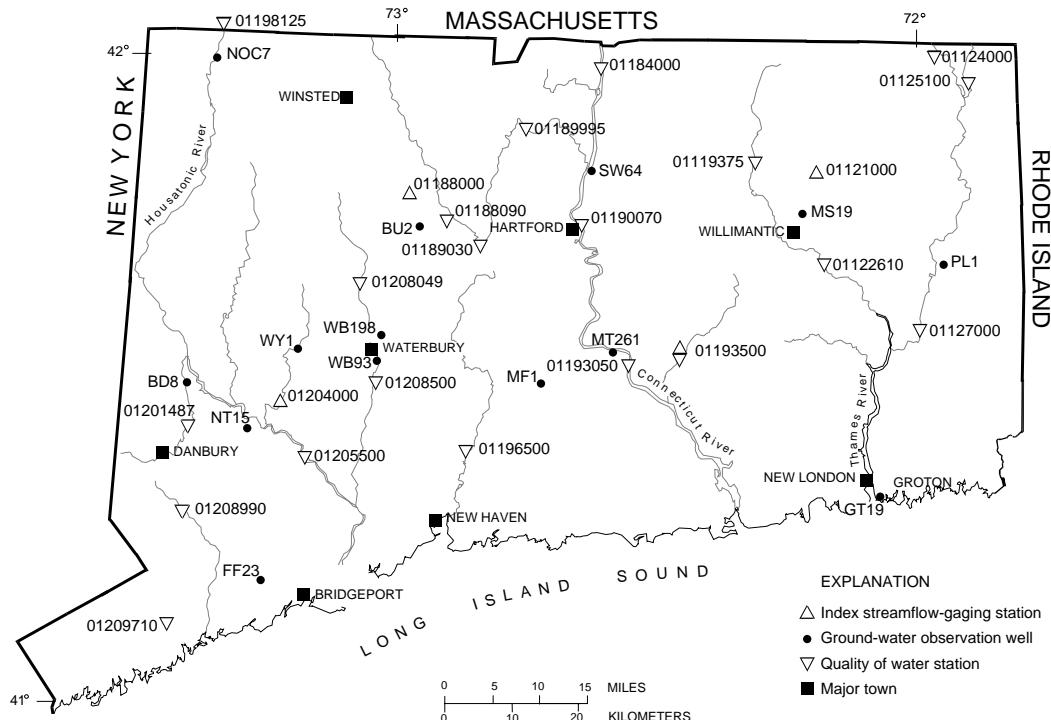


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WATER-RESOURCES CONDITIONS IN CONNECTICUT, MARCH 2002

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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 ←

