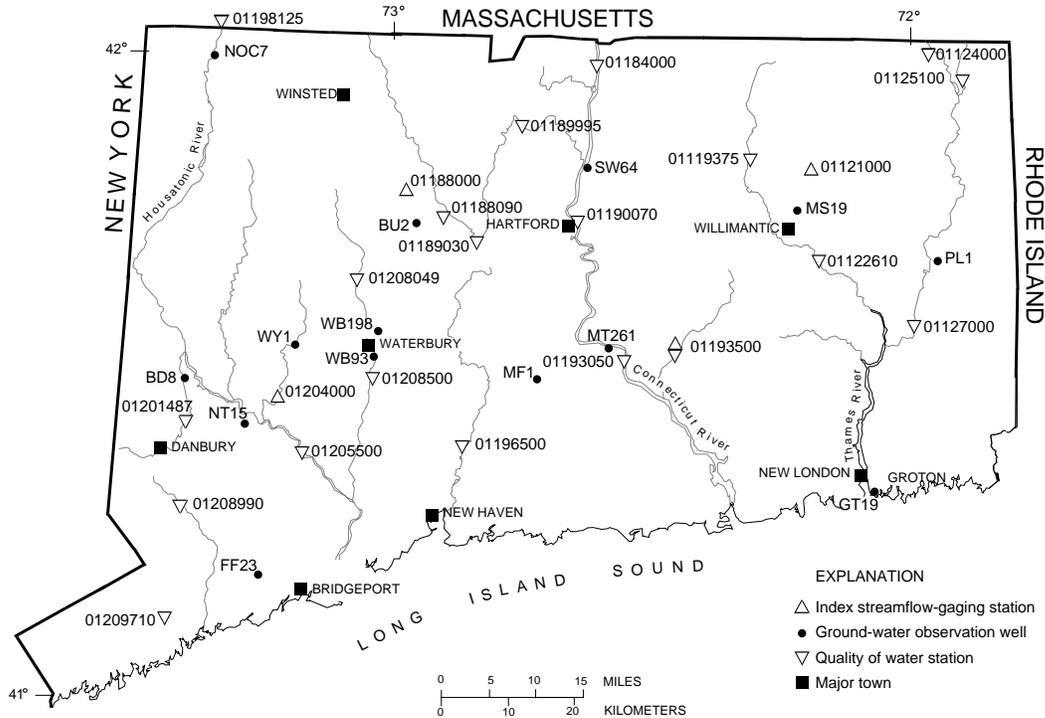


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**WATER-RESOURCES CONDITIONS
IN CONNECTICUT, FEBRUARY 2003**

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DATA-COLLECTION SITES USED IN THIS REPORT

This report contains a small part of the ground-water, surface-water, and water-quality data collected by the USGS at sites in Connecticut. More complete information may be found in the annual Water-Data Report. Data for this report were collected by the USGS in cooperation with the Connecticut Dept. of Environmental Protection.

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STREAMFLOW (measured in cubic feet per second) → PROVISIONAL DATA ←

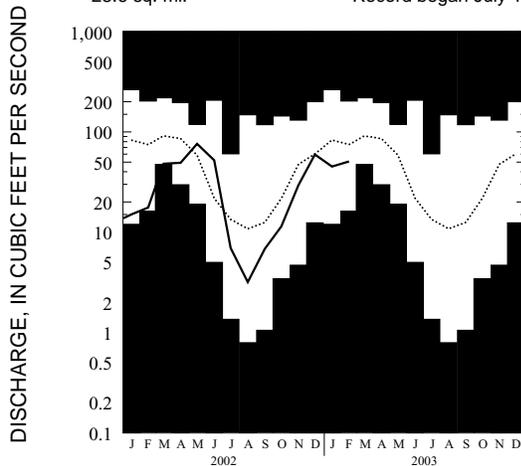
Streamflow across the State was in the normal range. Flow at Burlington Brook (NW Connecticut), and Salmon River (SE Connecticut) fell to the below-normal range from the normal range. Flows at Mount Hope River (NE Connecticut), and Pomperaug River (SW Connecticut) remained in the normal range for the fourth consecutive month. Across the State, mean streamflow for February averaged 52.0 percent of the February long-term median values.

