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 268 over 49 years, from 467 in 1970 to 735 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 44 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, a numeric increase of 206. The 2019 Census estimate for Columbia was 735 residents, which ranked 205th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019
(US Census Bureau): 12.0 persons per square mile of land area. Columbia contains 61.2 square miles of land area and 0.1 square miles of inland water area.
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units

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Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 9
- Residential Land and Buildings: 9
- Total Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type: 65.8%

Emergency Services
- Nearest Hospital(s): Upper Connecticut Valley, Colebrook, 5 miles, 12 Staffed Beds

Utilities
- Telephone Company: Consolidated Communications
- Cellular Telephone Access: Limited
- Cable Television Access: Limited
- Public Access Television Station: No
- High Speed Internet Service: Varies
  - Business: Limited
  - Residential: Limited

Property Taxes (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
- 2019 Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $18.92
- 2019 Equalization Ratio: 79.5
- 2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value): $14.53

Demographics - American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019
- Population by Gender: Male 335, Female 298
- Population by Age Group:
  - Under age 5: 7
  - Age 5 to 19: 79
  - Age 20 to 34: 84
  - Age 35 to 54: 171
  - Age 55 to 64: 136
  - Age 65 and over: 156
  - Median Age: 52.9 years

Income, Inflation Adjusted $ (ACS 2015-2019)
- Per capita income: $33,151
- Median family income: $55,000
- Median household income: $44,250

Labor Force (NHES – ELM)
- Annual Average:
  - 2009: 422
  - 2019: 322
- Civilian labor force: 407
- Employed: 312
- Unemployed: 10
- Unemployment rate: 3.6%

Employment & Wages (NHES – ELM)
- Annual Average Covered Employment:
  - 2009: 53
  - 2019: 58
- Goods Producing Industries:
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n
- Service Providing Industries:
  - Average Employment: n
  - Average Weekly Wage: n
- Total Private Industry:
  - Average Employment: $1,003
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,079
- Government (Federal, State, and Local):
  - Average Employment: $712
  - Average Weekly Wage: $1,090

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE
Schools students attend: Grades K-12 are tuitioned to Colebrook
career Technology Center(s): Berlin Regional Career & Technical Center

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)  
Number of Schools  Grade Levels  Total Enrollment

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: 0  Total Capacity: 0

LARGEST BUSINESSES  PRODUCT/SERVICE  EMPLOYEES  ESTABLISHED
Blue Mountain Variety  Convenience store  
Columbia Sand & Gravel, Inc.  Aggregate  

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  
Nearest Interstate, Exit  
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  Distance  139 miles  
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport  6  
Driving distance to select cities:
Manchester, NH  147 miles  
Portland, Maine  135 miles  
Boston, Mass.  200 miles  
New York City, NY  379 miles  
Montreal, Quebec  132 miles  

Commuting to Work (ACS 2015-2019)
Workers 16 years and over  
Drove alone, car/truck/van  69.6%  
Carpooled, car/truck/van  10.6%  
Public transportation  0.0%  
Walked  8.0%  
Other means  11.9%  
Worked at home  7.1%  
Mean Travel Time to Work  22.5 minutes  

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019  
Working in community of residence  25.0%  
Commuting to another NH community  67.9%  
Commuting out-of-state  7.1%  

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  
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  
Fishing/Hunting  
Boating/Marinas  
Snowmobile Trails  
Bicycle Trails  
Cross Country Skiing  
Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area  
Overnight or Day Camps  

Nearest Ski Area(s):
Other: Camps