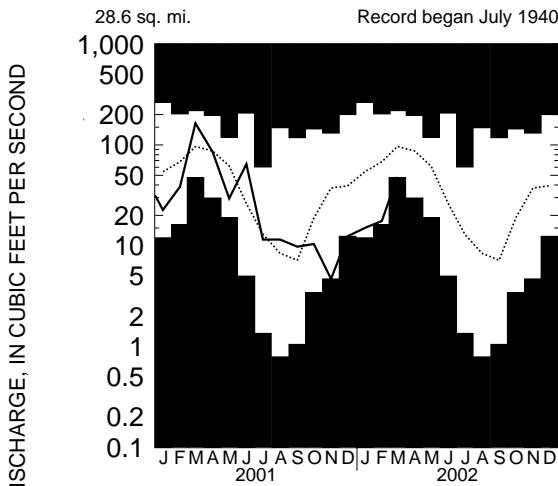
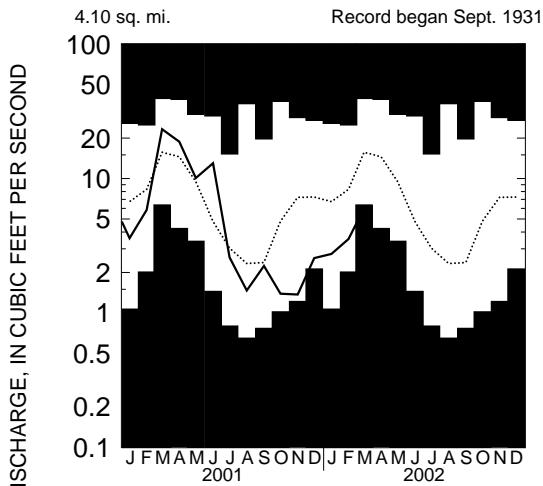
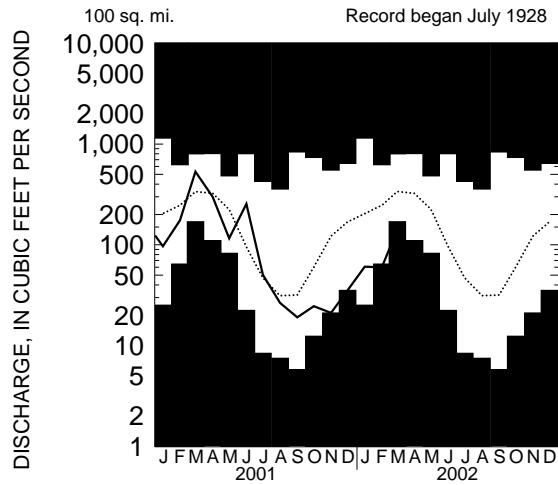
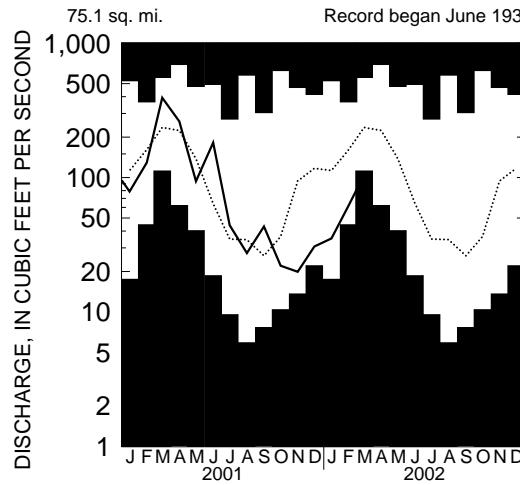
Streamflow across the State was in the below-normal range. Flow at Mount Hope River (NE Connecticut) moved to the normal range from the below-normal range. Pomperaug River (SW Connecticut) was in the below-normal range for the fifth consecutive month. Flow at Burlington Brook (NW Connecticut) was in the below-normal range for the sixth consecutive month and flow in the Salmon River (SE Connecticut) was in the below-normal range for the seventh consecutive month. Flows at Burlington, Salmon, and the Pomperaug also were the lowest flows recorded in March for the period of record. Across the State, mean streamflow for March averaged 41 percent of the March long-term median values.

| USGS STREAMFLOW-GAGING STATION NAME AND NUMBER | MAR. 2002 MEAN | FEB. 2002 MEAN | MAR. 2001 MEAN | MAR. MAXIMUM VALUE (year recorded) | MAR. MINIMUM VALUE (year recorded) | MAR. MEDIAN (1961-90) |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| MT HOPE RIVER (01121000) | 48.2 | 17.6 | 164 | 219 | 1972 | 47.4 |
| BURLINGTON (01188000) | 5.98 | 3.55 | 23.3 | 39.4 | 1983 | 5.98 |
| SALMON RIVER (01193500) | 143 | 59.8 | 532 | 797 | 1936 | 143 |
| POMPERAUG (01204000) | 105 | 61.9 | 393 | 557 | 1936 | 105 |

MONTHLY MEAN RUNOFF AT FOUR INDEX STATIONS

Shaded areas on graphs show highest and lowest monthly mean discharge of record.

— Current record Median (1961-1990)

MOUNT HOPE RIVER NEAR WARRENVILLE**BURLINGTON BROOK NEAR BURLINGTON****SALMON RIVER NEAR EAST HAMPTON****POMPERAUG RIVER AT SOUTHBURY**

