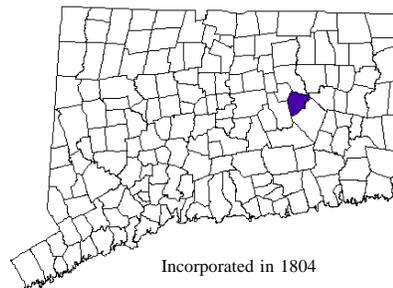


Columbia

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Tolland County
Hartford Labor Market Area
Northeast Economic Dev. Region
Windham Planning Area



Incorporated in 1804

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	4,510	128,699	3,287,116	White	4,957	131,024	2,997,210						
2000	4,971	136,364	3,405,565	Black	20	2,797	266,880						
2001	5,012	137,115	3,414,784	Asian Pacific	30	2,459	52,248						
2006	5,155	140,118	3,465,947	Native American	0	217	6,660						
'01-'06 Growth (AAGR)	0.56%	0.43%	0.30%	Hispanic (any race)	80	3,835	318,289						
Land Area (sq. miles)	21	410	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	0.1%	4.7%	6.6%						
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2001)	235	334	682	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>									
Per Capita Inc. (2001)	\$32,514	\$28,592	\$32,317	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>						
Households (2001)	1,758	47,531	1,285,210	High School Graduate	957	31.2%	648,366 29.6%						
Median Age (2001)	37	35	37	Some College	818	26.7%	495,696 22.6%						
				Bachelors or More	909	29.6%	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	168	3%	445	9%	172	3%	1,064	21%	380	8%	277	6%	2,506
Female	178	3%	431	9%	156	3%	1,024	20%	380	8%	337	7%	2,506
County Total	8,456	6%	23,887	17%	16,664	12%	53,536	39%	19,210	14%	15,362	11%	137,115
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	5	2.3%	8	0.7%	Bell, David N.	\$2,973,500	
Const. and Mining	63	29.4%	165	13.9%	Connecticut Light & Power	\$2,505,260	
Manufacturing	4	1.9%	168	14.1%	Columbia Manufacturing Inc.	\$1,522,570	
Trans. and Utilities	7	3.3%	120	10.1%	EastConn	\$1,129,000	
Trade	42	19.6%	239	20.1%	Tuttle, Audrey M.	\$1,015,640	
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	12	5.6%	64	5.4%	Net Grand List ()		
Services	79	36.9%	400	33.6%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	2	0.9%	25	2.1%	Columbia Manufacturing	Eastconn	
Total	214	100.0%	1,189	100.0%	Columbia Ford	United Services	
					Horace Porter School		
					<i>Retail Sales (1999)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
						\$57,084,373	\$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	657	461,203		Reading	56	55	66	60	75	64
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,528	\$8,300		Math	54	59	42	59	67	51
Average Teacher's Salary	\$43,524	\$48,598		Writing	49	46	48	46	67	51
Students Attending Public School	92.3%	89.2%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
Student/Teacher Ratio	14.0	14.5		Verbal			505		503	
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	60.6%	75.8%		Math			531		499	
High School Dropout Rate	4.1%	4.6%								
<i>Average Class Size</i>										
Kindergarten 17.5	Grade 2	16.8								
Grade 5 22.3	Grade 7	21.3	High School	18.4						

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Government

Government Form	Selectman-Town Meeting			Annual Debt Service (1999)	\$1,116,820
				As % of Expenditures	12.2%
Total Revenue (1999)	\$9,443,077	Total Expenditures (1999)	\$9,166,709	Equalized Grand List (2001)	\$426,730,656
Tax Revenue	\$6,079,198	Education	\$6,413,039	Per Capita	\$84,367
Non-tax Revenue	\$3,363,879	Other	\$2,753,670	As % of State Average	0.5%
Intergovernmental	\$2,988,956	Total Indebtness (1999)	\$8,690,000	Date of Last Revaluation (2001)	2001
Per Capita Tax (1999)	\$1,202	As % of Expenditures	94.8%	Moody's Bond Rating (1999)	A1
As % of State Average	77.6%	Per Capita	\$1,718	Actual Mill Rate (1999)	22.50
		As % of State Average	124.7%	Equalized Mill Rate (1999)	15.97
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (1999)	4.9%

Housing

Housing Stock (1999)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (2000)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	1,993	51,283	1,392,233	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	94.6%	73.3%	63.4%	Less than \$100,000	18	424	12,351
New Permits Auth. (1999)	31	770	10,794	\$100,001-\$200,000	48	1,118	24,349
As % Existing Units	1.56%	1.50%	0.78%	\$200,001-\$300,000	22	373	9,063
Demolitions (1998)	0	7	2,968	\$300,001-\$400,000	0	55	4,013
Residential Sales (2000)	88	1,982	56,032	\$400,001 or More	0	12	6,256
Average Price	\$149,415	\$139,673	\$219,784	<i>1996 Characteristics</i>			
Median Price	\$134,000	\$126,000	\$135,500	Owner Occupied Dwellings	1,411	31,919	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	20.4%	22.2%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	62	4,509	148,930

Labor Force

(2000)	Town	County	State	<i>Commuters (1990)</i>			
Labor Force	2,687	71,500	1,746,503	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	2,649	70,328	1,707,150	Columbia	286	Windham	412
Unemployed	38	1,172	39,353	Windham	112	Hartford	364
Unemployment Rate	1.4%	1.6%	2.3%	Lebanon	72	Columbia	286
Total Employment	880	37,280	1,693,400	Mansfield	70	East Hartford	190
'92-'00 Growth (AAGR)	3.1%	1.4%	1.3%	Hebron	36	Manchester	171
Manufacturing	150	3,890	268,400	Colchester	34	Mansfield	156
				Coventry	30	Windsor	73
				Durham	19	Glastonbury	61
				Plainfield	15	Middletown	58

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (1999)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
Banks (2000)	1	1,183	Total Volumes	27,396	Electric Provider	
Lodging (1998)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.3	Connecticut Light & Power (800) 286-2000	
Day Care Facilities (1999)	5	1,722			Gas Provider	
Infant Mortality Rate Per 1,000 births (1998)	0.0	7.0	<i>Distance to Major Cities</i>	<i>Miles</i>	CNG Corp (860) 727-3000	
Crime Rate (1999) Per 1,000 Residents	15	33	Hartford	20	Water Provider	
% Open Land (1990)	79.4%	68.7%	Boston	80	Municipal Provider	
			New York City	111	Contact local	
			Providence	47	Cable Provider	
Hospitals (1999)	0	2			Charter Communications of Northeastern CT 800-872-7229	
Total Beds	0	180				