

A total of 2,987 ticks feeding on humans were submitted for identification in 1997. Of these, 2,684 were tested for the presence of *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the causative organism of Lyme disease, and 531 (19.8%) were found to carry this organism. The species names and numbers of specimens received, tested, and found positive are shown in the table below.

<b>Name of Species</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Number Received</b>	<b>Number Tested</b>	<b>Number Positive</b>
<i>Ixodes scapularis</i>	Black-legged ("deer") Tick	2818	2633	529
<i>Dermacentor variabilis</i>	American Dog Tick	114	0	0
<i>Amblyomma americanum</i>	Lone Star Tick	45	42	1
<i>Ixodes cookei</i>	7	6	0	
<i>Rhipicephalus sanguineus</i>	Brown Dog Tick	1	1	0
<i>Ixodes pacificus</i> (acquired in California)	1	1	1	
<i>Ixodes</i> (species could not be determined)	1	1	0	

The number of ticks submitted from each town, and the number infected, are summarized by town. Towns in parentheses are those towns served by regional health districts with headquarters in the town listed.

<b>Town</b>	<b>Total Submitted</b>	<b>Total Tested</b>	<b>Total Positive</b>
Ansonia	3	1	1
Avon (Barkhamsted, Canton, Colebrook, East Granby, Farmington, Granby, Hartland, New Hartford, Simsbury)	33	29	3
Barkhamsted	1	1	1
Beacon Falls	1	1	0
Berlin	3	3	0
Bethany	10	10	2
Bethel	19	18	6
Bolton	1	1	0
Branford (East Haven, North Branford)	68	33	8
Bridgeport	7	5	0
Bridgewater (Roxbury)	6	4	1
Bristol	8	1	0
Brookfield	6	5	0

Brooklyn (Ashford, Canterbury, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Sterling, Thompson, Woodstock)	58	54	15
Cheshire (Prospect, Wolcott)	40	29	5
Clinton	14	13	2
Colchester	6	5	0
Columbia	1	1	0
Cromwell	3	3	0
Danbury	2	2	0
Darien	148	142	18
Derby	9	2	0
Durham	2	2	0
East Granby	2	0	0
East Hampton	13	11	4
East Lyme	1	0	0
Easton	16	14	2
Ellington	1	1	0
Enfield (East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Suffield, Vernon, Windham, Windsor Locks)	8	8	0
Essex	7	6	0
Fairfield	81	73	16
Glastonbury	6	5	1
Granby	1	1	0
Greenwich	309	303	55
Griswold (Lisbon, Voluntown)	1	1	1
Groton	3	3	0
Guilford	54	48	9
Haddam	1	1	0
Hamden (North Haven, Woodbridge)	23	21	5
Hartford (State Health Department)	68	58	12
Hebron	6	6	2
Kent	5	1	0
Killingworth	1	1	0
Lebanon	1	1	0
Lyme	3	3	0
Madison	26	23	2
Manchester	8	6	2
Mansfield (Bolton, Coventry)	5	5	1
Meriden	5	5	2
Middlebury	1	1	0

Middlefield	1	1	0
Middletown	4	4	0
Milford	7	7	3
Monroe	27	26	4
Montville	1	0	0
New Britain	6	5	1
New Canaan	140	125	26
New Fairfield	19	17	5
New Haven	12	10	4
New London	1	1	0
New Milford	24	22	6
Newington	1	1	1
Newtown	206	183	35
North Haven	12	11	2
North Stonington	1	1	0
Norwalk	188	175	28
Norwich	5	4	1
Old Lyme	11	11	4
Old Saybrook	2	2	0
Orange	11	9	3
Plainville	1	1	0
Plymouth	13	12	5
Redding	15	15	5
Ridgefield	25	24	4
Salem	1	1	0
Scotland	1	1	0
Seymour	1	1	0
Shelton (Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Derby,Naugatuck, Seymour)	20	15	3
South Windsor	6	6	3
Southbury (Oxford, Woodbury)	90	79	19
Southington	6	2	0
Stafford	1	1	0
Stamford	349	338	83
Stonington	2	2	1
Stratford	42	31	5
Torrington (Bethlehem, Cornwall, Goshen, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, Norfolk, Salisbury, Thomaston, Warren, Watertown, Winchester)	245	221	41

Trumbull	53	47	5
Vernon	1	1	0
Wallingford	9	7	3
Waterbury	34	31	2
Waterford	1	1	0
Watertown	1	1	1
West Hartford (Bloomfield)	7	6	0
Westport (Weston)	103	98	21
Wethersfield	2	2	0
Wilton	162	142	30
Windham	6	6	0
Windsor	5	4	0
Woodbridge	1	1	1