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

→ PROVISIONAL DATA ←

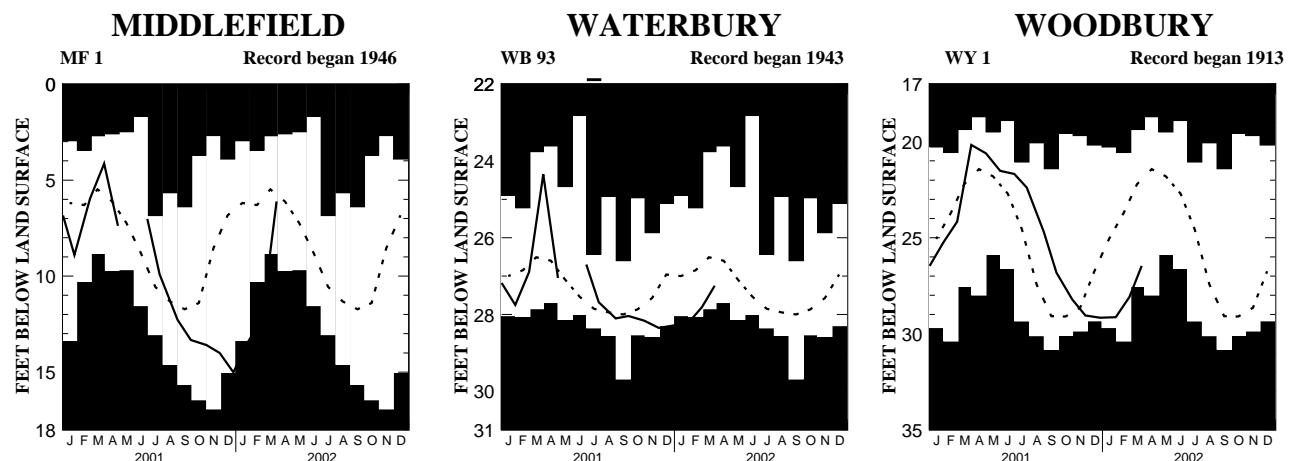
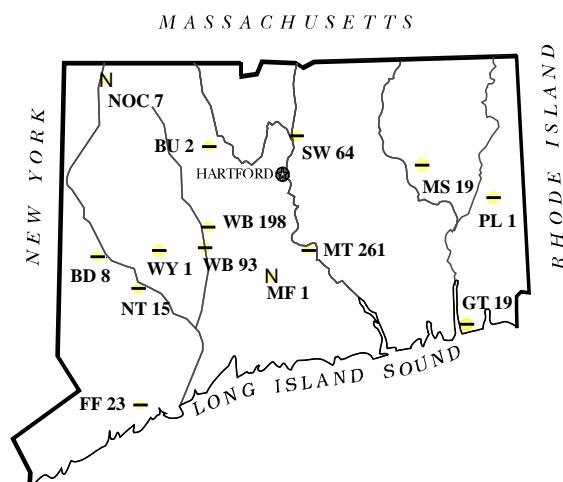
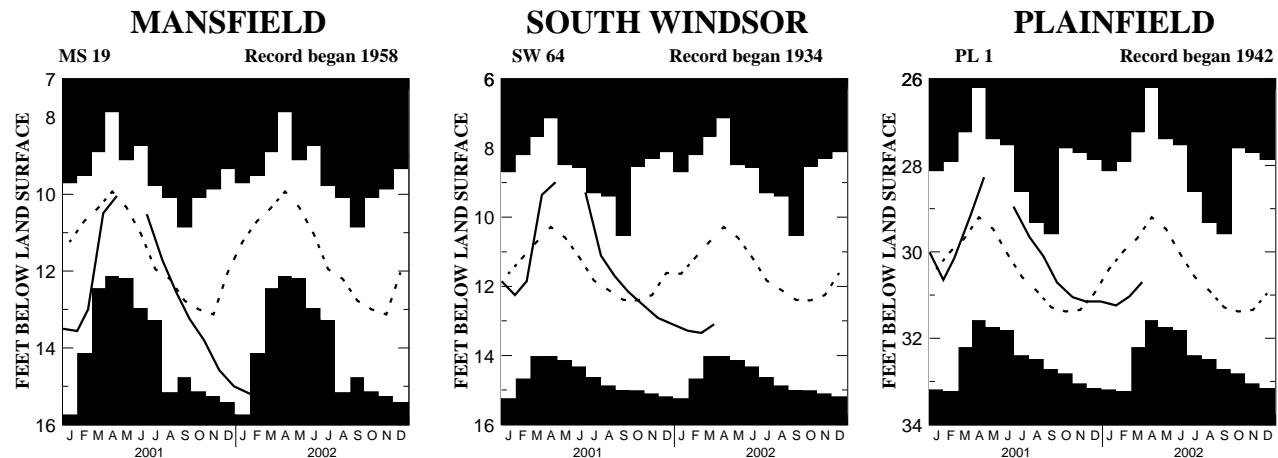
[Station locations shown on front page; --, not applicable; —, not available; streamflow measured in instantaneous cubic feet per second; % flow duration is that flow that was equaled or exceeded more than "X" percent of the time from 1961-90; bacteriological analysis reconnaissance data enumerated using 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 2002 | 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) | ENTEROCOCCI (COL/100 mL) |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01119375 Willimantic R. at Merrow | 3/4 | 163 / -- | 110 | 5.0 | 13.1 / 104 | 6.2 | 120 K | 220 |
| 01122610 Shetucket R. at South Windham | 3/13 | 342 / -- | 121 | 5.5 | 13.6 / 108 | 7.1 | 370 K | 95 |
| 01124000 Quinebaug R. at Quinebaug | 3/11 | 156 / 57 | 230 | 6.5 | 13.1 / 106 | 7.0 | 160 | 104 |
| 01125100 French R. at North Grosvenordale | 3/11 | 113 / -- | 304 | 9.0 | 12.7 / 110 | 7.4 | 41 | 9 K |
| 01127000 Quinebaug R. at Jewett City | 3/13 | 1060 / 43 | 143 | 6.5 | 11.8 / 96 | 7.0 | 460 | 204 |
| 01184000 Connecticut R. at Thompsonville | 3/8 | 14800 / 38 | 116 | 4.0 | 13.6 / 102 | 7.0 | -- | -- |
| 01188090 Farmington R. at Unionville | | | | | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | |
