

A total of 6461 ticks feeding on humans were submitted for identification in 2005. Of these, 5978 were tested for the presence of *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the causative organism of Lyme disease, and 1613 (27%) 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	6123
<i>Dermacentor variabilis</i>	American Dog Tick	257
<i>Amblyomma americanum</i>	Lone Star Tick	64
<i>Ixodes cookei</i>	(normally on woodchucks)	9
<i>Ixodes marxi</i>	(normally on squirrels)	3
<i>Rhipicephalus sanguineus</i>	Brown Dog Tick	3
<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.

Year	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
2001	5849	5588	1434	26
2002	6437	6212	1770	28
2003	5886	5673	1735	31
2004	4495	4231	1645	39
2005	6123	5897	1613	27

The number of deer ticks submitted from each town and the number infected are summarized by town for the year 2005. 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 Seymour. Any ticks that may have been received from Ansonia through the health district are included in the totals for Seymour. Any ticks received from individuals in Ansonia would be listed separately for Ansonia. 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	Health District Town	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
Andover	Mansfield				
Ansonia	Seymour				
Ashford	Mansfield				
Avon		289	285	82	28.77%
Barkhamsted	Avon	1	1	0	0.00%
Beacon Falls	Seymour				
Berlin	Wethersfield	1	1	0	0.00%
Bethany	North Haven	14	14	4	28.57%
Bethel		31	30	9	30.00%
Bethlehem	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
Bloomfield		0	0	0	
Bolton	Mansfield	2	2	0	0.00%
Bozrah	Norwich				
Branford		71	70	15	21.43%
Bridgeport		19	19	4	21.05%
Bridgewater	Newtown				
Bristol		15	9	1	11.11%
Brookfield		75	71	18	25.35%

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Brooklyn	Killingly				
Burlington	Bristol	4	4	0	0.00%
Canaan	Torrington				
Canterbury	Killingly				
Canton	Avon	1	1	0	0.00%
Chaplin	Mansfield				
Cheshire		105	104	25	24.04%
Chester		2	2	0	0.00%
Clinton	Old Saybrook	13	13	2	15.38%
Colchester		4	4	0	0.00%
Colebrook	Avon				
Columbia	Mansfield				
Cornwall	Torrington				
Coventry	Mansfield				
Cromwell		2	2	2	100.00%
Danbury		10	10	1	10.00%
Darien		298	289	87	30.10%
Deep River	Old Saybrook				

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Derby	Seymour				
Durham		4	3	2	66.67%
East Granby	Avon				
East Haddam	East Hampton	4	4	3	75.00%
East Hampton		3	3	1	33.33%
East Hartford		0	0	0	
East Haven	Branford				
East Lyme	Groton	4	4	0	0.00%
East Windsor	Enfield				
Eastford	Killingly				
Easton		56	53	16	30.19%
Ellington	Enfield				
Enfield		14	14	5	35.71%
Essex		0	0	0	
Fairfield		22	21	9	42.86%
Farmington	Avon				
Franklin		0	0	0	
Glastonbury		18	18	6	33.33%

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Goshen	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
Granby	Avon	2	2	0	0.00%
Greenwich		179	178	56	31.46%
Griswold		9	8	0	0.00%
Groton		152	144	40	27.78%
Guilford		45	43	12	27.91%
Haddam		9	9	3	33.33%
Hamden	North Haven	11	11	2	18.18%
Hampton	Killingly	1	1	0	0.00%
Hartford		7	7	1	14.29%
Hartland	Avon				
Harwinton	Torrington				
Hebron	East Hampton	6	6	1	16.67%
Kent	Torrington	3	3	0	0.00%
Killingly		3	3	1	33.33%
Killingworth		7	7	1	14.29%
Lebanon		1	1	0	0.00%
Ledyard	Groton	9	8	2	25.00%

