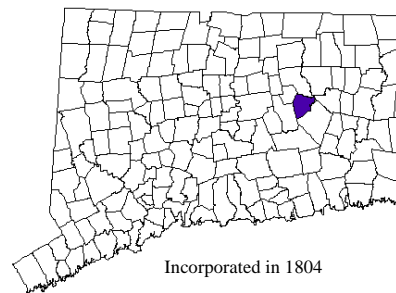


# Columbia, Connecticut

## CERC Town Profile 2011

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*Belongs to*  
Tolland County  
LMA Hartford  
Northeast Economic Dev. Region  
Windham Planning Area



Incorporated in 1804

### Demographics

<i>Population (2010)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Race/Ethnicity (2010)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1990	4,510	128,699	3,287,116	White	5,026	133,970	2,786,761
2000	4,971	136,364	3,405,565	Black	42	4,224	337,299
2010	5,272	149,309	3,511,137	Asian Pacific	76	5,185	128,651
2015	5,277	151,918	3,545,169	Native American	0	37	6,418
'10-'15 Growth / Yr	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	Other/Multi-Race	128	5,893	252,008
				Hispanic (any race)	113	5,285	411,629
Land Area (sq. miles)	21	410	5,009	<i>Poverty Rate (2009)</i>	3.9%	6.6%	8.7%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (2010)	247	364	701	<i>Educational Attainment (2010)</i>			
Median Age (2010)	43	37	40	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (2010)	2,030	54,641	1,337,758	High School Graduate	1,055	28%	689,864
Med HH Inc. (2010)	\$84,539	\$74,269	\$65,686	Some College	1,058	28%	585,203
				Bachelors or More	1,541	40%	842,517
<i>Age Distribution (2010)</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	150 3%	439 8%	123 2%	912 17%	631 12%	337 6%	2,592
Female	142 3%	453 9%	145 3%	951 18%	636 12%	353 7%	2,680
County Total	7,733 5%	23,132 15%	19,282 13%	51,485 34%	29,800 20%	17,877 12%	149,309
State Total	211,807 6%	586,571 17%	330,532 9%	1,173,203 33%	708,910 20%	500,114 14%	3,511,137

### Economics

<i>Business Profile (2005)</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Top Five Grand List (2009)</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Net</i>
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Establishments</i>	<i>Employment</i>			
Agriculture	4.4%	1.5%	Bell David	\$4,053,100	0.8%
Const. and Mining	24.9%	11.7%	CT Light & Power Co.	\$3,141,540	0.6%
Manufacturing	3.1%	8.8%	Columbia Manufacturing	\$1,660,490	0.3%
Trans. and Utilities	4.4%	4.6%	Commerce Drive	\$1,613,000	0.3%
Trade	15.1%	18.0%	Tourgate Realty	\$1,446,800	0.3%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	5.3%	3.4%	Net Grand List (2009)	\$528,039,047	
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 (2007)</i>	\$155,401,292	\$136,936,194,241
			<i>All Outlets</i>		

### Education

<i>2009-2010 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	847	552,782	Reading	55	61	75	69	79	69
Most public school students through grade 8 attend Columbia School District, which has 574 students. Students then go to multiple school districts including Lyman (Lebanon, CT), Windham School District.			Math	66	64	73	69	88	65
			Writing	69	64	63	62	84	67
			<i>Average SAT Score</i>						
			<i>Average Class Size</i>			<i>Town</i>			<i>State</i>
<b>For more education data please see:</b>	<i>Students per Computer</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	Grade K	16.7	Grade 2	19.7	Reading	n.a.
<b>http://www.state.ct.us/sde/</b>	Elementary:	2.8	0.0	Grade 5	14.5	Grade 7	17.3	Writing	n.a.
	Middle:	0.0	0.0	High School	n.a.			Math	n.a.
	Secondary:	0.0	0.0						

### Government

Government Form: Selectman-Town Meeting				Annual Debt Service (2009)	\$960,533
				As % of Expenditures	5.9%
Total Revenue (2009)	\$16,400,118	Total Expenditures (2009)	\$16,316,545	Eq. Net Grand List (2007)	\$802,659,883
Tax Revenue	\$11,434,910	Education	\$11,894,985	Per Capita	\$148,311
Non-tax Revenue	\$4,965,208	Other	\$3,461,027	As % of State Average	89%
Intergovernmental	\$4,528,289	Total Indebtness (2009)	\$4,410,000	Date of Last Revaluation (2009)	2006
Per Capita Tax (2009)	\$2,191	As % of Expenditures	27.0%	Moody's Bond Rating (2009)	A1
As % of State Average	89.9%	Per Capita	\$845	Actual Mill Rate (2007)	30.30
				Equalized Mill Rate (2007)	13.71
				% of Grand List Com/Ind (2007)	4.1%

### Housing/Real Estate

<i>Housing Stock (2009)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	Owner Occupied Dwellings (2009)	1,811	36,426	812,964
Existing Units (total)	2,168	56,737	1,452,007	As % Total Dwellings	83%	65%	57%
% Single Unit	96.8%	74.1%	64.8%	Subsidize Housing (2008)	67	4,209	149,355
New Permits Auth. (2009)	7	229	3,786	<i>Distribution of House Sales (2009)</i>			
As % Existing Units	0.32%	0.40%	0.26%	<i>Number of Sales</i>			
Demolitions (2009)	1	34	1,219	Less than \$100,000	1	25	346
House Sales (2009)	49	765	14,696	\$100,000-\$199,999	9	177	3,539
Median Price	\$229,000	\$240,000	\$265,000	\$200,000-\$299,999	27	350	4,847
Built Pre 1950 share (2000)	18.0%	21.7%	31.5%	\$300,000-\$399,999	5	127	2,510
				\$400,000 or More	7	86	3,454

### Labor Force

<i>Place of Residence (2009)</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Commuters (2000)</i>			
Labor Force	3,101	85,729	1,889,947	Commuters into Town from:	Town Residents Commuting to:		
Employed	2,895	79,810	1,734,291	Columbia	277	Windham	287
Unemployed	206	5,919	155,656	Coventry	79	Columbia	277
Unemployment Rate	6.6%	6.9%	8.2%	Windham	75	Manchester	276
<i>Place of Work (2009)</i>				Lebanon	59	Hartford	243
# of Units	132	2,960	104,314	Willington	35	Mansfield	210
Total Employment	1,074	40,595	1,615,355	Mansfield	33	East Hartford	162
2000-'09 Growth AAGR	2.2%	0.8%	-0.4%	Vernon	32	Hebron	154
Mfg Employment	n.a.			Andover	26	Middletown	73
				Canterbury	25	Glastonbury	49
				Ashford	23	Vernon	49

### Other Information

	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>			<i>Residential Utilities</i>	
<i>Banks (2007)</i>	1	1,029			Electric Provider	
<i>Crime Rate (2009)</i>					Connecticut Light & Power	
Per 100,000 Residents	39	298	<i>Distance to Major Cities Miles</i>		(800) 286-2000	
			Hartford	20	Gas Provider	
			Boston	80	CNG Corp	
<i>Library (2010)</i>	<i>Town</i>		New York City	111	(860) 727-3000	
Total Volumes	51,227		Providence	47	Water Provider	
Circulation Per Capita	13.9				Connecticut Water Company	
						(800) 286-5700
						Cable Provider
						Charter Communications of Northeastern Co
						(800) 827-8288