| 01189030 Pequabuck R. at Farmington | | | | | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | |
| 01189995 Farmington R. at Tariffville | | | | | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | |
| 01190070 Connecticut R. at Hartford | | | | | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | |
| 01193050 Connecticut R. at Middle Haddam | | | | | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | |
| 01193500 Salmon R. near East Hampton | | | | | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | |
| 01196500 Quinnipiac R. at Wallingford | | | | | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | |
| 01198125 Housatonic R. near Ashley Falls, MA | 3/5 | 111 / -- | 317 | 3.0 | 13.1 / 98 | 7.7 | 200 | 474 K |
| 01201487 Still R. at Rt. 7 at Brookfield Center | 3/25 | 51.0 / -- | 518 | 6.5 | 10.4 / 85 | 7.7 | 230 | 76 |
| 01205500 Housatonic R. at Stevenson | | | | | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | |
| 01208049 Naugatuck R. near Waterville | 3/20 | 175 / -- | 273 | 5.0 | 12.5 / 98 | 7.1 | 60 | 42 |
| 01208500 Naugatuck R. at Beacon Falls | 3/20 | 302 / 54 | 312 | 6.0 | 12.9 / 103 | 7.5 | 3500 | 1080 |
| 01208990 Saugatuck R. near Redding | | | | | SITE NOT SAMPLED THIS MONTH | | | |
| 01209710 Norwalk R. near Winnipauk | 3/29 | 51.0 / -- | 329 | 7.5 | 12.8 / 107 | 6.9 | -- | -- |

