

A total of 6243 ticks feeding on humans were submitted for identification in 2003. Of these, 5721 were tested for the presence of *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the causative organism of Lyme disease, and 1738 (30%) were found to carry this organism. The names of the tick species and numbers of specimens received are shown in the table below.

<b>Name of Species</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Ixodes scapularis</i>	Black-legged ("Deer") Tick	5886
<i>Dermacentor variabilis</i>	American Dog Tick	295
<i>Amblyomma americanum</i>	Lone Star Tick	56
<i>Ixodes cookei</i>	(normally on woodchucks)	4
<i>Ixodes pacificus</i>	(acquired in California)	2

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.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Identified</b>	<b>Total Tested</b>	<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>Percent Positive</b>
<b>1999</b>	6679	6337	1491	24
<b>2000</b>	6687	6299	1501	24
<b>2001</b>	5849	5588	1434	26
<b>2002</b>	6437	6212	1770	28
<b>2003</b>	5886	5673	1735	31

The number of deer ticks submitted from each town and the number infected are summarized by town for the year 2003. 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>

<b>Town</b>	<b>Hlth. Dist. Town</b>	<b>Total Identified</b>	<b>Total Tested</b>	<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>Percent Positive</b>
Andover		0	0	0	0.00%
Ansonia	Shelton				
Ashford	Killingly				
Avon		290	287	94	32.75%

Barkhamsted	Avon				
Beacon Falls	Shelton				
Berlin		14	12	4	33.33%
Bethany		11	11	3	27.27%
Bethel		40	38	12	31.58%
Bethlehem	Torrington	1	1	1	100.00%
Bloomfield	West Hartford	1	1	0	0.00%
Bolton	Mansfield				
Bozrah		0	0	0	
Branford		46	46	6	13.04%
Bridgeport		13	12	2	16.67%
Bridgewater		6	6	2	33.33%
Bristol		12	1	0	0.00%
Brookfield		28	27	7	25.93%
Brooklyn	Killingly				
Burlington	Bristol	1	1	1	100.00%
Canaan		0	0	0	
Canterbury	Killingly				
Canton	Avon				
Chaplin		0	0	0	
Cheshire		86	84	25	29.76%
Chester		0	0	0	
Clinton		14	12	5	41.67%
Colchester		7	6	0	0.00%
Colebrook	Avon				
Columbia		2	2	0	0.00%
Cornwall	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%

Coventry	Mansfield				
Cromwell		1	1	0	0.00%
Danbury		4	4	1	25.00%
Darien		343	332	88	26.51%
Deep River					
Derby	Shelton	2	1	0	0.00%
Durham		5	5	2	40.00%
East Granby	Avon				
East Haddam		7	6	1	16.67%
East Hampton		3	3	1	33.33%
East Hartford		0	0	0	
East Haven	Branford				
East Lyme		2	2	1	50.00%
East Windsor	Enfield				
Eastford	Killingly				
Easton		46	45	16	35.56%
Ellington	Enfield				
Enfield		19	18	7	38.89%
Essex		1	1	0	0.00%
Fairfield		16	15	3	20.00%
Farmington	Avon				
Franklin		0	0	0	
Glastonbury		14	13	3	23.08%
Goshen	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
Granby	Avon	4	3	0	0.00%
Greenwich		323	318	113	35.53%
Griswold		0	0	0	

Groton		57	56	12	21.43%
Guilford		111	107	39	36.45%
Haddam		3	3	0	0.00%
Hamden	North Haven	6	6	0	0.00%
Hampton	Killingly	2	2	0	0.00%
Hartford		6	6	4	66.67%
Hartland	Avon				
Harwinton	Torrington				
Hebron		4	4	1	25.00%
Kent	Torrington	10	10	7	70.00%
Killingly		3	3	3	100.0%
Killingworth		3	3	0	0.00%
Lebanon		2	2	1	50.00%
Ledyard		0	0	0	
Lisbon		0	0	0	
Litchfield	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
Lyme		0	0	0	
Madison		6	6	0	0.00%
Manchester		8	8	2	25.00%
Mansfield		24	23	6	26.09%
Marlborough		0	0	0	
Meriden		11	9	2	0.00%
Middlebury		38	38	14	36.84%
Middlefield		4	4	2	50.00%
Middletown		6	6	2	33.33%
Milford		16	16	1	6.25%
Monroe		52	49	14	28.57%

Montville	Norwich	1	1	0	0.00%
Morris	Torrington				
Naugatuck	Shelton				
New Britain		21	8	2	25.00%
New Canaan		297	291	106	36.43%
New Fairfield		25	25	9	36.00%
New Hartford	Avon				
New Haven		25	22	7	31.82%
New London		0	0	0	
New Milford		48	46	12	26.09%
Newington		2	2	1	50.00%
Newtown		436	414	119	28.74%
Norfolk	Torrington				
North Branford	Branford	3	3	1	33.33%
North Canaan		0	0	0	
North Haven		63	59	16	27.12%
North Stonington		0	0	0	
Norwalk		307	302	93	30.79%
Norwich		8	8	3	37.50%
Old Lyme		2	1	0	0.00%
Old Saybrook		16	14	8	57.14%
Orange		14	14	5	35.71
Oxford	Southbury				
Plainfield	Killingly				
Plainville		2	2	0	0.00%
Plymouth	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
Pomfret	Killingly	1	1	0	0.00%

Portland		2	2	0	0.00%
Preston		0	0	0	
Prospect	Cheshire	1	1	1	100.00%
Putnam	Killingly				
Redding		6	5	0	0.00%
Ridgefield		169	160	43	26.88%
Rocky Hill	Wethersfield				
Roxbury		9	9	5	55.56%
Salem		0	0	0	
Salisbury	Torrington				
Scotland		0	0	0	
Seymour	Shelton	2	2	1	50.00%
Sharon		0	0	0	
Shelton		77	75	19	25.33%
Sherman		3	3	3	100.00%
Simsbury	Avon	4	4	1	25.00%
Somers		0	0	0	
South Windsor		4	4	1	25.00%
Southbury		240	233	72	30.90%
Southington		51	37	7	18.92%
Sprague		0	0	0	
Stafford		1	1	1	100.00%
Stamford		570	546	167	30.59%
Sterling	Killingly				
Stonington		0	0	0	
Stratford		49	48	12	25.00%
Suffield	Enfield				

Thomaston	Torrington	3	3	0	0.00%
Thompson	Killingly				
Tolland	Mansfield				
Torrington		786	774	260	33.59%
Trumbull		92	90	23	25.56%
Union	Stafford	1	1	0	0.00%
Vernon	Enfield	5	5	1	20.00%
Voluntown		0	0	0	
Wallingford		20	20	6	30.00%
Warren	Torrington				
Washington		1	1	0	0.00%
Waterbury		32	32	9	28.13%
Waterford		2	2	1	50.00%
Watertown	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
West Hartford		12	11	4	36.36%
West Haven		6	6	2	33.33%
Westbrook		0	0	0	
Weston	Westport				
Westport		293	287	83	28.92%
Wethersfield		8	7	2	28.57%
Willington		1	1	1	100.00%
Wilton		401	386	116	30.05%
Winchester	Torrington				
Windham	Enfield	3	3	2	67.67%
Windsor		10	10	1	10.00%
Windsor Locks	Enfield				
Wolcott	Cheshire				

Woodbridge	North Haven	1	1	0	0.00%
Woodbury	Southbury	1	1	0	0.00%
Woodstock	Killingly				