

# Colebrook

## Connecticut

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*Belongs to*  
Litchfield County  
Torrington Labor Market Area  
Litchfield Hills Economic Dev. Region  
Litchfield Hills Planning Area

Incorporated in 1779

### 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	1,221	156,768	3,107,580	White	1,410	174,776	2,648,212	
1990	1,365	174,092	3,287,116	Black	1	1,786	274,213	
1998	1,426	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	3	2,258	73,304	
2003	1,454	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	0	321	5,952	
'98-'03 Growth	1.96%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	0	140	5,336	
				Hispanic (any race)	12	2,593	264,222	
Land Area (sq. miles)	31.50	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.09%	3.97%	6.61%	
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	45.27	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>				
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$21,888	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>%</i>
Households (1998)	539	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	315	32.9%	648,366	29.7%
Median Age (1997)	41.1	38.3	37.2	Some College	239	25.0%	495,696	22.7%
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>				Bachelors or More	239	25.0%	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	49 7%	121 17%	50 7%	261 37%	120 17%	102 15%	703	
Female	45 6%	111 15%	50 7%	269 37%	131 18%	117 16%	723	
County Total	11,904 7%	31,016 17%	13,820 8%	70,482 39%	27,967 15%	26,685 15%	181,874	
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	3	8.3%	8	6.5%	Metropolitan District	\$10,482,690	9.27%
Const. and Mining	9	25.0%	20	16.3%	John Blum	\$903,370	0.80%
Manufacturing	1	2.8%	3	2.4%	Connecticut Light & Power Company	\$825,350	0.73%
Trans. And Utilities	1	2.8%	2	1.6%	Rodney B. & Susan N. Wagner	\$712,930	0.63%
Trade	5	13.9%	6	4.9%	Canton Gateway Inc.	\$613,075	0.54%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	2	5.6%	3	2.4%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$113,036,066	
Services	13	36.1%	74	60.2%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	2	5.6%	7	5.7%	Colebrook Town Hall	Camp Jewell	
Total	36	100.0%	123	100.0%	Colebrook Public Sch. System	Northwest Auto Sales LLC	
					Colebrook General Store		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$254,853	\$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>		<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	227	461,203		Reading	65 55	63 60	75 64		
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,378	\$8,300		Math	53 59	47 52	63 51		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$51,320	\$48,598		Writing	41 46	53 46	66 51		
Students Attending Public School	89.2%	89.2%							
Student/Teacher Ratio	16.7	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	74.8%	75.8%							
High School Dropout Rate	1.5%	4.6%							
<i>Average Class Size</i>				<i>Average SAT Score</i>					
Kindergarten 17.0	Grade 2 21.0			Verbal		547		503	
Grade 5 21.0	Grade 7 21.3	High School 20.4		Math		542		499	

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## Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting		Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$189,018	
Total Revenue (1996)	\$2,961,715	Total Expenditures (1996)	\$2,746,374	As % of Expenditures	6.9%
Tax Revenue	\$2,465,454	Education	\$1,775,450	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$134,140,490
Non-tax Revenue	\$62,123	Other	\$970,924	Per Capita	\$98,199
Intergovernmental	\$434,138	Total Indebtness (1996)	\$1,288,156	As % of State Average	125.9%
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,762	As % of Expenditures	46.9%	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/90
As % of State Average	123.8%	Per Capita	\$943	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Baa1
		As % of State Average	90.6%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	22.96
				Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	18.21
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	1.4%

## Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)			
				Town	County	State	
Existing Units (total)	656	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	95.1%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	4	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	4	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	13	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	0.61%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	2	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	0	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	19	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	0	121	4,036
Average Price	\$164,869	\$157,833	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$136,250	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	452	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	39.6%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	8	4,308	148,930

## Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
				Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Labor Force	807	99,974	1,723,300	1. Colebrook	56	Winchester	191
Employed	784	95,692	1,635,400	2. Massachusetts	30	Torrington	78
Unemployed	23	4,282	87,900	3. Winchester	19	Colebrook	56
Unemployment Rate	2.9%	4.3%	5.1%	4. Norfolk	7	Barkhamsted	34
Total Employment	80	63,800	1,581,700	5. Torrington	7	Hartford	32
Manufacturing	0	17,490	265,850	6. Litchfield	6	North Canaan	19
'92-'97 Growth Rate	0.0%	5.5%	4.3%	7.		Avon	17
Daytime Population	372	75,784	1,740,247	8.		Canton	16
				9.		Norfolk	16
				10.		New Hartford	16

## Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	0	1,378	Total Volumes	0	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1997)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	0.0	Connecticut Light & Power	
Day Care Facilities (1998)	1	1,651			1-800-286-2000	
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider	
Crime Rate (1996) Per 1,000 Residents	4.3	40	Hartford	26	na	
% Open Land (1990)	86.1%	68.8%	Boston	108	na	
			New York City	103	Water Provider	
			Providence	86	Municipal Provider	
					Contact local provider	
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			Cable Provider	
Total Beds	0	276			Pegasus Cable Television	
					860-379-9833	