| USGS STREAMFLOW-GAGING STATION NAME AND NUMBER | FEB. 2003 MEAN | JAN. 2003 MEAN | FEB. 2002 MEAN | FEB. MAXIMUM VALUE (year recorded) | | FEB. MINIMUM VALUE (year recorded) | | FEB. MEDIAN (1971-2000) |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| MT HOPE RIVER (01121000) | 50.8 | 45.2 | 17.6 | 203 | 1970 | 16.2 | 1980 | 74.8 |
| BURLINGTON (01188000) | 4.58 | 7.72 | 3.55 | 25.0 | 1981 | 2.02 | 1934 | 10.5 |
| SALMON RIVER (01193500) | 99.0 | 200 | 59.8 | 623 | 1973 | 59.8 | 2002 | 253 |
| POMPERAUG (01204000) | 96.1 | 148 | 61.9 | 366 | 1970 | 44.6 | 1936 | 168 |

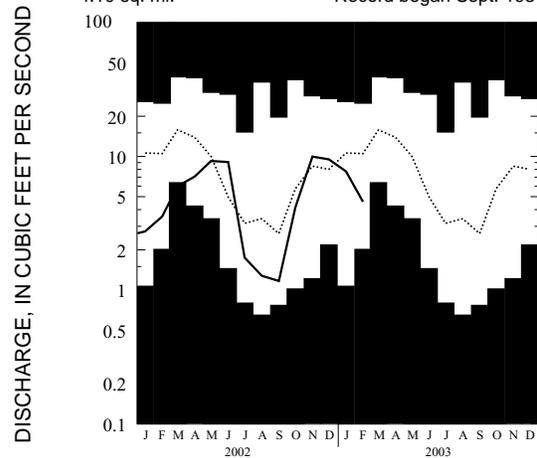
MONTHLY MEAN RUNOFF AT FOUR INDEX STATIONS

Shaded areas on graphs show highest and lowest monthly mean discharge of record.
 — Current record Median (1971-2000)

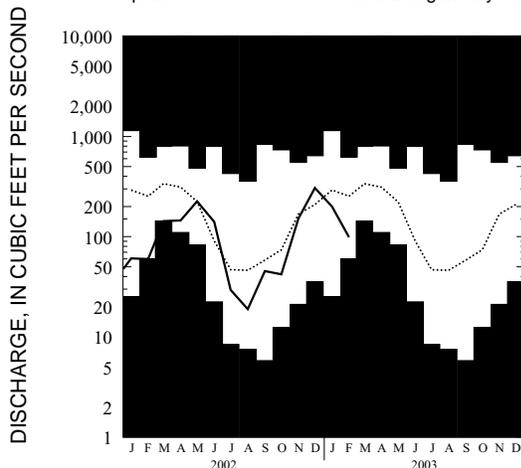
MOUNT HOPE RIVER NEAR WARRENVILLE
 28.6 sq. mi. Record began July 1940



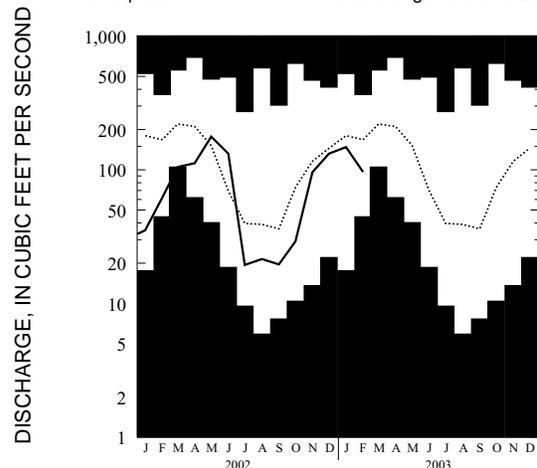
BURLINGTON BROOK NEAR BURLINGTON
 4.10 sq. mi. Record began Sept. 1931



