Colebrook, NH

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County Coös
Labor Market Area Colebrook, NH-VT LMA, NH part
Tourism Region Great North Woods
Planning Commission North Country Council
Regional Development Coös Economic Development Corp.

Incorporated: 1796

Origin: This territory was first granted to settlers in 1762 by Governor Benning Wentworth, who named it Dryden, after English poet and playwright John Dryden. Among them were Dutch settlers from New York, who were selected in an effort to colonize territory west of the Connecticut River. The New York government also wanted to colonize the territory, and as a result, settlers formed the independent state of Vermont. Dryden grantees failed to meet the prescribed terms, and in 1770, Governor John Wentworth regranted the area to Sir George Colebrooke, Chairman of the British East India Company, and three others. At that time, the town was renamed Colebrook.

Villages and Place Names: Kidderville, Upper Kidderville, Factory Village

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 29 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Colebrook totaled 44 over 49 years, from 2,094 in 1970 to 2,138 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 17 percent increase between 1970 and 1980. Population decreased over all other decades. The 2019 Census estimate for Colebrook was 2,138 residents, which ranked 134th among New Hampshire’s incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 52.5 persons per square mile of land area. Colebrook contains 40.8 square miles of land area and 0 square miles of inland water area.
### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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<th>Type of Government</th>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019</td>
<td>$5,057,871</td>
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<tr>
<td>Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019</td>
<td>$6,706,377</td>
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<tr>
<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1957/10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2013</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
<td>Planning Board</td>
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### Boards and Commissions

- Elected: Selectmen; Planning; Cemetery; Library
- Appointed: Zoning; Conservation

Public Library: Colebrook Public

### EMERGENCY SERVICES

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<tr>
<td>Police Department</td>
<td>Full-time</td>
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<td>Fire Department</td>
<td>Volunteer</td>
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<td>Emergency Medical Service</td>
<td>Private</td>
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Nearest Hospital(s): Distance Staffed Beds
- Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook: Local 12

### UTILITIES

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<th>Service</th>
<th>Supplier</th>
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<tr>
<td>Electric Supplier</td>
<td>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</td>
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<tr>
<td>Natural Gas Supplier</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Water Supplier</td>
<td>Colebrook Water Works</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sanitation</td>
<td>Municipal</td>
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<tr>
<td>Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Solid Waste Disposal</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>Curbside Trash Pickup</td>
<td>Private</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pay-As-You-Throw Program</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>Recycling Program</td>
<td>Mandatory</td>
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<tr>
<td>Telephone Company</td>
<td>Consolidated Communications</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cellular Telephone Access</td>
<td>Limited</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cable Television Access</td>
<td>Limited</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Access Television Station</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>High Speed Internet Service</td>
<td>Business</td>
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<td>Residential</td>
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### PROPERTY TAXES

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
<th>Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>$30.13</td>
<td>98.0</td>
<td>$29.34</td>
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2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
- Residential Land and Buildings: 66.7%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 23.8%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 9.4%

### HOUSING

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<th>Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Housing Units</td>
<td>1,478</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
<td>978</td>
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<td>Units in Multiple-Family Structures:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Two to Four Units in Structure</td>
<td>200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Five or More Units in Structure</td>
<td>83</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units</td>
<td>217</td>
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### DEMOGRAPHICS

#### AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019

Population by Gender
- Male: 925
- Female: 983

Population by Age Group
- Under age 5: 55
- Age 5 to 19: 276
- Age 20 to 34: 244
- Age 35 to 54: 431
- Age 55 to 64: 408
- Age 65 and over: 494
- Median Age: 52.3 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over
- High school graduate or higher: 85.0%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 15.6%

Per capita income: $32,590
- Median family income: $57,778
- Median household income: $42,500

Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
- Male: $66,250
- Female: $30,597

Individuals below the poverty level: 11.6%

### LABOR FORCE

#### (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average
- 2009: 1,345
- 2019: 1,137

Civilian labor force: 1,219
- Employed: 1,104
- Unemployed: 126

Unemployment rate: 9.4%
- 2.9%

### EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

#### (NHES – ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment
- 2009: 1,014
- 2019: 1,168

Goods Producing Industries
- Average Employment: 142
- Average Weekly Wage: $799

Service Providing Industries
- Average Employment: 872
- Average Weekly Wage: $549

Total Private Industry
- Average Employment: 1,014
- Average Weekly Wage: $584

Government (Federal, State, and Local)
- Average Employment: 176
- Average Weekly Wage: $557

Total, Private Industry plus Government
- Average Employment: 1,191
- Average Weekly Wage: $580

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Colebrook operates grades K-12**  
Career Technology Center(s): **Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center**  
District: **SAU 7**  
Region: **2**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
Number of Schools: 1  
Grade Levels: PK 1-8  
Total Enrollment: 219

Nearest Community College: **White Mountains**  
Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Granite State College-Berlin**

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)  
Total Facilities: 3  
Total Capacity: 111

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>Business</th>
<th>Product/Service</th>
<th>Employees</th>
<th>Established</th>
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<tr>
<td>Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital</td>
<td>Health care services</td>
<td>143</td>
<td>1970</td>
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<tr>
<td>Colebrook School District</td>
<td>Education</td>
<td>90</td>
<td>1900</td>
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<td>Town of Colebrook</td>
<td>Municipal services</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>1770</td>
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<td>Bangor Savings Bank</td>
<td>Banking services</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>1889</td>
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<tr>
<td>Codet</td>
<td>Stitching</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>1992</td>
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**COMPUTING TO WORK** *(ACS 2015-2019)*  
Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van: 73.7%  
Carpooleo, car/truck/van: 8.9%  
Public transportation: 0.0%  
Walked: 5.0%  
Other means: 12.3%  
Worked at home: 5.2%  
Mean Travel Time to Work: 15.5 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: **ACS 2015-2019**  
Working in community of residence: 64.9%  
Commuting to another NH community: 29.9%  
Commuting out-of-state: 5.2%

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

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Bretton Woods, Jay Peak**  
Other: **Coleman State Park; Beaver Brook Falls; Outdoor Skating Facility**