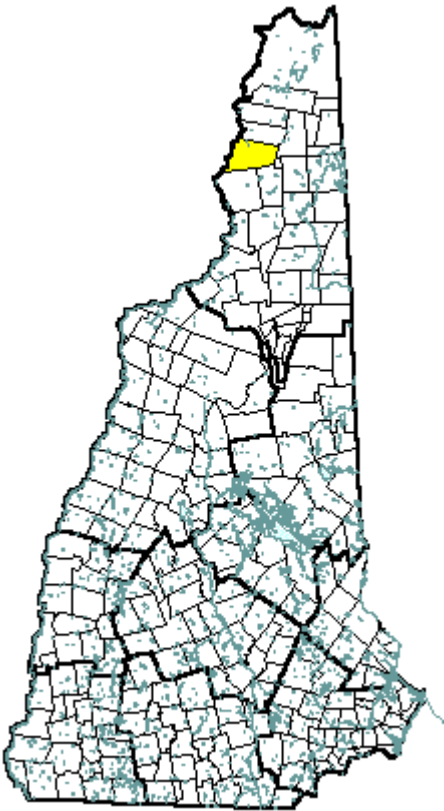


Columbia, NH



Community Contact

Columbia Board of Selectmen
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Municipal Office Hours

**Monday, Wednesday, 10 am - 5 pm, Tuesday, Friday,
 8 am - 3 pm, closed Thursday**

County

Coos

Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Colebrook NH-VT LMA, NH Portion
Great North Woods
North Country Council
Coos Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

District 2
District 1
District 1
Coos County District 1

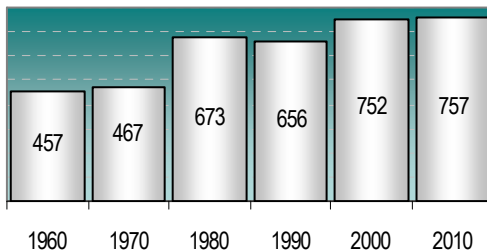
Incorporated: 1797

Origin: Columbia was first chartered in 1762, and named Preston for Richard Graham, Viscount Preston of Scotland. The original grantees were a group of members of the Society of Friends from Long Island. The town was regranted in 1770 due to grantees failing to meet the prescribed terms, and renamed Cockburntown, after Sir James Cockburn of Scotland, as was so incorporated in 1797. It kept that name until 1811, when Governor John Langdon renamed the town Columbia in the spirit of patriotism preceding the War of 1812.

Villages and Place Names: Bungy, Cones, Georges, Meriden Hill, Tinkerville

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 34 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Columbia totaled 300 over 50 years, from 457 in 1960 to 757 in 2010. The largest decennial percent change was a 44 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, a numeric increase of 206. The 2010 Census estimate for Columbia was 757 residents, which ranked 202nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2010

(US Census Bureau): 12.6 persons per square mile of land area. Columbia contains 60.3 square miles of land area and 0.3 square miles of inland water area.



Coos County

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2011	\$452,515
Budget: School Appropriations, 2008	\$1,525,147
Zoning Ordinance	1971/10
Master Plan	2007
Capital Improvement Plan	No
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Planning; School
Appointed:	Conservation

Public Library **No Library****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	No
Fire Department	No
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook	5 miles	16

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH; NH Electric Coop
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells

Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	Private
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Voluntary

Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Limited
Cable Television Access	Limited
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	Limited
Residential	Limited

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2010 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$15.75
2010 Equalization Ratio	100.0
2010 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$16.71

2010 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type

Residential Land and Buildings	68.6%
Commercial Land and Buildings	3.7%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	27.7%

HOUSING

(ACS 2006-2010)

Total Housing Units	572
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	471
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	6
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	95

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2010	757	33,055
2000	752	33,156
1990	656	34,879
1980	673	35,014
1970	467	34,189

Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2006-2010

Population by Gender

Male	349	Female	382
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Population by Age Group

Under age 5	33
Age 5 to 19	153
Age 20 to 34	43
Age 35 to 54	256
Age 55 to 64	118
Age 65 and over	128
Median Age	47.6 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	78.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	11.9%

INCOME, 2010 INFLATION ADJUSTED \$

(ACS 2006-2010)

Per capita income	\$26,001
Median 4-person family income	\$55,865
Median household income	\$45,875

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers

Male	\$36,500
Female	\$28,250

Families below the poverty level

7.3%**LABOR FORCE**

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	2000	2010
Civilian labor force	426	417
Employed	408	394
Unemployed	18	23
Unemployment rate	4.2%	5.5%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	2000	2010
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	9	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$617	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	6	n
Average Weekly Wage	\$437	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	15	60
Average Weekly Wage	\$546	\$712
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	3	9
Average Weekly Wage	\$146	\$686
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	18	68
Average Weekly Wage	\$484	\$708

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE*(NH Dept. of Education)*

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are tuitioned to Colebrook**
 Career Technology Center(s): **None in Region 01**

District: **SAU 7**
 Region: **01**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools				
Grade Levels				
Total Enrollment				

2011 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (*DHHS – Bureau of Child Care Licensing*): Total Facilities: **0** Total Capacity: **0**

Nearest Community/Technical College: **White Mountains**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Bengston Tool & Die Co.	Machine shop		1966
Columbia Sand & Gravel, Inc.	Aggregate		
Blue Mountain Variety	Convenience store		
Columbia Home & Building Supply Inc	Retail sales of building supplies		

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes **3**
 State Routes

Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91 (VT), Exit 28; Aut-55 (QC), Exit 21**
 Distance **45 miles; 46 miles**

Railroad **State owned line**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Gifford Field, Colebrook Runway **2,440 ft. turf**
 Lighted? **No** Navigation Aids? **No**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Portland (ME) International Jetport Distance **139 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **8**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **178 miles**
 Portland, Maine **128 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **228 miles**
 New York City, NY **386 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **133 miles**

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

Municipal Parks
 YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club
 Golf Courses
 Swimming: Indoor Facility
 Swimming: Outdoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
 Bowling Facilities
 Museums
 Cinemas
 Performing Arts Facilities
 Tourist Attractions
 Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
 Youth Sports: Baseball
 Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 Campgrounds
 X Fishing/Hunting
 Boating/Marinas
 X Snowmobile Trails
 Bicycle Trails
 Cross Country Skiing
 Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
 Overnight or Day Camps
 Nearest Ski Area(s): **Balsams Wilderness**
 Other: **Camps**

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2006-2010*)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	80.8%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	5.1%
Public transportation	0.0%
Walked	11.5%
Other means	0.0%
Worked at home	2.5%

Mean Travel Time to Work **21.7 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2006-2010

Working in community of residence	18.3%
Commuting to another NH community	74.9%
Commuting out-of-state	6.8%