SALMON RIVER NEAR EAST HAMPTON
 100 sq. mi. Record began July 1928



POMPERAUG RIVER AT SOUTHBURY
 75.1 sq. mi. Record began June 1932



CHEMICAL, PHYSICAL, AND BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY OF SELECTED STREAMS IN CONNECTICUT


 PROVISIONAL DATA

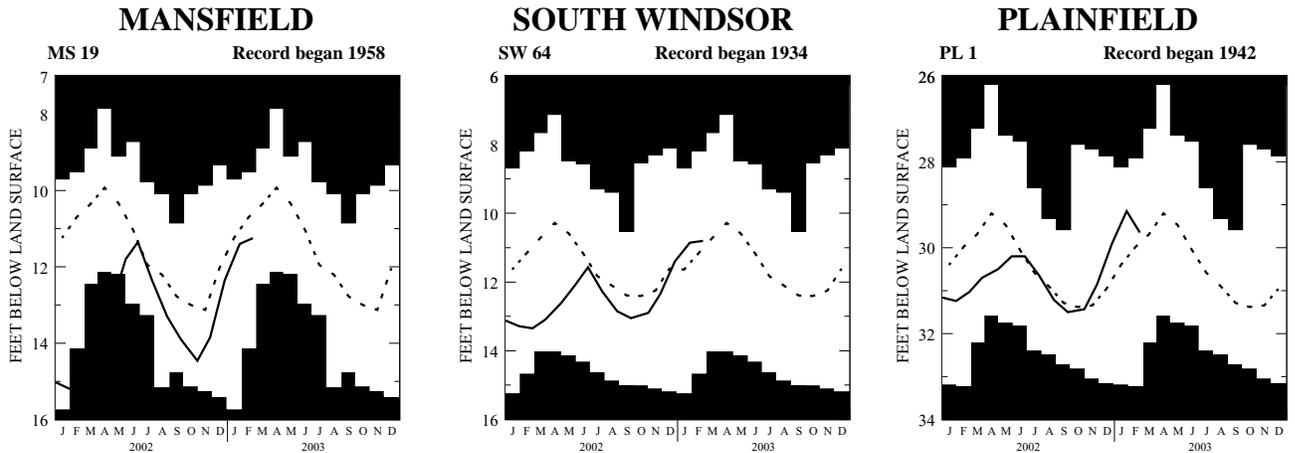
[Station locations shown on front page; --, not applicable; —, not available; **streamflow** measured in instantaneous cubic feet per second; **% flow duration** is that flow that was equaled or exceeded more than “X” percent of the time from 1961-90; **bacteriological analysis** reconnaissance data enumerated using membrane filter method with immediate incubation; **col/100 mL**, colonies per 100 milliliters; **K**, results based on colony count outside the acceptable range (non-ideal colony count)]

| USGS WATER-QUALITY STATION NAME AND NUMBER | SAMPLE DATE IN 2003 | STREAMFLOW/ % FLOW DURATION | SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE (in $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ at 25°C) | WATER TEMPERATURE (°C) | DISSOLVED OXYGEN CONCENTRATION (mg/L)/PERCENT SATURATION | FIELD PH | FECAL COLIFORM (COL/100 mL) | E. COLI (COL/100 mL) |
|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 01119375 Willimantic R. at Merrow | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01122610 Shetucket R. at South Windham | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01124000 Quinebaug R. at Quinebaug | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01125100 French R. at North Grosvenordale | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01127000 Quinebaug R. at Jewett City | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01184000 Connecticut R. at Thompsonville | 2/11 | 8970 / 63 | 181 | 0.5 | 14.6 / 104 | 7.7 | 232 | 128 |
| 01188090 Farmington R. at Unionville | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01189030 Pequabuck R. at Farmington | 2/3 | 65.1 / -- | 480 | 3.0 | 10.7 / 79 | 7.2 | 980 | 820 |
| 01189995 Farmington R. at Tariffville | 2/3 | 614 / 74 | 204 | 1.0 | 13.4 / 95 | 7.3 | 15 K | 15 K |
| 01190070 Connecticut R. at Hartford | 2/13 | -- / -- | 176 | 0.0 | 13.7 / 94 | 7.4 | 72 | 62 |
| 01193050 Connecticut R. at Middle Haddam | 2/12 | -- / -- | 203 | 0.5 | 13.6 / 95 | 6.7 | 290 K | 264 |
| 01193500 Salmon R. near East Hampton | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01196500 Quinnipiac R. at Wallingford | 2/10 | 136 / 60 | 404 | 2.5 | -- / -- | 7.6 | 156 | 88 |
| 01198125 Housatonic R. near Ashley Falls, MA | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01201487 Still R. at Rt. 7 at Brookfield Center | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01205500 Housatonic R. at Stevenson | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01208049 Naugatuck R. near Waterville | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01208500 Naugatuck R. at Beacon Falls | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01208990 Saugatuck R. near Redding | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | | | | | |
| 01209710 Norwalk R. near Winnipauk | 2/4 | 55 / -- | 351 | 4.0 | 12.9 / 101 | 7.8 | 240 | 156 |

