
Executive Council
State Senate
State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 1
Coos County District 2

Incorporated: 1773

Origin: First granted in 1762 to early settlers mostly from Woodbury, Connecticut, this town was originally named Woodbury. Indian troubles had many families forfeiting their claims, and it was regranted in 1773 as Stratford, also a 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.

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

Population Trends: Stratford had the fifth largest numeric and percent population decrease over the last five decades. Decennial growth rates alternated between growth and loss, ranging from a six percent decrease between 1970-1980 to a six percent increase between 1950-1960. Over fifty years, Stratford's population decreased by 31 residents, going from 973 in 1950 to 942 residents in 2000. The 2004 Census estimate for Stratford was 931 residents, which ranked 188th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density, 2004: 11.7 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.

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



*Unincorporated Places

Coos County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2005	\$813,458
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005	\$1,053,358
Zoning Ordinance	1995
Master Plan	1992
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Cemetery; Planning
Appointed:	Zoning

Public Library **Laura Johnson Memorial; Stratford Public**

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Department	Part-time
Fire Department	Part-time
Town Fire Insurance Rating	7/9
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s):

Upper Conn. Valley, Colebrook or Weeks, Lancaster
 Distance: 13 miles Staffed Beds: 16; 25

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells & Municipal
Sanitation	Private septic & Municipal
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	Yes
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Municipal & private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Verizon
Cellular Telephone Access	No
Cable Television Access	Partial
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	No
Residential	No

PROPERTY TAXES

2004 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$26.41
2004 Equalization Ratio	100.0
2004 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$27.30
2004 Percent of Property Valuation by Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	45.9%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.1%
Other Property including Utilities	50.0%

HOUSING

2003 Total Housing Units	557
2003 Single-Family Units	360
Building Permits Issued	9
2003 Multi-Family Units	94
Building Permits Issued	2
2003 Manufactured Housing Units	102

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population	Community	County
2004	931	33,511
2000	943	33,156
1990	928	34,879
1980	989	35,014
1970	980	34,189

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	435	Female	507

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	50
Age 5 to 19	212
Age 20 to 34	147
Age 35 to 54	271
Age 55 to 64	142
Age 65 and over	120
Median Age	40 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	63.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	6.8%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(Census 2000)

Per capita income	\$13,784
Median 4-person family income	\$33,295
Median household income	\$28,594

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$29,375
Female	\$21,488

Families below the poverty level

10.7%

LABOR FORCE

1994

2004

Annual Average		
Civilian labor force	465	450
Employed	408	413
Unemployed	57	37
Unemployment rate	12.3%	8.2%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

1994

2004

Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	92	11
Average Weekly Wage	\$286	\$338
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	34	31
Average Weekly Wage	\$291	\$331
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	127	42
Average Weekly Wage	\$287	\$333
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	58	69
Average Weekly Wage	\$296	\$354
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	184	110
Average Weekly Wage	\$290	\$346

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Stratford operates grades K-12** District: **SAU 58**
 Career Technology Center(s): **None in Region 01** Region: **01**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1		1	
Grade Levels	K 1-8		9-12	
Total Enrollment	113		59	

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2004: Total Facilities: 0 Total Capacity: 0

Nearest Community/Technical College: **Berlin**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University; Granite State College-Berlin**

LARGEST EMPLOYERS	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Stratford School	Education	50	
Town of Stratford	Municipal services	49 PT/2 FT	1773
Ayer Publishing	Books	4	1993
North Woods Trading Post	Gas, variety	4	
Hollow Village General Store	Gas, variety	3	
Burns Truck Stop	Gas, variety	3	
Trailstop Café	Restaurant	3	
North Stratford Market	Groceries	2	
Mountain View Snack Bar	Fast Food (summer)		

TRANSPORTATION

Road Access	Federal Routes	3
	State Routes	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	I-93, Exit 35	
Distance	49 miles	
Railroad	NH Central RR	
Public Transportation	No	
Nearest Airport	Whitefield	
Runway	3,495 feet	
Lighted?	Yes	
	Navigational Aids?	Yes
Nearest Commercial Airport	Lebanon	
Distance	104 miles	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	134 miles	
Portland, Maine	132 miles	
Boston, Mass.	184 miles	
New York City, NY	363 miles	
Montreal, Quebec	149 miles	

COMMUTING TO WORK

(Census 2000)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	70.2%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	19.1%
Public transportation	1.0%
Walked	3.8%
Other means	1.8%
Worked at home	4.1%
Mean Travel Time to Work	24.8 minutes
Percent of Working Residents:	
Working in community of residence	20%
Commuting to another NH community	61%
Commuting out-of-state	19%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
	Cinemas
	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Balsams Wilderness
	Other: Cohos Historical Society; Nash Stream Forest; Quad Rodeo; 4-wheeler trails; Nature Conservancy Lands; Grange; Old Home Day