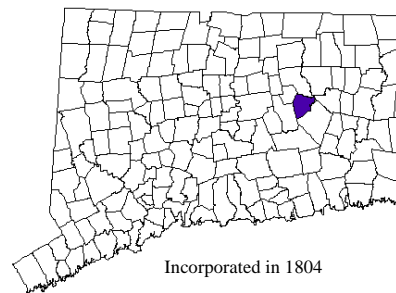


Columbia, Connecticut

CERC Town Profile 2008

Town Hall
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Columbia, CT 06237
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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 (2007)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2007)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	4,510	128,699	3,287,116	White	5,279	142,133	2,875,466
2000	4,971	136,364	3,405,565	Black	10	1,742	324,251
2007	5,412	151,968	3,549,606	Asian Pacific	57	4,658	125,880
2012	5,683	161,522	3,647,526	Native American	1	86	8,220
'07-'12 Growth / Yr	1.0%	1.2%	0.5%	Other/Multi-Race	65	3,349	215,789
				Hispanic (any race)	117	5,542	405,662
Land Area (sq. miles)	21	410	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (1999)</i>	4.2%	5.6%	7.9%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2007)	253	371	709	<i>Educational Attainment (2000)</i>			
Median Age (2007)	43	37	39	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2007)	1,955	51,967	1,332,283	High School Graduate	1,038	30%	653,300
Med HH Inc. (2007)	\$86,128	\$72,088	\$65,859	Some College	945	27%	553,667
				Bachelors or More	1,231	36%	720,994
<i>Age Distribution (2007)</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	145 3%	463 9%	129 2%	975 18%	619 11%	311 6%	2,642
Female	136 3%	485 9%	142 3%	1,040 19%	626 12%	341 6%	2,770
County Total	7,213 5%	24,381 16%	19,923 13%	54,577 36%	28,806 19%	17,068 11%	151,968
State Total	211,025 6%	609,581 17%	332,254 9%	1,223,861 34%	683,396 19%	489,489 14%	3,549,606

Economics

<i>Business Profile (2005)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Top Five Grand List (2006)</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Employment</i>			
Agriculture	4.4%	1.5%	David N Bell	\$2,274,100	0.8%
Const. and Mining	24.9%	11.7%	Unknown	\$1,129,000	0.4%
Manufacturing	3.1%	8.8%	Commerce Dr LLC	\$1,122,900	0.4%
Trans. and Utilities	4.4%	4.6%	Tourgate Rlty Inc	\$1,000,100	0.3%
Trade	15.1%	18.0%	Audrey M Tuttle	\$740,600	0.2%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5.3%	3.4%	Net Grand List (2006)	\$302,433,290	
Services	37.3%	45.8%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (2006)</i>		
Government	5.3%	6.3%	Columbia Manufacturing Co., Inc	EastConn	
			Columbia Ford, Inc.	Wile Motors (Including Hyundai)	
			Horace W. Porter School		
				<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
			<i>Retail Sales (2006)</i>	\$78,677,458	\$131,862,299,674
			<i>All Outlets</i>		

Education

<i>2004-2005 School Year</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</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 Town School Enrollment	947	567,138	Reading	n.a. 0	n.a. 0	n.a. 0	n.a. 0	
Most public school students through grade 8 attend Columbia School District, which has 679 students. Students then go to multiple school districts including Lyman (Lebanon, CT), Windham School District.			Math	n.a. 0	n.a. 0	n.a. 0	n.a. 0	
			Writing	n.a. 0	n.a. 0	n.a. 0	n.a. 0	
For more education data please see:	<i>Students per Computer</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Average Class Size</i>		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		
http://www.state.ct.us/sde/	Elementary:	5.0	4.2	Grade K	n.a.	Grade 2	n.a.	<i>Town</i>
	Middle:		3.5	Grade 5	n.a.	Grade 7	n.a.	<i>State</i>
	Secondary:		3.4	High School	n.a.	Math	n.a.	

Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting				Annual Debt Service (2006)	\$1,095,233
				As % of Expenditures	7.8%
Total Revenue (2006)	\$14,562,879	Total Expenditures (2006)	\$14,002,472	Eq. Net Grand List (2004)	\$736,212,678
Tax Revenue	\$10,371,589	Education	\$10,337,636	Per Capita	\$136,184
Non-tax Revenue	\$4,191,290	Other	\$3,664,836	As % of State Average	97%
Intergovernmental	\$3,521,287	Total Indebtness (2006)	\$6,690,000	Date of Last Revaluation (2005)	2001
Per Capita Tax (2006)	\$1,861	As % of Expenditures	47.8%	Moody's Bond Rating (2006)	A1
As % of State Average	89.0%	Per Capita	\$1,200	Actual Mill Rate (2006)	29.80
				Equalized Mill Rate (2006)	14.03
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2003)	4.9%

Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2007)</i>	Town	County	State	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2000)	1,710	36,316	869,742
Existing Units (total)	2,153	56,299	1,445,682	As % Total Dwellings	86%	70%	63%
% Single Unit	96.7%	74.1%	64.8%	Subsidize Housing (2001)	62	4,509	148,930
New Permits Auth. (2007)	5	526	7,746	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2007)</i>			
As % Existing Units	0.23%	0.93%	0.54%	Town County State			
Demolitions (2007)	1	13	1,285	Number of Sales			
House Sales (2007)	58	1,344	32,395	Less than \$100,000			
Median Price	\$270,000	\$256,000	\$295,000	0			
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	18.0%	21.7%	31.5%	\$100,000-\$199,999			
				11			
				29			
				12			
				6			
				21			
				269			
				630			
				271			
				153			
				10,285			

Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2007)</i>				<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
	Town	County	State	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Labor Force	3,079	84,381	1,865,499	Columbia	277	Windham	287
Employed	2,970	81,061	1,780,481	Coventry	79	Columbia	277
Unemployed	109	3,320	85,018	Windham	75	Manchester	276
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.9%	4.6%	Lebanon	59	Hartford	243
<i>Place of Work (2007)</i>				Willington	35	Mansfield	210
# of Units	128	3,008	104,094	Mansfield	33	East Hartford	162
Total Employment	1,095	41,341	1,686,262	Vernon	32	Hebron	154
2000-'07 Growth AAGR	3.2%	1.3%	0.1%	Andover	26	Middletown	73
Mfg Employment	n.a.	3,637	191,264	Canterbury	25	Glastonbury	49
				Ashford	23	Vernon	49

Quality of Life

	Town	State	Library (2001)	Town	<i>Residential Utilities</i>		
Banks (2007)	1	1,029	Total Volumes	29,765	Electric Provider		
Lodging (1998)	1	756	Circulation Per Capita	7.2	Connecticut Light & Power		
Day Care Facilities (1999)	5	1,721			(800) 286-2000		
Infant Mortality Rate			<i>Distance to Major Cities Miles</i>		Gas Provider		
Per 1,000 births (2001)	0.0	4.5	Hartford	20	CNG Corp		
Crime Rate (2004)			Boston	80	(860) 727-3000		
Per 100,000 Residents	740	2,981	New York City	111	Water Provider		
			Providence	47	Connecticut Water Company		
					(800) 286-5700		
Hospitals (1999)	Town	County			Cable Provider		
Total Beds	0	2			Charter Communications of Northeastern CT		
					800-872-7229		