

A total of 3404 ticks feeding on humans were submitted for identification in 2008. Of these, 1534* were tested for the presence of *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the causative organism of Lyme disease, and 345 (22%) 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	3126
<i>Dermacentor variabilis</i>	American Dog Tick	207
<i>Amblyomma americanum</i>	Lone Star Tick	62
<i>Amblyomma maculatum</i>	Gulf Coast Tick	2
<i>Amblyomma species</i>	(species undetermined)	2
<i>Ixodes cookei</i>	(normally on woodchucks)	2
<i>Ixodes dentatus</i>	(normally on rabbits)	2
<i>Ixodes ricinus</i>	Sheep Tick	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 Connecticut deer ticks over the past five years.

Year	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
2004	4495	4231	1645	39
2005	6123	5897	1613	27
2006	4855	2314*	520	22
2007	2602	1388	479	35
2008	3120	1470	340	23

*Note: As of January 1, 2006, unengorged ticks are no longer being tested for *Borrelia burgdorferi*. Research has shown that unengorged ticks, those that have not ingested blood, are unlikely to transmit the disease organism.

The number of deer ticks submitted from each town and the number infected are summarized by town for the year 2008. 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	Hlth. Dist. Town	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
Andover	Mansfield				
Ansonia	Seymour				
Ashford	Mansfield				
Avon		14	4	2	50.00%
Barkhamsted		8	4	1	25.00%
Beacon Falls	Seymour				
Berlin	Wethersfield	5	4	3	75.00%
Bethany	North Haven	5	3	1	33.33%
Bethel		27	17	7	41.18%
Bethlehem	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
Bloomfield		12	7	0	0.00%
Bolton	Mansfield	2	2	1	50.00%
Bozrah	Norwich				
Branford		28	16	4	25.00%
Bridgeport		8	3	1	33.33%
Bridgewater	Newtown				
Bristol		38	17	7	41.18%
Brookfield		63	23	4	17.39%
Brooklyn		3	2	0	0.00%

Town	Hlth. Dist. Town	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
Burlington	Bristol				
Canaan	Torrington				
Canterbury	Brooklyn	3	2	0	0.00%
Canton		17	7	3	42.86%
Chaplin	Mansfield				
Cheshire		59	30	5	16.67%
Chester		3	1	0	0.00%
Clinton	Old Saybrook	1	0	0	0.00%
Colchester		3	3	1	33.33%
Colebrook					
Columbia	Mansfield				
Cornwall	Torrington				
Coventry	Mansfield	1	0	0	0.00%
Cromwell		1	0	0	0.00%
Danbury		5	2	1	50.00%
Darien		165	71	18	25.35%
Deep River	Old Saybrook				
Derby	Seymour				
Durham		4	2	0	0.00%

Town	Hlth. Dist. Town	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
East Granby		5	4	0	0.00%
East Haddam	East Hampton	2	1	0	0.00%
East Hampton		3	1	0	0.00%
East Hartford		1	0	0	0.00%
East Haven	Branford	1	1	0	0.00%
East Lyme	Groton				
East Windsor	Enfield	1	1	1	100.00%
Eastford	Brooklyn				
Easton		13	10	5	50.00%
Ellington	Enfield	3	0	0	0.00%
Enfield		12	8	1	12.50%
Essex		1	1	0	0.00%
Fairfield		7	7	0	0.00%
Farmington		16	6	2	33.33%
Franklin					
Glastonbury		8	2	1	50.00%
Goshen	Torrington				
Granby		11	7	1	14.29%
Greenwich		1	1	0	0.00%

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Griswold		2	0	0	0.00%
Groton		119	54	16	29.63%
Guilford		20	13	1	7.69%
Haddam	East Hampton	22	14	2	14.29%
Hamden	North Haven	12	8	2	25.00%
Hampton	Brooklyn				
Hartford		4	2	1	50.00%
Hartland		2	1	1	100.00%
Harwinton	Torrington	1	0	0	0.00%
Hebron	East Hampton	3	3	1	33.33%
Kent	Torrington				
Killingly	Brooklyn				
Killingworth		2	1	1	100.00%
Lebanon					
Ledyard	Groton				
Lisbon					
Litchfield	Torrington				
Lyme					
Madison		8	4	0	0.00%