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 2001.
- Solid line shows current water levels.
- Dashed line is monthly median for period of record through calendar year 2000.



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

There were 43 monthly low ground-water levels recorded in March. In 3 of these wells, record lows for the period of record also were established. 1 monthly high ground-water level was also recorded for March.

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 2001). Ground-water level data are collected by USGS personnel and individual observers.

Because of the current drought, measurements are being made in selected wells on a weekly or twice-a month basis. In some wells, this causes the column labeled MAR MIN to have a reading in March 2002 that is not the same value as reported in the column labeled MAR 2002, which is the last measurement for the month.

| WELL NUMBER AND TOWN | GROUND-WATER LEVELS, IN FEET BELOW LAND SURFACE | | | | | | | NEW RE-CORD | YR RECORD BEGAN |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------|-------------|-----------------|
| | MAR. 2002 (DATE) | FEB. 2002 | MAR. 2001 | MAR. MAX (YR RECORDED) | MAR. MIN (YR RECORDED) | MAR. MEDIAN | | | |
| BD 8 (Brookfield) | 32.69 | 25 | 33.02 | 28.49 | 27.40 | 1972 | 32.69 | 2002 | 29.43 < 1966 |
| BU 2 (Burlington) | 36.71 | 25 | DRY | 21.87 | 13.71 | 1953 | 36.71 | 2002 | 18.42 < 1946 |
| BU 143 (Burlington) | 8.80 | 25 | 9.98 | 3.51 | 3.10 | 1999 | 8.80 | 2002 | 3.53 < 1996 |
| BU 144 (Burlington) | 2.43 | 25 | 2.65 | 2.29 | 2.29 | 2001 | 3.59 | 1997 | 2.50 > 1996 |
| CL 223 (Clinton) | 3.40 | 28 | 7.17 | 2.63 | 1.37 | 1994 | 4.13 | 1995 | 2.82 > 1991 |
| CL 224 (Clinton) | 22.08 | 28 | 22.76 | 17.09 | 16.93 | 1994 | 22.08 | 2002 | 18.88 < 1991 |
| CL 225 (Clinton) | 5.66 | 28 | 6.30 | 5.18 | 4.06 | 1994 | 5.67 | 95/97/00 | 5.40 > 1991 |
| CO 335 (Colchester) | 7.11 | 28 | 7.96 | 6.30 | 4.78 | 1993 | 7.11 | 2002 | 6.55 < 1986 |
| CV 51 (Coventry) | 5.32 | 26 | 5.98 | 3.18 | 2.81 | 1994 | 5.32 | 2002 | 3.77 < 1992 |
| D 116 (Durham) | 0.10 | 28 | 0.75 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 2001 | 1.34 | 1990 | 0.31 > 1986 |
| D 117 (Durham) | 9.26 | 28 | 10.95 | 9.10 | 7.88 | 1997 | 10.91 | 1988 | 9.66 > 1986 |
| D 119 (Durham) | 0.19 | 28 | 0.28 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 2001 | 1.16 | 1988 | 0.33 > 1986 |
| D 120 (Durham) | 1.50 | 28 | 2.33 | 1.13 | 1.15 | 1993 | 2.61 | 1988 | 2.06 > 1986 |
| EL 82 (Ellington) | 6.35 | 26 | 6.47 | 4.87 | 4.87 | 2001 | 6.35 | 2002 | 5.59 < 1987 |
| EL 139 (Ellington) | DRY | 26 | DRY | 15.12 | 15.12 | 2001 | DRY | 2002 | 19.65 <,<< 1993 |
| EL 140 (Ellington) | 17.84 | 26 | 18.90 | 10.61 | 10.61 | 2001 | 17.84 | 2002 | 11.85 < 1993 |
| EW 133 (East Windsor) | 5.33 | 26 | 5.44 | 3.84 | 2.67 | 1993 | 5.33 | 2002 | 4.62 < 1986 |
| EW 134 (East Windsor) | 52.30 | 26 | 52.20 | 50.93 | 49.19 | 1990 | 52.30 | 2002 | 50.51 <,<< 1986 |
| FF 23 (Fairfield) | 7.87 | 27 | 8.40 | 7.11 | 5.74 | 1978 | 8.19 | 1981 | 7.56 > 1966 |
| FF 30 (Fairfield) | 6.60 | 27 | 9.03 | 1.02 | 0.47 | 1994 | 6.60 | 2002 | 1.12 < 1993 |
| FF 31 (Fairfield) | 6.64 | 27 | 9.95 | 4.81 | 1.59 | 1994 | 6.64 | 2002 | 4.25 < 1993 |
| FF 32 (Fairfield) | 6.18 | 27 | 7.42 | 5.07 | 4.90 | 1994 | 7.75 | 1997 | 5.40 > 1993 |
| FF 33 (Fairfield) | 4.51 | 27 | 5.51 | 4.25 | 3.60 | 1994 | 5.03 | 1995 | 4.63 > 1993 |
| GR 328 (Granby) | 16.67 | 25 | 18.58 | 6.35 | 5.69 | 1994 | 16.67 | 2002 | 8.57 < 1981 |
| GR 329 (Granby) | 6.15 | 25 | 11.24 | 1.08 | 1.08 | 2001 | 7.23 | 1989 | 3.57 > 1982 |
| GR 330 (Granby) | 2.71 | 25 | 2.83 | 1.95 | 1.95 | 2001 | 3.30 | 1995 | 2.56 > 1982 |
| GR 331 (Granby) | 9.26 | 25 | 9.64 | 5.71 | 5.71 | 2001 | 9.94 | 1989 | 8.26 > 1983 |
| GT 19 (Groton) | 15.30 | 29 | 16.20 | 11.73 | 11.32 | 1980 | 15.67 | 1992 | 14.11 > 1958 |
| HM 445 (Hamden) | 24.60 | 27 | 32.55 | 14.67 | 14.67 | 2001 | 24.60 | 2002 | 17.46 < 1988 |
| HM 446 (Hamden) | 2.70 | 27 | 4.05 | 1.16 | 1.16 | 2001 | 3.36 | 1995 | 2.86 > 1993 |
| HM 447 (Hamden) | 2.59 | 27 | 3.78 | 0.62 | 0.62 | 2001 | 2.87 | 1995 | 1.88 > 1993 |
| HM 448 (Hamden) | 13.40 | 27 | 14.47 | 11.39 | 11.39 | 2001 | 13.40 | 2002 | 13.08 < 1993 |
| HM 449 (Hamden) | 12.75 | 27 | 15.25 | 13.65 | 12.75 | 2002 | 16.62 | 1995 | 15.08 > 1993 |
| HM 450 (Hamden) | 8.90 | 27 | 13.09 | 11.09 | 10.82 | 1994 | 13.06 | 2000 | 12.57 > 1993 |