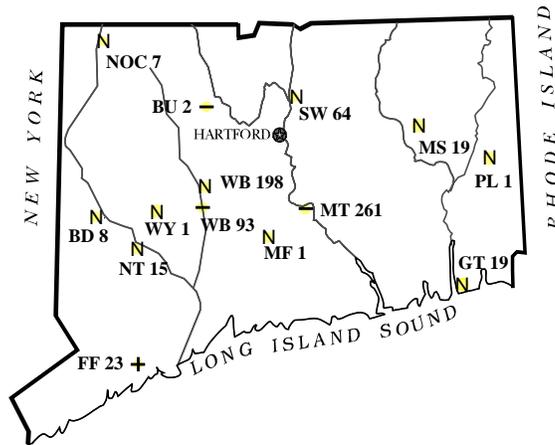
GROUND-WATER LEVELS

(Status of ground-water storage as indicated by water level changes in observation wells, as shown on hydrographs)

-  Shaded area on graphs show highest and lowest water levels of record through calendar year 2002.
-  Solid line shows current water levels.
-  Dashed line is monthly median for period of record through calendar year 2000.



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ABOVE NORMAL

Within the highest 25% of record for this month.



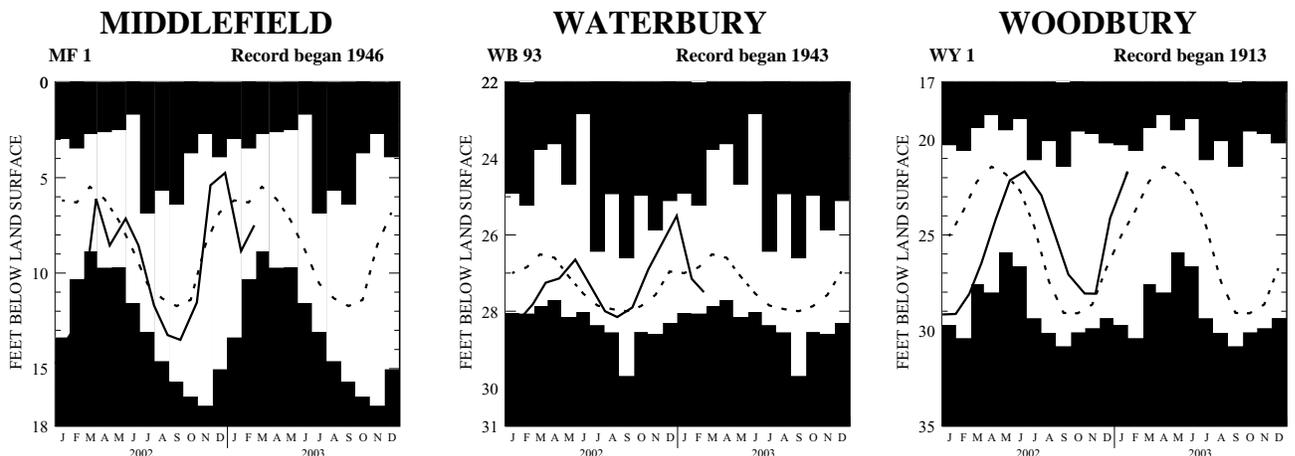
NORMAL RANGE

Between the highest and lowest 25% of record for this month.



BELOW NORMAL

Within the lowest 25% of record for this month.



GROUND-WATER LEVELS

Three high ground-water levels were recorded during February 2003.

Ground-water levels are in feet below land surface. Maximum and minimum values are from end-of-the month readings and may not be the highest or lowest recorded during the month. Statistics are based on period of record (through calendar year 2000). Ground-water level data are collected by USGS personnel and individual observers.

