

**stratum**['strɑ:təm] *n* (*pl* -*ta*, -*tums* [-{'strɑ:}təmz])

1. *геол.*  
1) пласт, слой  
2) формация
2. *обыкн. pl* слой (*общества*)  
the various strata of society - различные слои общества  
the lower social strata - низшие слои общества
3. уровень  
strata of thought - уровни мышления
4. типическая группа (*в статистике*)
5. *физ.* страта

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**stra-tum** ['strɑ:təm] *n* (*pl* **strata**)

BrE ['strɑ:təm] ; NAmE ['streɪtəm]

1. (*geology*) a layer or set of layers of rock, earth, etc
  - a thick stratum of flint
  - limestone strata
  - Excavated coins can often be dated from other objects in the same stratum.
2. (*formal*) a class in a society
  - people from all social strata

Word Origin:

late 16th cent. (in the sense 'layer or coat of a substance'): modern Latin, from Latin, literally something spread or laid down, neuter past participle of *sternere* 'strew'.

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**stratum** /'strɑ:təm\$ 'streɪ-/ BrE ; AmE ; *noun* (*plural strata* /-tə/) [countable][Date: 1500-1600; Language: Modern Latin; Origin: Latin, 'something spread, bed', from *sternere* 'to spread out']

1. a layer of rock or earth
2. a social class in a society:  
people of different social strata

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