HOMETOWN TRIVIA · COLCHESTER, CT

How well do you know Colchester?

Circle the answer you think is right. Answers are on the last page.

1. About how many people lived in Colchester in 1950?

A. 6,900
B. 3,000
C. 1,200

2. Did Colchester have more people in 1960 or in 2020?

A. More in 2020
B. More in 1960

3. About how many people lived in Colchester in 1900?

A. 2,000
B. 700
C. 5,200

4. Between 2010 and 2020, did Colchester grow or shrink?

A. It shrank
B. It grew

How well do you know Colchester?

5. Which county is Colchester in?

A. New London County
B. Fairfield County
C. Litchfield County

REMEMBER WHEN · COLCHESTER

Let's talk about home

Read one aloud and let the stories come. There are no wrong answers on this page.

- In 1950 about 3,000 people lived in Colchester. What is the biggest change you have seen in town since then?
- Where did people in Colchester go for an ice cream cone on a summer night?
- What was downtown Colchester like on a Saturday when you were young?
- Where did you go to school, and how did you get there each morning?
- What did a loaf of bread or a gallon of gas cost when you first went shopping on your own?

WORD SEARCH · COLCHESTER

Around Colchester

K W R B V T O O B A N Y E K C
A A H C H U R C H B E L L D C
B A E L O C B P L L P T S R H
T A P P L L K R L M I W L S L
F H N O U B C O Y I C Y U C I
A F A D S E R H T F N C E H B
M A I N S T R E E T I P I O R
F N A P L T O L W S C S C O A
F S B E A U A F O S T I E L R
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F I R E H O U S E I O F E P A

- [ ] BAKERY
- [ ] BANDSTAND
- [ ] CHURCHBELL
- [ ] COLCHESTER
- [ ] DINER
- [ ] FIREHOUSE
- [ ] ICECREAM
- [ ] LIBRARY
- [ ] MAINSTREET
- [ ] PARADE
- [ ] PICNIC
- [ ] POSTOFFICE
- [ ] SCHOOLHOUSE
- [ ] TROLLEY

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Answers and sources

1. 3,000 The 1950 census counted 3,007 people in Colchester.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/sots/register-manual/section-vii/population-1900-1960 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colchester,_Connecticut

2. More in 2020 Colchester counted 4,648 people in 1960 and 15,555 in 2020.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/sots/register-manual/section-vii/population-1900-1960 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colchester,_Connecticut

3. 2,000 The 1900 census counted 1,991 people in Colchester.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/sots/register-manual/section-vii/population-1900-1960 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colchester,_Connecticut

4. It shrank Colchester counted 16,068 people in 2010 and 15,555 in 2020.

Sources: https://portal.ct.gov/sots/register-manual/section-vii/population-1900-1960 · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colchester,_Connecticut

5. New London County Colchester is in New London County, Connecticut.

Sources: https://api.census.gov/data/2020/dec/pl · https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q1107717

Word search answers. Every word reads left to right, top to bottom, or diagonally downward. None run backwards.

K	W	R	B	V	T	O	O	B	A	N	Y	E	K	C
A	A	H	C	H	U	R	C	H	B	E	L	L	D	C
B	A	E	L	O	C	B	P	L	L	P	T	S	R	H
T	A	P	P	L	L	K	R	L	M	I	W	L	S	L
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M	A	I	N	S	T	R	E	E	T	I	P	I	O	R
F	N	A	P	L	T	O	L	W	S	C	S	C	O	A
F	S	B	E	A	U	A	F	O	S	T	I	E	L	R
M	O	F	T	P	R	F	N	F	V	I	E	C	H	Y
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