| WELL NUMBER AND TOWN | GROUND-WATER LEVELS, IN FEET BELOW LAND SURFACE | | | | | | | | | NEW RE-CORD | YEAR RECORD BEGAN |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------|------|-------|-------------|-------------------|
| | FEB. 2003 (DATE) | JAN. 2003 | FEB. 2002 | FEB. MAX (YR RECORDED) | FEB. MIN (YR RECORDED) | FEB. MEDIAN | | | | | |
| BD 8 (Brookfield) | 30.41 | 25 | 30.20 | 33.02 | 27.55 | 1970/73 | 33.02 | 2002 | 30.44 | | 1966 |
| BU 2 (Burlington) | 21.44 | 25 | 20.01 | DRY | 15.69 | 1953 | DRY | 2002 | 20.28 | | 1946 |
| BU 143 (Burlington) | 4.50 | 25 | 4.45 | 9.98 | 3.13 | 1996 | 9.98 | 2002 | 5.16 | | 1996 |
| BU 144 (Burlington) | 2.31 | 25 | 2.65 | 2.65 | 2.31 | 2003 | 3.62 | 1997 | 2.70 | > | 1996 |
| CL 223 (Clinton) | 3.22 | 27 | 4.72 | 7.17 | 1.69 | 1994 | 7.17 | 2002 | 3.78 | | 1991 |
| CL 224 (Clinton) | 20.02 | 27 | 19.38 | 22.76 | 18.70 | 1996 | 22.76 | 2002 | 20.35 | | 1991 |
| CL 225 (Clinton) | 5.71 | 27 | 5.99 | 6.30 | 5.10 | 1996 | 6.30 | 2002 | 5.55 | | 1991 |
| CO 335 (Colchester) | 6.54 | 27 | 7.21 | 7.96 | 5.82 | 1998 | 7.96 | 2002 | 6.82 | | 1986 |
| CV 51 (Coventry) | 3.64 | 24 | 4.44 | 5.98 | 3.64 | 2003 | 5.98 | 2002 | 4.15 | > | 1992 |
| D 116 (Durham) | 0.24 | 27 | 2.10 | 0.75 | 0.07 | 1998 | 1.09 | 2000 | 0.39 | | 1986 |
| D 117 (Durham) | 10.05 | 27 | 11.17 | 10.95 | 6.40 | 1996 | 11.38 | 2000 | 9.57 | | 1986 |
| D 119 (Durham) | frozen | 27 | 1.02 | 0.28 | 0.05 | 1998/01 | 1.34 | 1994 | 0.34 | | 1986 |
| D 120 (Durham) | frozen | 27 | 2.18 | 2.33 | +0.05 | 1994 | 2.44 | 1987 | 1.89 | | 1986 |
| EL 82 (Ellington) | 5.17 | 24 | 5.89 | 6.47 | 4.90 | 2001 | 6.47 | 2002 | 5.68 | | 1987 |
| EL 139 (Ellington) | 21.85 | 24 | 21.61 | DRY | 18.44 | 1996 | DRY | 2002 | 20.01 | | 1993 |
| EL 140 (Ellington) | 11.91 | 24 | 13.24 | 18.90 | 11.54 | 1996 | 18.90 | 2002 | 11.82 | | 1993 |
| EW 133 (East Windsor) | 4.01 | 24 | 5.05 | 5.44 | 4.01 | 2003 | 5.44 | 2002 | 4.90 | > | 1986 |
| EW 134 (East Windsor) | 51.20 | 24 | 51.35 | 52.20 | 49.18 | 1990 | 53.50 | 1999 | 51.02 | | 1986 |
| FF 23 (Fairfield) | 7.38 | 26 | 8.13 | 8.40 | 6.80 | 1979 | 8.43 | 1969 | 7.90 | | 1966 |
| FF 30 (Fairfield) | 2.15 | 26 | 4.03 | 9.03 | 0.87 | 1996 | 9.03 | 2002 | 2.07 | | 1993 |
| FF 31 (Fairfield) | 5.98 | 26 | 7.38 | 9.95 | 3.48 | 1998 | 9.95 | 2002 | 5.79 | | 1993 |
| FF 32 (Fairfield) | frozen | 26 | 5.90 | 7.42 | 5.20 | 1996 | 7.42 | 2002 | 5.83 | | 1993 |
| FF 33 (Fairfield) | 4.44 | 26 | 4.96 | 5.51 | 4.27 | 2001 | 5.51 | 2002 | 4.74 | | 1993 |
| GR 328 (Granby) | 10.77 | 27 | 11.20 | 18.58 | 7.46 | 1996 | 18.58 | 2002 | 11.13 | | 1981 |
| GR 329 (Granby) | 4.24 | 27 | 5.31 | 11.24 | 2.90 | 1999 | 11.24 | 2002 | 5.27 | | 1982 |
| GR 330 (Granby) | 2.43 | 27 | 2.76 | 2.83 | 1.72 | 1996 | 3.67 | 1987 | 3.26 | | 1982 |
| GR 331 (Granby) | 8.80 | 27 | 9.41 | 9.64 | 7.89 | 1984 | 10.80 | 1987 | 9.26 | | 1983 |
| GT 19 (Groton) | 14.43 | 23 | 15.05 | 16.20 | 12.20 | 1969 | 16.37 | 1981 | 14.80 | | 1958 |
| HM 445 (Hamden) | 19.68 | 26 | 20.51 | 32.55 | 14.05 | 1998 | 32.55 | 2002 | 18.85 | | 1988 |
| HM 446 (Hamden) | 2.90 | 26 | 3.42 | 4.05 | 2.52 | 1996 | 4.05 | 2002 | 3.12 | | 1993 |
| HM 447 (Hamden) | 2.32 | 26 | 2.74 | 3.78 | 1.61 | 1996 | 3.78 | 2002 | 2.21 | | 1993 |
| HM 448 (Hamden) | 12.92 | 26 | 13.23 | 14.47 | 11.86 | 1996 | 14.47 | 2002 | 12.81 | | 1993 |
| HM 449 (Hamden) | 14.82 | 26 | 17.67 | 15.25 | 11.92 | 1996 | 16.03 | 1994 | 14.58 | | 1993 |
| HM 450 (Hamden) | 11.90 | 26 | 12.51 | 13.09 | 11.15 | 2001 | 13.66 | 1994 | 12.51 | | 1993 |

