

Columbia, 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.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 1
State Senate	District 1
State Representative	Coös County District 1

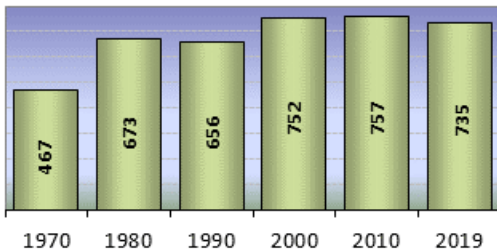
Incorporated: 1797

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

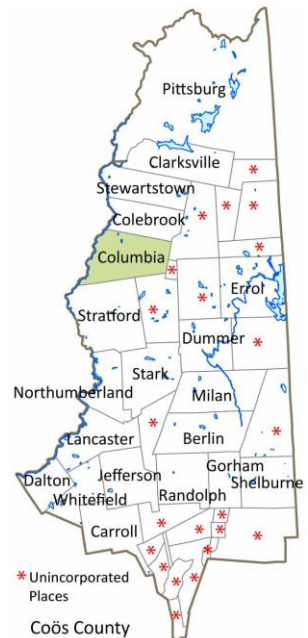
Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 34 residents in 1790

Population Trends: Population change for Columbia totaled 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.



MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2020	\$562,660
Budget: School Appropriations, 2020-2021	\$1,415,459
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	12

UTILITIES	
Electric Supplier	Eversource Energy; 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	Consolidated Communications
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)	
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

2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	65.8%
Commercial Land and Buildings	4.2%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	30.0%

HOUSING (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	518
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	397
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	5
Five or More Units in Structure	0
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	116

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	735	31,563	
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) 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
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			86.5%
Bachelor's degree or higher			12.4%

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2015-2019)
Per capita income		\$33,151
Median family income		\$55,000
Median household income		\$44,250
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		\$34,375
Female		\$33,750
Individuals below the poverty level		12.8%

LABOR FORCE (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	422	322
Employed	407	312
Unemployed	15	10
Unemployment rate	3.6%	3.1%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	53	58
Average Weekly Wage	\$1,003	\$1,079
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	9	5
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 712	\$1,090
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	62	64
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 963	\$1,080

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are tuitioned to Colebrook** 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				
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		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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	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
- 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):
- Other: **Camps**