| | | GROUND-WATER LEVELS, IN FEET BELOW LAND SURFACE | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--|---|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|------|------|
| WELL NUMBER AND TOWN | | MAR. 2002 (DATE) | FEB. 2002 | MAR. 2001 | MAR. MAX (YR RECORDED) | MAR. MIN (YR RECORDED) | MAR. MEDIAN | NEW RE- CORD | YR RECORD BEGAN | | | |
| MB 32 (Marlborough) | | 6.70 | 28 | 9.68 | 1.38 | 0.30 | 1994 | 6.70 | 2002 | 2.48 | < | 1986 |
| MB 35 (Marlborough) | | 13.80 | 28 | 16.58 | 5.11 | 3.67 | 1994 | 13.80 | 2002 | 6.52 | < | 1993 |
| MB 36 (Marlborough) | | 2.52 | 28 | 5.01 | 1.98 | 1.74 | 1994 | 3.24 | 1995 | 2.65 | | 1993 |
| MF 1 (Middlefield) | | 6.11 | 28 | 12.25 | 4.14 | 2.69 | 1978 | 9.22 | 2002 | 5.38 | < | 1946 |
| MS 19 (Mansfield) | | 14.60 | 26 | 15.27 | 10.49 | 8.89 | 1972 | 15.08 | 2002 | 10.31 | < | 1958 |
| MS 44 (Mansfield) | | 4.39 | 26 | 6.00 | 0.50 | 0.08 | 1994 | 4.39 | 2002 | 1.45 | < | 1982 |
| MS 45 (Mansfield) | | 13.84 | 26 | 14.52 | 10.26 | 9.00 | 1993 | 13.84 | 2002 | 10.69 | < | 1987 |
| MS 46 (Mansfield) | | 15.06 | 26 | 15.40 | 12.15 | 10.72 | 1993 | 15.06 | 2002 | 12.24 | < | 1987 |
| MS 74 (Mansfield) | | 7.50 | 26 | 9.44 | 0.56 | +0.14 | 1993 | 7.50 | 2002 | 0.58 | < | 1992 |
| MS 75 (Mansfield) | | 19.08 | 26 | 20.08 | 5.83 | 4.01 | 1993 | 19.08 | 2002 | 8.20 | < | 1992 |
| MS 76 (Mansfield) | | 35.22 | 26 | 37.21 | 28.63 | 28.63 | 2001 | 35.22 | 2002 | 29.37 | < | 1992 |
| MS 77 (Mansfield) | | 6.80 | 26 | 8.68 | 0.65 | 0.31 | 1994 | 6.80 | 2002 | 0.83 | < | 1993 |
| MT 261 (Middletown) | | 20.88 | 28 | 25.58 | 18.38 | 17.39 | 1977 | 21.07 | 2002 | 19.25 | < | 1956 |
| NHV 201 (North Haven) | | 17.58 | 27 | 17.98 | 14.47 | 13.27 | 1979 | 17.58 | 2002 | 15.23 | < | 1975 |
| NOC 7 (North Canaan) | | 9.31 | 29 | 9.43 | 8.69 | 7.60 | 1963 | 9.85 | 1983 | 9.15 | | 1958 |
| NSN 77 (N. Stonington) | | 10.16 | 28 | 12.73 | 6.80 | 6.30 | 1993 | 11.04 | 1992 | 9.46 | | 1991 |