| WELL NUMBER AND TOWN | GROUND-WATER LEVELS, IN FEET BELOW LAND SURFACE | | | | | | | | | NEW RE- CORD | YEAR RECORD BEGAN |
|------------------------|---|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------|------|-------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | FEB. 2003 (DATE) | JAN. 2003 | FEB. 2002 | FEB. MAX (YR RECORDED) | FEB. MIN (YR RECORDED) | FEB. MEDIAN | | | | | |
| MB 32 (Marlborough) | 3.28 | 27 | 4.00 | 9.68 | 1.21 | 1998 | 9.68 | 2002 | 3.54 | | 1986 |
| MB 35 (Marlborough) | 8.48 | 27 | 8.85 | 16.58 | 5.65 | 1998 | 16.58 | 2002 | 7.66 | | 1993 |
| MB 36 (Marlborough) | 2.50 | 27 | 3.88 | 5.01 | 2.01 | 1998 | 5.01 | 2002 | 2.68 | | 1993 |
| MF 1 (Middlefield) | 7.50 | 27 | 8.85 | 12.25 | 3.45 | 1961 | 12.25 | 2002 | 6.27 | | 1946 |
| MS 19 (Mansfield) | 11.25 | 24 | 11.40 | 15.27 | 9.51 | 1990 | 15.27 | 2002 | 11.36 | | 1958 |
| MS 44 (Mansfield) | 2.90 | 24 | 3.48 | 6.00 | 0.40 | 1998 | 6.00 | 2002 | 2.55 | | 1982 |
| MS 45 (Mansfield) | 12.02 | 24 | 12.72 | 14.52 | 10.64 | 1996 | 14.52 | 2002 | 11.60 | | 1987 |
| MS 46 (Mansfield) | 12.72 | 24 | 13.77 | 15.40 | 12.07 | 1994 | 15.40 | 2002 | 12.93 | | 1987 |
| MS 74 (Mansfield) | 1.58 | 24 | 3.61 | 9.44 | 0.39 | 1994 | 9.44 | 2002 | 1.69 | | 1992 |
| MS 75 (Mansfield) | 6.58 | 24 | 7.49 | 20.08 | 4.73 | 1996 | 20.08 | 2002 | 8.20 | | 1992 |
| MS 76 (Mansfield) | 31.95 | 24 | 31.37 | 37.21 | 28.83 | 1997 | 37.21 | 2002 | 30.44 | | 1992 |
| MS 77 (Mansfield) | 2.98 | 24 | 3.65 | 8.68 | 0.90 | 1997 | 8.68 | 2002 | 2.13 | | 1993 |
| MT 261 (Middletown) | 20.10 | 27 | 19.63 | 25.58 | 18.09 | 1981 | 25.58 | 2002 | 19.77 | | 1956 |
| NHV 201 (North Haven) | 15.54 | 26 | 15.33 | 17.98 | 13.92 | 1976 | 17.98 | 2002 | 15.98 | | 1975 |
| NOC 7 (North Canaan) | 9.17 | 27 | 9.40 | 9.43 | 8.50 | 1981 | 9.84 | 1977 | 9.41 | | 1958 |
| NSN 77 (N. Stonington) | 10.95 | 27 | 10.89 | 12.73 | 7.12 | 1998 | 12.73 | 2002 | 10.48 | | 1991 |
| NSN 78 (N. Stonington) | 3.94 | 27 | 4.76 | 4.47 | 3.53 | 1995 | 4.52 | 1993 | 3.80 | | 1991 |
