

Freeport

Demographic Indicators		
Indicator	Value	Rank in County*
Population (2008)	8,195	11 th
Population change between 1998 and 2008	+8.0%	17 th
Population per square mile (2008)	236	12 th
Median age (2000)	39.8	Tie 9 th
Under 18 (2000)	25.2%	12 th
65 and over (2000)	12.7%	16 th
Racial and ethnic minorities (2000)	3.2%	7 th
Not fluent in English (2000)	0.25%	17 th
Living in poverty (1999)	5.9%	12 th
Less than a high school education (2000)	10.1%	14 th
Single parent households (2000)	8.1%	14 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	201	227	242
2. Heart Disease	206	191	237
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	48	51	61
4. Cerebrovascular Diseases	81	50	61
5. Alzheimer's Disease	43	48	38
6. Unintentional Injuries	30	36	40
7. Influenza and Pneumonia	53	26	24
8. Diabetes Mellitus	18	24	30
9. Nephritis, Nephrotic Syndrome, Nephrosis	30	20	19
10. Septicemia	**	11	10
All Causes	1,027	884	969

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

Freeport has a significant INCREASE in...

Indicator	Current	Prior	% increase
Hospital visits per 1,000***	145.6 (2007)	131.6 (2006)	11%

Freeport has a significant DECREASE in...

Indicator	Current	Prior	% decrease
Disabling occupational injuries per 1,000 workers	30.7 (2008)	53.9 (2007)	43%

Freeport has...

High levels of	Low levels of
Lyme disease	Violent crimes
Disabling occupational injuries	Eligibility for free or reduced school lunches****
Hospital visits***	Chlamydia

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 Gray, New Gloucester, and Pownal.

****Part of Regional School Unit 5, which also includes Pownal.

FREEPORT Indicators HIGHER than the State			
HEALTH ACCESS	Value	State value	% higher
Hospital visits per 1,000 (2007)***	145.6	126.1	15%

FREEPORT Indicators LOWER than the State			
HEALTH ACCESS	Value	State value	% lower
Disabled (2000)	12.7%	20.0%	36%
Emergency department visits per 1,000 (2007)***	137.6	191.2	28%
Home and nurse visits per 1,000 (2007)***	22.4	25.9	14%

INJURY AND VIOLENCE	Value	State value	% higher
Disabling occupational injuries per 1,000 workers (2008)	30.7	21.0	46%

INJURY AND VIOLENCE	Value	State value	% lower
Annual violent crimes per 10,000 (2004-08)	3.2	11.4	72%
Annual domestic violence crimes per 10,000 (2004-06)	25.3	41.2	39%

INFECTIOUS DISEASE	Value	State value	% higher
Annual Lyme disease per 100,000 (2005-07)	62	28	119%

INFECTIOUS DISEASE	Value	State value	% lower
Annual chlamydia per 100,000 (2005-07)	82	180	54%

SUBSTANCE USE	Value	State value	% lower
Annual substance use arrests per 1,000 (2004-08)	10.4	13.4	22%
Controlled substance prescriptions per person (2008)	1.49	1.76	15%

FAMILY HEALTH	Value	State value	% lower
Eligibility for free or reduced school lunches (2009-10)****	19.6%	43.0%	54%

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Value	State value	% lower
Housing built before 1950 (2000)	24.9%	35.8%	30%

CHRONIC DISEASE	Value	State value	% lower
Diabetes per 1,000 (2007)***	33.2	43.0	23%

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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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