

A total of 4656 ticks feeding on humans were submitted for identification in 1998. Of these, 4161 were tested for the presence of *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the causative organism of Lyme disease, and 1068 (26%) were found to carry this organism. The names of the tick species and numbers of specimens received are shown in the table below.

Name of Species	Common Name	Total
<i>Ixodes scapularis</i>	Black-legged ("Deer") Tick	4415
<i>Dermacentor variabilis</i>	American Dog Tick	195
<i>Amblyomma americanum</i>	Lone Star Tick	41
<i>Ixodes cookei</i>	(normally on woodchucks)	2
<i>Ixodes marxi</i>	(normally on squirrels)	1
<i>Ixodes pacificus</i>	(acquired in California)	1
<i>Ixodes ricinus</i>	(acquired in Europe)	1

Most of the ticks received by us are the black-legged or "deer" ticks. Below is a table comparing the numbers and infection rates of deer ticks over the past five years.

Year	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
1997	2800	2621	526	20
1998	4415	4115	1068	26
1999	6684	6341	1492	24
2000	6687	6299	1501	24
2001	5849	5588	1434	26

The number of deer ticks submitted from each town and the number infected are summarized by town for the year 1998. If the town is served by a health district, its totals are included with the town listed in the second column. For example, Ansonia is served by the Naugatuck Valley Health District, which is located in Shelton. Any ticks that may have been received from Ansonia through the health district are included in the totals for Shelton. Those totals reflect the data for all the towns served by the health district. For a directory of local health departments and districts, see the state website at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Local-Health-Admin/LHA/Local-Health-Administration---Site-Map>

Town	Hlth. Dist. Town	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
Andover	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Ansonia	Shelton	-	-	-	-
Ashford	Killingly	2	2	1	50.00%
Avon	-	46	46	7	15.22%
Barkhamsted	Avon	-	-	-	-
Beacon Falls	Shelton	1	1	1	100.00%

Berlin	Wethersfield	-	-	-	-
Bethany	-	15	14	6	42.86%
Bethel	-	27	25	5	20.00%
Bethlehem	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Bloomfield	West Hartford	1	1	0	0.00%
Bolton	Mansfield	-	-	-	-
Bozrah	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Branford	-	51	50	15	30.00%
Bridgeport	-	9	8	2	25.00%
Bridgewater	-	10	10	0	0.00%
Bristol	-	12	4	1	25.00%
Brookfield	-	7	7	2	28.57%
Brooklyn	Killingly	61	56	21	37.50%
Burlington	Bristol	5	5	2	40.00%
Canaan	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Canterbury	Killingly	-	-	-	-
Canton	Avon	-	-	-	-
Chaplin	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Cheshire	-	65	64	12	18.75%
Chester	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Clinton	-	15	15	5	33.33%
Colchester	-	1	1	1	100.00%
Colebrook	Avon	-	-	-	-
Columbia	-	1	1	0	0.00%
Cornwall	Torrington	1	1	-	0.00%
Coventry	Mansfield	-	-	-	-
Cromwell	-	4	4	1	25.00%
Danbury	-	1	1	0	0.00%
Darien	-	225	217	63	29.03%
Deep River	-	1	1	1	100.00%
Derby	Shelton	5	1	1	100.00%
Durham	-	3	3	0	0.00%
East Granby	Avon	-	-	-	-
East Haddam	-	2	1	0	0.00%
East Hampton	-	2	2	0	0.00%
East Hartford	-	2	1	1	100.00%
East Haven	Branford	-	-	-	-
East Lyme	-	1	1	0	0.00%
East Windsor	Enfield	-	-	-	-
Eastford	Killingly	-	-	-	-

