

Harpswell

Demographic Indicators		
Indicator	Value	Rank in County*
Population (2008)	5,233	17 th
Population change between 1998 and 2008	+4.4%	20 th
Population per square mile (2008)	217	13 th
Median age (2000)	45.3	1 st
Under 18 (2000)	19.6%	25 th
65 and over (2000)	18.8%	1 st
Racial and ethnic minorities (2000)	2.7%	11 th
Not fluent in English (2000)	0.92%	2 nd
Living in poverty (1999)	5.6%	14 th
Less than a high school education (2000)	11.1%	9 th
Single parent households (2000)	5.5%	23 rd

*Among 26 municipalities in Cumberland County, from largest to smallest value.

Annual Rate per 100,000 for the Top 10 Causes of Death in Cumberland County (2001-05)			
Disease	Town	County	State
1. Cancer	284	227	242
2. Heart Disease	169	191	237
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	38	51	61
4. Cerebrovascular Diseases	69	50	61
5. Alzheimer's Disease	**	48	38
6. Unintentional Injuries	**	36	40
7. Influenza/Pneumonia	**	26	24
8. Diabetes Mellitus	**	24	30
9. Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, Nephrosis	**	20	19
10. Septicemia	**	11	10
All Causes	830	884	969

Shading indicates a significant difference from the state.
 **Too few to be disclosed.

Harpswell has a significant INCREASE in...

Indicator	Current	Prior	% increase
Controlled substance prescriptions per person	1.40 (2008)	1.27 (2007)	10%

Harpswell has a significant DECREASE in...

Indicator	Current	Prior	% decrease
Hospital visits per 1,000***	112.0 (2007)	146.1 (2006)	23%

Harpswell has...

High levels of	Low levels of
Depression***	Home and nurse visits***
	Chlamydia
	Housing built before 1950

Represents the highest and lowest percentages among all significant indicators listed on the next page.

***Among those with private insurance, and by region that includes Brunswick.

HARPSWELL Indicators HIGHER than the State			
CHRONIC DISEASE	Value	State value	% higher
Depression per 1,000 (2007) ^{***}	79.4	59.1	34%

ORAL HEALTH
Harpswell does not fluoridate its public drinking water.

HARPSWELL Indicators LOWER than the State			
HEALTH ACCESS	Value	State value	% lower
Home and nurse visits per 1,000 (2007) ^{***}	10.3	25.9	60%
Hospital visits per 1,000 (2007) ^{***}	112.0	126.1	11%

INFECTIOUS DISEASE	Value	State value	% lower
Annual chlamydia per 100,000 (2005-07)	83	180	54%

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Value	State value	% lower
Housing built before 1950 (2000)	26.2%	35.8%	27%

FAMILY HEALTH	Value	State value	% lower
Annual births per 1,000 women 15 to 44 (2002-06)	39.6	52.0	24%

SUBSTANCE USE	Value	State value	% lower
Controlled substance prescriptions per person (2008)	1.40	1.76	21%

^{***}Among those with private insurance, and by region that also includes Brunswick.

Note: All data sources and health indicators with values not significantly different from the state at the 5% level are found in the document "Cumberland County Health Indicators by Municipality," which can be downloaded at <http://publichealth.portlandmaine.gov>. Additionally, some health indicators are available at the county level only, so town-level values are unavailable. Questions and comments may be directed to tsoma@portlandmaine.gov or 207-874-8787.

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