

# Colebrook, NH



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Municipal Office Hours	<b>Monday through Friday, 8 am - 4 pm; Town Clerk: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 3:30 pm, Friday, 8 am - 1 pm</b>
County	<b>Coös</b>
Labor Market Area	<b>Colebrook, NH-VT LMA, NH part</b>
Tourism Region	<b>Great North Woods</b>
Planning Commission	<b>North Country Council</b>
Regional Development	<b>Coös Economic Development Corp.</b>
Election Districts	
US Congress	<b>District 2</b>
Executive Council	<b>District 1</b>
State Senate	<b>District 1</b>
State Representative	<b>Coös County District 1</b>

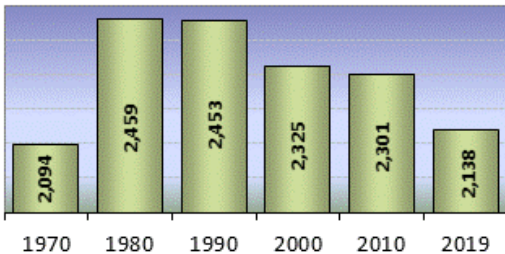
**Incorporated:** 1796

**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

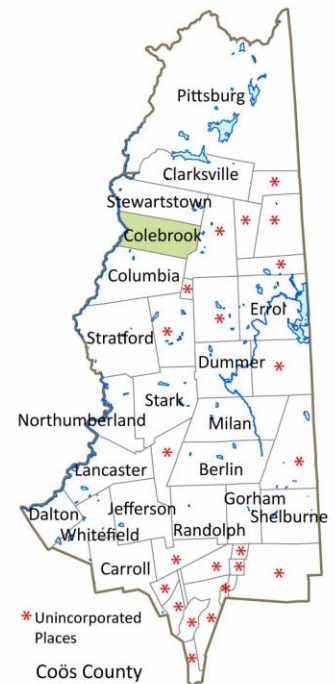
**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 29 residents in 1790

**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.



<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	<b>\$5,057,871</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019	<b>\$6,706,377</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1957/10</b>
Master Plan	<b>2013</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen; Planning; Cemetery; Library**  
 Appointed: **Zoning; Conservation**

Public Library **Colebrook Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>	
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Private</b>

Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook</b>	<b>Local</b>	<b>12</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>	
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop</b>
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>
Water Supplier	<b>Colebrook Water Works</b>

Sanitation	<b>Municipal</b>
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>Yes</b>
Solid Waste Disposal	
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>

Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>
Cable Television Access	<b>Limited</b>
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>
High Speed Internet Service:	
Business	<b>Yes</b>
Residential	<b>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$30.13</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>98.0</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$29.34</b>

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>66.7%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>23.8%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>9.4%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>1,478</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>978</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>200</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>83</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>217</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>2,138</b>	<b>31,563</b>	
2010	<b>2,301</b>	<b>33,055</b>	
2000	<b>2,325</b>	<b>33,156</b>	
1990	<b>2,453</b>	<b>34,879</b>	
1980	<b>2,459</b>	<b>35,014</b>	
1970	<b>2,094</b>	<b>34,189</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>925</b>	Female	<b>983</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>55</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>276</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>244</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>431</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>408</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>494</b>
Median Age			<b>52.3 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>85.0%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>15.6%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2015-2019)
Per capita income		<b>\$32,590</b>
Median family income		<b>\$57,778</b>
Median household income		<b>\$42,500</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$66,250</b>
Female		<b>\$30,597</b>
Individuals below the poverty level		<b>11.6%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>1,345</b>	<b>1,137</b>
Employed	<b>1,219</b>	<b>1,104</b>
Unemployed	<b>126</b>	<b>33</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMI)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>142</b>	<b>154</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 799</b>	<b>\$ 871</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>872</b>	<b>914</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 549</b>	<b>\$ 730</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>1,014</b>	<b>1,068</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 584</b>	<b>\$ 750</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>176</b>	<b>158</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 557</b>	<b>\$ 697</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>1,191</b>	<b>1,226</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 580</b>	<b>\$ 743</b>

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

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

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1		1	
Grade Levels	P K 1-8		9-12	
Total Enrollment	219		106	

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	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	Health care services	143	1970
Colebrook School District	Education	90	1900
Town of Colebrook	Municipal services	48	1770
Bangor Savings Bank	Banking services	40	1889
Codet	Stitching	33	1992

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	26, 145
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 28; Aut-55 (QC), Exit 21</b>	
Distance	<b>49 miles; 43 miles</b>	
Railroad	<b>State owned line</b>	
Public Transportation	<b>No</b>	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Gifford Field, Colebrook</b>	Runway	<b>2,440 ft. turf</b>
Lighted? <b>No</b>	Navigation Aids?	<b>No</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Portland (ME) International</b>	Distance	<b>129 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport	<b>6</b>	
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH	<b>152 miles</b>	
Portland, Maine	<b>133 miles</b>	
Boston, Mass.	<b>202 miles</b>	
New York City, NY	<b>382 miles</b>	
Montreal, Quebec	<b>130 miles</b>	

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>73.7%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>8.9%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>5.0%</b>
Other means	<b>12.3%</b>
Worked at home	<b>5.2%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>15.5 minutes</b>

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019**

Working in community of residence	<b>64.9</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>29.9</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.2</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

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