| NT 15 (Newtown) | 4.44 | 26 | 4.52 | 8.21 | 2.06 | 1975 | 8.21 | 2002 | 4.58 | | 1966 |
| PL 1 (Plainfield) | 29.65 | 24 | 29.15 | 31.03 | 27.90 | 1979 | 32.69 | 1966 | 30.37 | | 1942 |
| SB 30 (Southbury) | 18.83 | 25 | 17.97 | 20.82 | 16.06 | 1996 | 20.82 | 2002 | 18.20 | | 1979 |
| SB 39 (Southbury) | 5.92 | 25 | 7.11 | 7.25 | 4.79 | 1996 | 7.25 | 2002 | 6.58 | | 1991 |
| SB 41 (Southbury) | 48.09 | 25 | 48.21 | 48.50 | 45.96 | 1997 | 48.50 | 2002 | 46.85 | | 1991 |
| SB 42 (Southbury) | frozen | 25 | 14.15 | 16.83 | 11.16 | 1996 | 16.83 | 2002 | 12.38 | | 1993 |
| SC 19 (Scotland) | 3.54 | 27 | 4.82 | 8.36 | 1.40 | 1996 | 8.36 | 2002 | 3.14 | | 1983 |
| SC 20 (Scotland) | 5.37 | 27 | 4.45 | 10.46 | 0.35 | 1998 | 10.46 | 2002 | 4.92 | | 1983 |
| SC 21 (Scotland) | 0.62 | 27 | 1.21 | 1.65 | +0.41 | 1996 | 1.65 | 2002 | 0.50 | | 1983 |
| SC 22 (Scotland) | 11.58 | 27 | 11.31 | 14.16 | 8.84 | 1996 | 14.16 | 2002 | 11.50 | | 1984 |
| SC 23 (Scotland) | 1.54 | 27 | 2.17 | 2.59 | 1.45 | 1998 | 2.59 | 2002 | 2.03 | | 1983 |
| SM 7 (Salem) | 9.26 | 27 | 9.07 | 12.50 | 6.79 | 1998 | 12.50 | 2002 | 9.00 | | 1979 |
| SW 64 (S. Windsor) | 10.80 | 24 | 10.86 | 13.35 | 8.19 | 1976 | 14.65 | 1966 | 11.58 | | 1934 |
| SY 15 (Salisbury) | frozen | 25 | frozen | 17.50 | 9.10 | 1996 | 17.50 | 2002 | 13.52 | | 1966 |
| SY 23 (Salisbury) | 5.18 | 25 | 6.22 | 12.86 | 4.34 | 1996 | 12.86 | 2002 | 6.04 | | 1987 |
| SY 24 (Salisbury) | 10.80 | 25 | 10.62 | 14.43 | 8.89 | 1996 | 14.43 | 2002 | 11.37 | | 1986 |
| WB 93 (Waterbury) | 27.50 | 26 | 27.15 | 27.81 | 21.45 | 1999 | 27.98 | 1977 | 27.00 | | 1943 |
| WB 198 (Waterbury) | 13.40 | 26 | 13.95 | 22.00 | 9.48 | 1960 | 22.00 | 2002 | 13.98 | | 1943 |
| WY 1 (Woodbury) | 21.89 | 25 | 21.69 | 28.09 | 20.56 | 1973 | 30.38 | 1977 | 25.43 | | 1913 |

New records: >, new record high for month; >>, new record high for period of record; <, new record low for month; <<, new record low for period of record; *, median not calculated--number shown is mean; NA, not available; OBS, obstructed; +, water level above ground surface; --, not measured.