

# Harrison

Demographic Indicators		
Indicator	Value	Rank in County*
Population (2008)	2,414	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Population change between 1998 and 2008	+11.8%	15 <sup>th</sup>
Population per square mile (2008)	73	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Median age (2000)	39.9	8 <sup>th</sup>
Under 18 (2000)	25.4%	9 <sup>th</sup>
65 and over (2000)	13.3%	14 <sup>th</sup>
Racial and ethnic minorities (2000)	1.5%	26 <sup>th</sup>
Not fluent in English (2000)	0.46%	8 <sup>th</sup>
Living in poverty (1999)	9.3%	5 <sup>th</sup>
Less than a high school education (2000)	12.1%	7 <sup>th</sup>
Single parent households (2000)	8.8%	6 <sup>th</sup>

\*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	334	227	242
2. Heart Disease	154	191	237
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	60	51	61
4. Cerebrovascular Diseases	**	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	822	884	969

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

## Harrison has a significant INCREASE in...

Indicator	Current	Prior	% increase
Home and nurse visits per 1,000***	42.1 (2007)	33.6 (2006)	25%

## Harrison has...

High levels of	Low levels of
Eligibility for free or reduced school lunches	Housing built before 1950
Home and nurse visits***	Emergency department visits***
Hospital visits***	

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

\*\*\*Among those with private insurance, and by region that also includes includes Baldwin, Bridgton, Casco, Naples, Sebago, and Standish.

<b>HARRISON Indicators HIGHER than the State</b>			
<b>HEALTH ACCESS</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>State value</b>	<b>% higher</b>
Home and nurse visits per 1,000 (2007) <sup>***</sup>	42.1	25.9	62%
Hospital visits per 1,000 (2007) <sup>***</sup>	160.8	126.1	28%
Harrison is a designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Area.			

<b>HARRISON Indicators LOWER than the State</b>			
<b>HEALTH ACCESS</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>State value</b>	<b>% lower</b>
Emergency department visits per 1,000 (2007) <sup>***</sup>	167.7	191.2	12%

<b>ORAL HEALTH</b>
Harrison does not fluoridate its public drinking water.
Harrison is a designated Dental Health Professional Shortage Area.

<b>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>State value</b>	<b>% lower</b>
Housing built before 1950 (2000)	24.2%	35.8%	32%

<b>FAMILY HEALTH</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>State value</b>	<b>% higher</b>
Eligibility for free or reduced school lunches (2009-10)	71.8%	43.0%	67%

<b>SUBSTANCE USE</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>State value</b>	<b>% higher</b>
Controlled substance prescriptions per person (2008)	2.13	1.76	21%

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Among those with private insurance, and by region that also includes Baldwin, Bridgton, Casco, Naples, Sebago, and Standish.

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](mailto:tsoma@portlandmaine.gov) or 207-874-8787.

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