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Lisbon		0	0	0	
Litchfield	Torrington				
Lyme		0	0	0	
Madison		8	8	1	12.50%
Manchester		4	3	2	66.67%
Mansfield		29	27	9	33.33%
Marlborough	East Hampton				
Meriden		12	11	2	18.18%
Middlebury		20	19	7	36.84%
Middlefield		4	4	0	0.00%
Middletown		15	14	3	21.43%
Milford		37	36	5	13.89%
Monroe	Trumbull				
Montville	Norwich				
Morris	Torrington				
Naugatuck	Seymour	1	1	0	0.00%
New Britain		17	10	1	10.00%
New Canaan		361	346	100	28.90%

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New Fairfield		31	29	6	20.69%
New Hartford	Avon	8	8	1	12.50%
New Haven		21	19	5	26.32%
New London	Groton	1	1	1	100.00%
New Milford		56	52	24	46.15%
Newington	Wethersfield	1	1	0	0.00%
Newtown		463	447	124	27.74%
Norfolk	Torrington				
North Branford	Branford	3	3	0	0.00%
North Canaan		0	0	0	
North Haven		58	57	16	28.07%
North Stonington		0	0	0	
Norwalk		333	329	87	26.44%
Norwich		17	13	4	30.77%
Old Lyme		8	7	0	0.00%
Old Saybrook		9	9	1	11.11%
Orange		25	25	4	16.00%
Oxford	Southbury	4	4	0	0.00%

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Plainfield	Killingly				
Plainville		5	5	0	0.00%
Plymouth	Torrington	1	1	1	100.00%
Pomfret	Killingly	1	1	1	100.00%
Portland	East Hampton	1	1	0	0.00%
Preston		0	0	0	
Prospect	Cheshire	1	1	0	0.00%
Putnam	Killingly				
Redding		93	84	21	25.00%
Ridgefield		241	228	68	29.82%
Rocky Hill	Wethersfield	1	1	1	100.00%
Roxbury	Newtown	17	17	8	47.06%
Salem		0	0	0	
Salisbury	Torrington				
Scotland	Mansfield				
Seymour		125	124	31	25.00%
Sharon		0	0	0	
Shelton	Seymour	6	6	0	0.00%

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Sherman		6	6	1	16.67%
Simsbury	Avon	2	2	1	50.00%
Somers		0	0	0	
South Windsor		2	2	0	0.00%
Southbury		278	262	64	24.43%
Southington		47	37	7	18.92%
Sprague	Norwich				
Stafford	Enfield	1	1	0	0.00%
Stamford		505	485	128	26.39%
Sterling	Killingly				
Stonington		1	1	1	100.00%
Stratford		46	45	13	28.89%
Suffield	Enfield				
Thomaston	Torrington	1	1	1	100.00%
Thompson	Killingly				
Tolland	Mansfield	1	1	0	0.00%
Torrington		743	722	222	30.75%
Trumbull		154	150	40	26.67%

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Union	Killingly				
Vernon	Enfield	3	3	0	0.00%
Voluntown		0	0	0	
Wallingford		31	29	9	31.03%
Warren	Torrington				
Washington		0	0	0	
Waterbury		38	32	14	43.75%
Waterford	Groton	9	9	5	55.56%
Watertown	Torrington				
West Hartford	Bloomfield	4	4	0	0.00%
West Haven		1	1	0	0.00%
Westbrook		3	3	0	0.00%
Weston	Westport	2	2	0	0.00%
Westport		297	292	71	24.32%
Wethersfield		6	6	1	16.67%
Willington	Mansfield				
Wilton		349	338	84	24.85%
Winchester	Torrington	3	3	0	0.00%

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Windham	Enfield				
Windsor		6	6	2	33.33%
Windsor Locks	Enfield				
Wolcott	Cheshire				
Woodbridge	North Haven	16	16	4	25.00%
Woodbury	Southbury	1	1	0	0.00%
Woodstock	Killingly	1	1	0	0.00%