| NSN 78 (N. Stonington) | | 3.80 | 28 | 4.47 | 3.97 | 2.92 | 1993 | 4.10 | 2000 | 3.72 | | 1991 |
| NT 15 (Newtown) | | 6.40 | 27 | 8.21 | 1.11 | 0.75 | 1983 | 6.40 | 2002 | 3.19 | < | 1966 |
| PL 1 (Plainfield) | | 30.70 | 26 | 31.03 | 29.16 | 27.78 | 1953 | 31.73 | 1966 | 29.63 | | 1942 |
| SB 30 (Southbury) | | 20.31 | 25 | 20.82 | 16.08 | 15.94 | 1998 | 20.31 | 2002 | 17.90 | < | 1979 |
| SB 39 (Southbury) | | 6.89 | 25 | 7.25 | 4.53 | 3.20 | 1993 | 6.89 | 2002 | 5.38 | < | 1991 |
| SB 41 (Southbury) | | 47.50 | 25 | 48.50 | 46.86 | 45.05 | 1993 | 47.50 | 2002 | 46.34 | < | 1991 |
| SB 42 (Southbury) | | 15.21 | 25 | 16.83 | frozen | 10.82 | 1994 | 15.21 | 2002 | 11.83 | < | 1993 |
| SC 19 (Scotland) | | 4.81 | 26 | 8.36 | 2.00 | 0.98 | 1994 | 4.81 | 2002 | 2.00 | < | 1983 |
| SC 20 (Scotland) | | 7.82 | 26 | 10.46 | +0.18 | +0.43 | 1994 | 7.82 | 2002 | 2.60 | < | 1983 |
| SC 21 (Scotland) | | 1.24 | 26 | 1.65 | +0.15 | +1.25 | 1994 | 1.24 | 2002 | +0.32 | < | 1983 |
| SC 22 (Scotland) | | 12.96 | 26 | 14.16 | 8.27 | 6.62 | 1994 | 12.96 | 2002 | 10.79 | < | 1984 |
| SC 23 (Scotland) | | 2.29 | 26 | 2.59 | 1.57 | 0.39 | 1994 | 2.29 | 2002 | 1.44 | < | 1983 |
| SM 7 (Salem) | | 10.05 | 28 | 12.50 | 6.45 | 6.45 | 1999/01 | 10.05 | 2002 | 8.23 | < | 1979 |
| SW 64 (S. Windsor) | | 13.10 | 26 | 13.35 | 9.35 | 7.65 | 1936 | 14.00 | 1966 | 10.68 | | 1934 |
| SY 15 (Salisbury) | | 17.65 | 25 | 17.50 | frozen | 8.14 | 1993 | 17.65 | 2002 | 12.77 | <,<< | 1966 |
| SY 23 (Salisbury) | | 10.55 | 25 | 12.86 | 3.89 | 3.89 | 2001 | 10.55 | 2002 | 5.11 | < | 1987 |
| SY 24 (Salisbury) | | 13.47 | 25 | 14.43 | 8.48 | 8.46 | 2000 | 14.11 | 1989 | 10.31 | | 1986 |
| WB 93 (Waterbury) | | 27.25 | 27 | 27.81 | 24.35 | 23.09 | 1980 | 27.85 | 1997 | 26.48 | | 1943 |
| WB 198 (Waterbury) | | 20.78 | 27 | 22.00 | 10.90 | 5.82 | 1948 | 21.72 | 2002 | 11.92 | < | 1943 |
| WY 1 (Woodbury) | | 26.47 | 25 | 28.09 | 20.17 | 19.37 | 1983 | 27.20 | 1966 | 22.29 | | 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