

Brunswick

Demographic Indicators		
Indicator	Value	Rank in County*
Population (2008)	21,720	3 rd
Population change between 1998 and 2008	+4.4%	19 th
Population per square mile (2008)	464	6 th
Median age (2000)	35.5	Tie 23 rd
Under 18 (2000)	23.0%	22 nd
65 and over (2000)	15.5%	7 th
Racial and ethnic minorities (2000)	6.4%	2 nd
Not fluent in English (2000)	0.37%	13 th
Living in poverty (1999)	8.0%	8 th
Less than a high school education (2000)	12.1%	6 th
Single parent households (2000)	8.0%	15 th

*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	224	227	242
2. Heart Disease	217	191	237
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	64	51	61
4. Cerebrovascular Diseases	59	50	61
5. Alzheimer's Disease	28	48	38
6. Unintentional Injuries	23	36	40
7. Influenza/Pneumonia	25	26	24
8. Diabetes Mellitus	19	24	30
9. Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, Nephrosis	19	20	19
10. Septicemia	**	11	10
All Causes	878	884	969

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

Brunswick has a significant INCREASE in...

Indicator	Current	Prior	% increase
Annual chlamydia cases per 100,000	291 (2005-07)	187 (2002-04)	55%
Eligibility for free or reduced school lunches	29.8% (2009-10)	25.7% (2008-09)	16%
Controlled substance prescriptions per person	1.70 (2008)	1.54 (2007)	10%

Brunswick has a significant DECREASE in...

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

Brunswick has...

High levels of	Low levels of
Chlamydia	Home and nurse visits***
Depression***	Violent crimes
	Eligibility for free or reduced school lunches

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 Harpswell.

BRUNSWICK Indicators HIGHER than the State			
INFECTIOUS DISEASE	Value	State value	% higher
Annual chlamydia per 100,000 (2005-07)	291	180	61%

CHRONIC DISEASE	Value	State value	% higher
Depression per 1,000 (2007)***	79.4	59.1	34%

BRUNSWICK 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%
Disabled (2000)	18.1%	20.0%	10%

INJURY AND VIOLENCE	Value	State value	% lower
Annual violent crimes per 10,000 (2004-08)	7.6	11.4	33%
Annual domestic violence crimes per 10,000 (2004-06)	28.6	41.2	31%

SUBSTANCE USE	Value	State value	% lower
Annual substance use arrests per 1,000 (2004-08)	11.8	13.4	12%
Controlled substance prescriptions per person (2008)	1.70	1.76	4%

FAMILY HEALTH	Value	State value	% lower
Eligibility for free or reduced school lunches (2007-08)	29.8%	43.0%	31%

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Value	State value	% lower
Housing built before 1950 (2000)	31.8%	35.8%	11%

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

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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