

A total of 4031 ticks feeding on humans were submitted for identification in 2009. Of these, 1802\* were tested for the presence of *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the causative organism of Lyme disease, and 676 (37.5%) 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	3672
<i>Dermacentor variabilis</i>	American Dog Tick	285
<i>Amblyomma americanum</i>	Lone Star Tick	63
<i>Ixodes cookei</i>	(normally on woodchucks)	1
<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.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Identified</b>	<b>Total Tested</b>	<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>Percent Positive</b>
2005	6123	5897	1613	27
2006	4855	2314*	520	22
2007	2602	1388	479	35
2008	3120	1470	340	23
2009	3669	1768	666	38

\*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 2009. 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>

<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	Mansfield				
Ansonia	Seymour	2	1	0	0.00%
Ashford	Mansfield				
Avon		18	10	7	70.00%
Barkhamsted		2	2	2	100.00%
Beacon Falls	Seymour	2	0	0	0.00%
Berlin	Wethersfield	4	2	1	50.00%
Bethany	North Haven	8	5	1	20.00%
Bethel		46	19	9	47.37%
Bethlehem	Torrington				
Bloomfield		6	3	1	33.33%
Bolton	Mansfield				
Bozrah	Norwich				
Branford		20	11	6	54.55%
Bridgeport		11	6	2	33.33%
Bridgewater	Newtown				
Bristol		32	16	3	18.75%
Brookfield		61	25	10	40.00%
Brooklyn		2	1	1	100.00%

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Burlington	Bristol	2	2	2	100.00%
Canaan	Torrington				
Canterbury	Brooklyn				
Canton		7	5	2	40.00%
Chaplin	Mansfield				
Cheshire		76	28	8	28.57%
Chester					
Clinton	Old Saybrook	2	1	0	0.00%
Colchester		4	1	1	100.00%
Colebrook		1	0	0	0.00%
Columbia	Mansfield				
Cornwall	Torrington				
Coventry	Mansfield	2	2	1	50.00%
Cromwell		5	2	1	50.00%
Danbury		5	3	2	66.67%
Darien		166	65	24	36.92%
Deep River	Old Saybrook				
Derby	Seymour	4	1	1	100.00%
Durham		2	2	0	0.00%

<b>Town</b>	<b>Hlth. Dist. Town</b>	<b>Total Identified</b>	<b>Total Tested</b>	<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>Percent Positive</b>
East Granby		1	1	1	100.00%
East Haddam	East Hampton	4	3	1	33.33%
East Hampton		14	6	1	16.67%
East Hartford		2	0	0	0.00%
East Haven	Branford	6	2	0	0.00%
East Lyme	Groton	2	2	1	50.00%
East Windsor	Enfield	1	1	1	100.00%
Eastford	Brooklyn	1	1	0	0.00%
Easton		26	9	2	22.22%
Ellington	Enfield	1	0	0	0.00%
Enfield		8	5	2	40.00%
Essex		1	0	0	0.00%
Fairfield		7	6	3	50.00%
Farmington		6	2	1	50.00%
Franklin		1	1	0	0.00%
Glastonbury		9	3	2	66.67%
Goshen	Torrington				
Granby		7	5	1	20.00%
Greenwich		1	0	0	0.00%

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Griswold					
Groton		62	24	11	45.83%
Guilford		18	10	2	20.00%
Haddam	East Hampton	20	9	3	33.33%
Hamden	North Haven	18	9	4	44.44%
Hampton	Brooklyn				
Hartford		5	3	2	66.67%
Hartland		2	1	1	100.00%
Harwinton	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
Hebron	East Hampton	1	1	0	0.00%
Kent	Torrington	1	1	0	0.00%
Killingly	Brooklyn	2	2	1	50.00%
Killingworth		4	2	1	50.00%
Lebanon					
Ledyard	Groton				
Lisbon					
Litchfield	Torrington				
Lyme					
Madison		5	3	0	0.00%

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Manchester		9	4	2	50.00%
Mansfield		19	11	5	45.45%
Marlborough	East Hampton				
Meriden		7	5	0	0.00%
Middlebury		20	13	5	38.46%
Middlefield		1	1	1	100.00%
Middletown		4	2	0	0.00%
Milford		46	24	12	50.00%
Monroe	Trumbull	1	1	1	100.00%
Montville	Norwich				
Morris	Torrington				
Naugatuck	Seymour				
New Britain		25	16	3	18.75%
New Canaan		93	64	25	39.06%
New Fairfield		7	3	0	0.00%
New Hartford		7	2	2	100.00%
New Haven		19	11	2	18.18%
New London	Groton				
New Milford		13	7	2	28.57%

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Newington	Wethersfield				
Newtown		299	117	51	43.59%
Norfolk	Torrington				
North Branford	Branford				
North Canaan	Torrington				
North Haven		31	20	6	30.00%
North Stonington		2	1	1	100.00%
Norwalk		309	146	52	35.62%
Norwich		8	3	2	66.67%
Old Lyme		1	0	0	0.00%
Old Saybrook		14	6	0	0.00%
Orange		16	10	5	50.00%
Oxford	Southbury	1	1	1	100.00%
Plainfield	Brooklyn	1	1	0	0.00%
Plainville		3	0	0	0.00%
Plymouth	Torrington	1	0	0	0.00%
Pomfret	Brooklyn				
Portland	East Hampton				
Preston					

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Prospect	Cheshire				
Putnam	Brooklyn				
Redding		67	30	12	40.00%
Ridgefield		145	61	20	32.79%
Rocky Hill	Wethersfield	3	2	1	50.00%
Roxbury	Newtown	14	7	3	42.86%
Salem					
Salisbury	Torrington				
Scotland	Mansfield				
Seymour		114	72	33	45.83%
Sharon		1	1	1	100.00%
Shelton	Seymour	1	1	1	100.00%
Sherman		1	1	0	0.00%
Simsbury		40	18	4	22.22%
Somers		1	1	1	100.00%
South Windsor		7	2	1	50.00%
Southbury		156	73	27	36.99%
Southington		43	17	8	47.06%
Sprague	Norwich				

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Stafford	Enfield				
Stamford		423	189	63	33.33%
Sterling	Brooklyn				
Stonington		4	1	1	100.00%
Stratford		50	18	5	27.78%
Suffield	Enfield	1	0	0	0.00%
Thomaston	Torrington				
Thompson	Brooklyn				
Tolland	Mansfield	1	1	0	0.00%
Torrington		348	180	72	40.00%
Trumbull		123	56	20	35.71%
Union	Brooklyn				
Vernon	Enfield	1	0	0	0.00%
Voluntown					
Wallingford		20	11	6	54.55%
Warren	Torrington				
Washington					
Waterbury		23	20	8	40.00%
Waterford	Groton				

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Watertown	Torrington				
West Hartford	Bloomfield	4	2	1	50.00%
West Haven		2	1	0	0.00%
Westbrook		1	0	0	0.00%
Weston	Westport	1	0	0	0.00%
Westport		92	79	27	34.18%
Wethersfield		11	3	1	33.33%
Willington	Mansfield	1	0	0	0.00%
Wilton		263	109	40	36.70%
Winchester	Torrington				
Windham	Enfield				
Windsor		8	4	1	25.00%
Windsor Locks	Enfield				
Wolcott	Cheshire				
Woodbridge	North Haven	13	12	6	50.00%
Woodbury	Southbury				
Woodstock	Brooklyn	3	2	0	0.00%