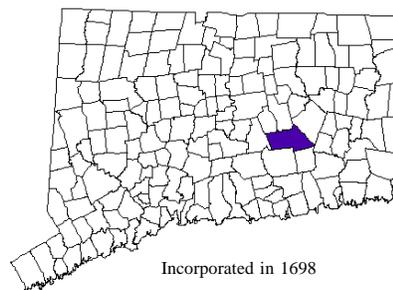


# Colchester

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
New London County  
Hartford Labor Market Area  
Southeast Economic Dev. Region  
Southeastern Connecticut Planning Area



Incorporated in 1698

### Demographics

<i>Population (2001)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (2001)</i>									
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>						
1990	10,980	254,957	3,287,116	White	14,504	240,166	2,997,210						
2000	14,551	259,088	3,405,565	Black	208	11,503	266,880						
2001	14,891	259,938	3,414,784	Asian Pacific	74	3,325	52,248						
2006	15,989	261,457	3,465,947	Native American	45	1,334	6,660						
'01-'06 Growth (AAGR)	1.43%	0.12%	0.30%	Hispanic (any race)	268	13,301	318,289						
Land Area (sq. miles)	49	666	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	4.2%	6.4%	6.6%						
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2001)	304	390	682	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>									
Per Capita Inc. (2001)	\$27,518	\$26,213	\$32,317	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>						
Households (2001)	5,123	95,656	1,285,210	High School Graduate	2,387	32.9%	648,366 29.6%						
Median Age (2001)	34	35	37	Some College	2,185	30.1%	495,696 22.6%						
				Bachelors or More	1,890	26.0%	597,693 27.3%						
<i>Age Distribution (2001)</i>													
	<i>0-4</i>		<i>5-17</i>		<i>18-24</i>		<i>25-49</i>		<i>50-64</i>		<i>65+</i>		<i>Total</i>
Male	598	4%	1,433	10%	537	4%	3,156	21%	951	6%	719	5%	7,394
Female	624	4%	1,346	9%	505	3%	3,081	21%	895	6%	1,046	7%	7,497
County Total	17,426	7%	47,097	18%	22,051	8%	98,126	38%	39,335	15%	35,903	14%	259,938
State Total	213,561	6%	597,220	17%	279,666	8%	1,294,651	38%	544,994	16%	484,692	14%	3,414,784

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (2001)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (2001)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
Agriculture	28	4.7%	67	2.0%	Country place of Colchester LTD Partne	\$7,756,300	1.00%
Const. and Mining	118	19.9%	434	13.2%	S&S Worldwide Inc.	\$6,372,460	0.82%
Manufacturing	22	3.7%	120	3.6%	SS Properties Associates I	\$6,167,500	0.80%
Trans. and Utilities	12	2.0%	168	5.1%	Connecticut Light & Power	\$5,095,740	0.66%
Trade	128	21.6%	802	24.4%	Genesis Health Ventures of Bloomfield	\$4,037,000	0.52%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	36	6.1%	138	4.2%	Net Grand List ()	\$774,720,320	
Services	242	40.8%	1,489	45.3%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	7	1.2%	72	2.2%	S & S Worldwide	Tri-Town Foods Inc.	
Total	593	100.0%	3,290	100.0%	Stop & Shop	Town of Colchester	
					Alpha Q		
					<i>Retail Sales (1999)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$151,507,543	\$76,264,820,474

### Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test: Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Students	2,620	461,203		63	55	66	60	67	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,027	\$8,300		56	59	49	59	42	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$47,624	\$48,598		46	46	27	46	58	51
Students Attending Public School	95.9%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>					
Student/Teacher Ratio	16.3	14.5		<i>Verbal</i>		<i>Town</i>		<i>State</i>	
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	85.3%	75.8%				510		503	
High School Dropout Rate	5.3%	4.6%		<i>Math</i>		509		499	
<i>Average Class Size</i>									
Kindergarten 20.9	Grade 2 23.8								
Grade 5 23.5	Grade 7 24.4	High School 22.1							

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**Government**

Government Form	Selectman-Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1999)	\$4,989,969
				As % of Expenditures	16.3%
Total Revenue (1999)	\$29,742,137	Total Expenditures (1999)	\$30,705,404	Equalized Grand List (2001)	\$974,148,288
Tax Revenue	\$16,551,429	Education	\$20,101,290	Per Capita	\$72,932
Non-tax Revenue	\$13,190,708	Other	\$10,604,114	As % of State Average	0.4%
Intergovernmental	\$11,931,977	Total Indebtness (1999)	\$28,929,784	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	2001
Per Capita Tax (1999)	\$1,239	As % of Expenditures	94.2%	Moody's Bond Rating (1999)	A3
As % of State Average	80.0%	Per Capita	\$2,166	Actual Mill Rate (1999)	26.12
		As % of State Average	157.2%	Equalized Mill Rate (1999)	20.18
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1999)	9.0%

**Housing**

Housing Stock (1999)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (2000)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	5,327	111,652	1,392,233	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	74.4%	67.0%	63.4%	Less than \$100,000	43	1,004	12,351
New Permits Auth. (1999)	107	893	10,794	\$100,001-\$200,000	158	2,026	24,349
As % Existing Units	2.01%	0.80%	0.78%	\$200,001-\$300,000	50	418	9,063
Demolitions (1998)	13	73	2,968	\$300,001-\$400,000	1	157	4,013
Residential Sales (2000)	252	3,738	56,032	\$400,001 or More	0	133	6,256
Average Price	\$138,404	\$145,426	\$219,784	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$130,000	\$114,958	\$135,500	Owner Occupied Dwellings	3,046	60,315	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	14.8%	35.6%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	555	11,508	148,930

**Labor Force**

(2000)	Town	County	State	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	6,724	133,671	1,746,503	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	6,595	130,721	1,707,150	Colchester	1,026	Hartford	1,072
Unemployed	129	2,950	39,353	Norwich	179	Colchester	1,026
Unemployment Rate	1.9%	2.2%	2.3%	Lebanon	178	Middletown	323
Total Employment	3,500	99,120	1,693,400	Hebron	98	East Hartford	295
'92-'00 Growth (AAGR)	3.2%	-1.2%	1.3%	Montville	94	Norwich	274
Manufacturing	610	19,000	268,400	Salem	75	Glastonbury	230
				East Hampton	73	Groton	180
				East Haddam	59	Marlborough	132
				Griswold	45	Manchester	117

**Quality of Life**

	Town	State	Library (1999)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (2000)	7	1,183	Total Volumes	32,843	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1998)	0	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.0	Connecticut Light & Power (800) 286-2000	
Day Care Facilities (1999)	8	1,722			Gas Provider	
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (1998)	0.0	7.0	<i>Distance to Major Cities Miles</i>		na	
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	13	33	Hartford	23	na	
% Open Land (1990)	82.3%	68.7%	Boston	87	Water Provider	
			New York City	103	Municipal Provider	
			Providence	51	Contact local	
Hospitals (1999)	0	2			Cable Provider	
Total Beds	0	490			Century Norwich Corporation 800-609-5505	