Easton	-	38	34	8	23.53%
Ellington	Enfield	2	0	0	0.00%
Enfield	-	17	17	3	17.65%
Essex	-	3	3	1	33.33%
Fairfield	-	101	97	21	21.65%
Farmington	Avon	1	1	0	0.00%
Franklin	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Glastonbury	-	11	10	3	30.00%
Goshen	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Granby	Avon	-	-	-	-
Greenwich	-	635	623	177	28.41%
Griswold	-	1	1	0	0.00%
Groton	-	8	7	0	0.00%
Guilford	-	66	63	14	22.22%
Haddam	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Hamden	North Haven	6	6	2	33.33%
Hampton	Killingly	-	-	-	-
Hartford	-	7	6	2	33.33%
Hartland	Avon	-	-	-	-
Harwinton	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Hebron	-	3	2	0	0.00%
Kent	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Killingly	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Killingworth	-	3	3	1	33.33%
Lebanon	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Ledyard	-	2	2	1	50.00%
Lisbon	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Litchfield	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Lyme	-	10	7	1	14.29%
Madison	-	26	23	3	13.04%
Manchester	-	17	11	1	9.09%
Mansfield	-	7	7	1	14.29%
Marlborough	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Meriden	-	6	6	2	33.33%
Middlebury	-	4	4	2	50.00%
Middlefield	-	1	1	0	0.00%
Middletown	-	6	6	3	50.00%
Milford	-	15	15	2	13.33%
Monroe	-	35	33	4	12.12%
Montville	Norwich	-	-	-	-

Morris	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Naugatuck	Shelton	-	-	-	-
New Britain	-	31	6	3	50.00%
New Canaan	-	188	171	53	30.99%
New Fairfield	-	13	13	3	23.08%
New Hartford	Avon	-	-	-	-
New Haven	-	45	43	16	37.21%
New London	-	3	3	0	0.00%
New Milford	-	29	26	6	23.08%
Newington	-	1	1	0	0.00%
Newtown	-	205	190	45	23.68%
Norfolk	Torrington	-	-	-	-
North Branford	Branford	-	-	-	-
North Canaan	-	1	1	0	0.00%
North Haven	-	52	50	14	28.00%
North Stonington	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Norwalk	-	214	200	35	17.50%
Norwich	-	6	6	0	0.00%
Old Lyme	-	24	23	8	34.78%
Old Saybrook	-	3	1	0	0.00%
Orange	-	16	16	8	50.00%
Oxford	Southbury	-	-	-	-
Plainfield	Killingly	-	-	-	-
Plainville	-	1	1	1	100.00%
Plymouth	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Pomfret	Killingly	-	-	-	-
Portland	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Preston	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Prospect	Cheshire	-	-	-	-
Putnam	Killingly	1	1	0	0.00%
Redding	-	31	26	7	26.92%
Ridgefield	-	54	48	7	14.78%
Rocky Hill	Wethersfield	-	-	-	-
Roxbury	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Salem	-	1	1	0	0.00%
Salisbury	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Scotland	-	1	1	0	0.00%
Seymour	Shelton	-	-	-	-
Sharon	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Shelton	-	41	38	13	34.21%

Sherman	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Simsbury	Avon	-	-	-	-
Somers	-	0	0	0	0.00%
South Windsor	-	5	3	2	66.67%
Southbury	-	91	82	16	18.82%
Southington	-	10	2	0	0.00%
Sprague	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Stafford	-	2	2	1	50.00%
Stamford	-	508	494	129	26.11%
Sterling	Killingly	-	-	-	-
Stonington	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Stratford	-	36	33	11	33.33%
Suffield	Enfield	-	-	-	-
Thomaston	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Thompson	Killingly	-	-	-	-
Tolland	Mansfield	-	-	-	-
Torrington	-	383	370	101	27.30%
Trumbull	-	81	73	21	28.77%
Union	Stafford	-	-	-	-
Vernon	Enfield	-	-	-	-
Voluntown	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Wallingford	-	11	11	1	9.09%
Warren	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Washington	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Waterbury	-	50	45	8	17.78%
Waterford	-	1	1	0	0.00%
Watertown	Torrington	-	-	-	-
West Hartford	-	4	4	1	25.00%
West Haven	-	1	1	1	100.00%
Westbrook	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Weston	Westport	1	1	0	0.00%
Westport	-	209	198	48	24.24%
Wethersfield	-	5	4	1	25.00%
Willington	-	0	0	0	0.00%
Wilton	-	433	377	102	27.06%
Winchester	Torrington	-	-	-	-
Windham	Enfield	1	1	1	100.00%
Windsor	-	12	10	3	30.00%
Windsor Locks	Enfield	-	-	-	-
Wolcott	Cheshire	-	-	-	-

Woodbridge	North Haven	3	3	2	66.67%
Woodbury	Southbury	-	-	-	-
Woodstock	Killingly	-	-	-	-