Columbia, Connecticut

General

ACS, 2020–2024

	Columbia	State
Current Population	5,300	3,624,508
Land Area *mi²*	21	4,842
Population Density *people per mi²*	248	748
Number of Households	2,112	1,434,007
Median Age	51	41
Median Household Income	$127,000	$95,781
Poverty Rate	6%	10%

Economy

Top Industries

Lightcast, 2024 (2 and 3 digit NAICS)

	Jobs	Share of Industry
1 Government	863	
Local Government		*59%*
2 Retail Trade	285	
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers		*44%*
3 Other Services (except Public Admin)	189	
Repair and Maintenance		*47%*
4 Health Care and Social Assistance	187	
Social Assistance		*99%*
5 Manufacturing	187	
Fabricated Metal Product Mfg		*72%*
Total Jobs, All Industries	2,053	

SOTS Business Registrations

Secretary of the State, March 2026

New Business Registrations by Year

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Total	34	50	41	42	61

Total Active Businesses 395

Key Employers

Data from Municipalities, 2026

1. Columbia Manufacturing
2. Hawk Integrated Plastics
3. Columbia Ford
4. Wile Motors
5. EASTCONN

Demographics

ACS, 2020–2024

Age Distribution

		Columbia	State
Under 10	350	7%	10%
10 to 19	486	9%	13%
20 to 29	498	9%	13%
30 to 39	674	13%	13%
40 to 49	619	12%	12%
50 to 59	877	17%	14%
60 to 69	832	16%	13%
70 to 79	733	14%	8%
80 and over	231	4%	5%

Race and Ethnicity

	Columbia	State
Asian	<1%	5%
Black	2%	10%
Hispanic or Latino/a	5%	18%
White	85%	62%
Other	8%	5%

Hispanic includes those of any race. Remaining racial groups include only non-hispanic. 'Other' includes American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, two or more races.

Language Spoken at Home

	Columbia	State
English	77	97%
Spanish	2	13%

Educational Attainment

	Columbia	State
High School Diploma Only	25	27%
Associate Degree	8	8%
Bachelor's Degree	19	23%
Master's Degree or Higher	15	19%

Housing

ACS, 2020–2024

	Columbia	State
Median Home Value	$361,500	$366,900
Median Rent	$966	$1,488
Housing Units	2,352	1,541,822

	Columbia	State
Owner-Occupied	66	83%
Detached or Semi-Detached	65	85%
Vacant	7	10%

Schools

CT Department of Education, 2025-26

School Districts

	Available Grades	Total Enrollment	Pre-K Enrollment	4-Year Grad Rate (2023-24)
Columbia School District	PK-8	436		
Statewide	-	497,764	20,604	89%

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Met or Exceeded Expectations, 2024-25

	Math	ELA
Columbia School District	48%	53%
Statewide	46%	50%

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Labor Force

CT Department of Labor, 2025

	Columbia	State
Employed	2,660	1,869,450
Unemployed	98	76,777
Unemployment Rate	4 4%	
Self-Employment Rate*	10 10%	

*ACS, 2020–2024

Catchment Areas of 15mi, 30mi, and 60mi



Access

ACS, 2020–2024

	Columbia	State
Mean Commute Time *	31 min	26 min
No Access to a Car	2 9%	
No Internet Access	2 6%	

Commute Mode

Public Transport	0 3%
Walking or Cycling	1 3%
Driving	77 78%
Working From Home *	16 22%

Public Transit

CT*transit* Service	Express
Other Public Bus Operations	Windham Region Transit District (WRTD)
Train Service	-

** 5 year estimates include Covid-19 pandemic data*

Fiscal Indicators

CT Office of Policy and Management, State FY 2022-23

Municipal Revenue

Total Revenue	$19,925,571
Property Tax Revenue	$15,301,977
per capita	$2,905
per capita, as % of state avg.	86%
Intergovernmental Revenue	$4,118,565
Revenue to Expenditure Ratio	105%

Municipal Expenditure

Total Expenditure	$19,017,105
Educational	$14,526,720
Other	$4,490,385

Grand List

Equalized Net Grand List	$834,132,685
per capita	$158,340
per capita, as % of state avg.	79%
Commercial/Industrial Share of Net Grand List	4%
Actual Mill Rate	25.87
Equalized Mill Rate	18.20

Municipal Debt

Moody's Rating (2025)	-
S&P Rating (2025)	AA+
Total Indebtedness	$44,535
per capita	$8
per capita, as % of state avg.	0%
as percent of expenditures	0%
Annual Debt Service	$31,663
as % of expenditures	0%

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