

# 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 (1998)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>				
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	
1980	7,761	238,410	3,107,580	White	12,806	221,517	2,648,212	
1990	10,980	254,957	3,287,116	Black	215	12,225	274,213	
1998	13,336	251,177	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	92	4,718	73,304	
2003	14,541	252,769	3,272,149	Native American	40	1,321	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	9.04%	0.63%	0.03%	Other	19	438	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	164	10,958	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	49.06	666.08	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	4.24%	6.37%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	271.83	377.10	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$24,227	\$23,627	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	4,760	93,856	1,229,087	High School Graduate	2,387	32.9%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	34.9	35.4	37.2	Some College	2,185	30.1%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	1,890	26.1%	597,693	27.4%
	<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	562 9%	1,332 20%	492 8%	2,743 42%	900 14%	526 8%	6,555	
Female	569 8%	1,314 19%	434 6%	2,822 42%	878 13%	764 11%	6,781	
County Total	17,896 7%	43,485 17%	24,337 10%	97,191 39%	35,483 14%	32,785 13%	251,177	
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239	

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	26	4.3%	75	2.4%	Country Place of Colchester LP	\$8,314,240	1.52%
Const. and Mining	177	29.3%	538	17.5%	SS Property Assoc. I	\$3,237,470	0.59%
Manufacturing	20	3.3%	182	5.9%	S&S Worldwide Inc.	\$3,047,180	0.56%
Trans. And Utilities	8	1.3%	124	4.0%	Genesis Hlth Ventures of Bloomfield	\$2,788,220	0.51%
Trade	120	19.9%	781	25.4%	Colechester Court Yard LLC	\$1,959,320	0.36%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	33	5.5%	116	3.8%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$545,964,185	
Services	213	35.3%	1,249	40.6%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	7	1.2%	14	0.5%	S & S Worldwide	Tri-Town Foods Inc.	
Total	604	100.0%	3,079	100.0%	Stop & Shop	Town of Colchester	
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						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$61,649,806	\$30,837,967,729

### Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		Grade 4		Grade 6		Grade 8	
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Students	2,620	461,203		Reading	63 55	66 60	67 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,027	\$8,300		Math	56 59	49 52	42 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$47,624	\$48,598		Writing	46 46	27 46	58 51		
Students Attending Public School	95.9%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	16.3	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	85.3%	75.8%							
High School Dropout Rate	5.3%	4.6%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
				Verbal		510	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		509	499		
Kindergarten 20.9	Grade 2 23.8								
Grade 5 23.5	Grade 7 24.4	High School 22.1							

**Connecticut Town Profiles 1998-1999**

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$4,836,122	
			As % of Expenditures	19.0%	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$26,425,656	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$25,465,920		
Tax Revenue	\$14,114,437	Education	\$16,105,008	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$709,433,788
Non-tax Revenue	\$1,371,296	Other	\$9,360,912	Per Capita	\$58,626
Intergovernmental	\$10,939,923	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$34,595,700	As % of State Average	75.2%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,074	As % of Expenditures	135.9%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/91
As % of State Average	75.5%	Per Capita	\$2,859	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	A3
		As % of State Average	274.7%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	25.02
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	19.03
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	10.2%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	5,132	109,981	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	73.2%	66.5%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	101	1,923	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	110	825	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	167	1,682	20,713
As % Existing Units	2.14%	0.75%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	15	247	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	1	67	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	72	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	283	4,000	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	76	4,036
Average Price	\$132,657	\$127,398	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$131,000	\$114,000	\$138,000	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

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to	
Labor Force	6,523	133,951	1,723,300	1. Colchester	1026	Hartford	1072
Employed	6,194	126,435	1,635,400	2. Norwich	179	Colchester	1026
Unemployed	329	7,516	87,900	3. Lebanon	178	Middletown	323
Unemployment Rate	5.0%	5.6%	5.1%	4. Hebron	98	East Hartford	295
Total Employment	3,290	126,990	1,581,700	5. Montville	94	Norwich	274
Manufacturing	550	20,790	265,850	6. Salem	75	Glastonbury	230
'92-'97 Growth Rate	20.5%	16.7%	4.3%	7. East Hampton	73	Groton	180
Daytime Population	4,614	119,632	1,740,247	8. East Haddam	59	Marlborough	132
				9. Griswold	45	Manchester	117
				10. Marlborough	41	Hebron	114

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities
Banks (1997)	5	1,378	Total Volumes	29,991	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	0	756	Circulation Per Capita	6.1	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	9	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0.715	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	1.6	40	Hartford	23	na
% Open Land (1990)	82.3%	68.8%	Boston	87	na
			New York City	103	Water Provider
			Providence	51	Municipal Provider
Hospitals (1997)	0	2			Contact local provider
Total Beds	0	563			Cable Provider
					Century Norwich Corporation
					860-889-5676