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Manchester		7	5	0	0.00%
Mansfield		15	8	1	12.50%
Marlborough	East Hampton	1	1	0	0.00%
Meriden		7	4	0	0.00%
Middlebury		22	10	4	40.00%
Middlefield		1	1	1	100.00%
Middletown		5	3	1	33.33%
Milford		25	13	1	7.69%
Monroe	Trumbull	1	1	0	0.00%
Montville	Norwich	3	0	0	0.00%
Morris	Torrington				
Naugatuck	Seymour				
New Britain		26	15	1	6.67%
New Canaan		70	39	10	25.64%
New Fairfield		8	2	0	0.00%
New Hartford		13	5	3	60.00%
New Haven		15	10	1	10.00%
New London	Groton				
New Milford		13	3	1	33.33%

Town	Hlth. Dist. Town	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
Newington	Wethersfield				
Newtown		260	110	15	13.64%
Norfolk	Torrington				
North Branford	Branford	1	0	0	0.00%
North Canaan	Torrington				
North Haven		49	29	8	27.59%
North Stonington					
Norwalk		217	95	17	17.89%
Norwich		5	2	0	0.00%
Old Lyme		6	2	1	50.00%
Old Saybrook		4	2	1	50.00%
Orange		8	6	2	33.33%
Oxford	Southbury	5	2	0	0.00%
Plainfield	Brooklyn				
Plainville		1	0	0	0.00%
Plymouth	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
Pomfret	Brooklyn	1	1	0	0.00%
Portland	East Hampton	3	3	0	0.00%
Preston					

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Prospect	Cheshire				
Putnam	Brooklyn				
Redding		65	33	6	18.18%
Ridgefield		128	48	10	20.83%
Rocky Hill	Wethersfield				
Roxbury	Newtown	18	9	2	22.22%
Salem		1	1	0	0.00%
Salisbury	Torrington	2	1	1	100.00%
Scotland	Mansfield				
Seymour		67	35	6	17.14%
Sharon		2	1	0	0.00%
Shelton	Seymour	3	1	1	100.00%
Sherman					
Simsbury		25	15	4	26.67%
Somers		1	1	0	0.00%
South Windsor		5	1	0	0.00%
Southbury		121	56	15	26.79%
Southington		33	12	3	25.00%
Sprague	Norwich				

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Stafford	Enfield	2	2	1	50.00%
Stamford		188	80	17	21.25%
Sterling	Brooklyn				
Stonington		1	0	0	0.00%
Stratford		34	13	4	30.77%
Suffield	Enfield				
Thomaston	Torrington				
Thompson	Brooklyn				
Tolland	Mansfield	3	0	0	0.00%
Torrington		384	179	52	29.05%
Trumbull		97	43	14	32.56%
Union	Brooklyn				
Vernon	Enfield	3	3	1	33.33%
Voluntown					
Wallingford		17	9	3	33.33%
Warren	Torrington	1	1	1	100.00%
Washington					
Waterbury		23	14	3	21.43%
Waterford	Groton	1	0	0	0.00%

Town	Hlth. Dist. Town	Total Identified	Total Tested	Total Positive	Percent Positive
Watertown	Torrington				
West Hartford	Bloomfield	2	0	0	0.00%
West Haven		6	4	2	50.00%
Westbrook					
Weston	Westport				
Westport		61	58	9	15.52%
Wethersfield		6	2	0	0.00%
Willington	Mansfield				
Wilton		219	99	20	20.20%
Winchester	Torrington	1	1	1	100.00%
Windham	Enfield	1	1	0	0.00%
Windsor		11	6	2	33.33%
Windsor Locks	Enfield				
Wolcott	Cheshire				
Woodbridge	North Haven	4	1	0	0.00%
Woodbury	Southbury				
Woodstock	Brooklyn				