

New Gloucester

Demographic Indicators		
Indicator	Value	Rank in County*
Population (2008)	5,461	15 th
Population change between 1998 and 2008	+24.1%	5 th
Population per square mile (2008)	116	20 th
Median age (2000)	35.5	Tie 23 rd
Under 18 (2000)	28.8%	3 rd
65 and over (2000)	7.5%	26 th
Racial and ethnic minorities (2000)	2.2%	17 th
Not fluent in English (2000)	0.04%	23 rd
Living in poverty (1999)	5.4%	15 th
Less than a high school education (2000)	10.5%	11 th
Single parent households (2000)	8.4%	8 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	157	227	242
2. Heart Disease	86	191	237
3. Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	35	51	61
4. Cerebrovascular Diseases	24	50	61
5. Alzheimer's Disease	24	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	455	884	969

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

New Gloucester has a significant INCREASE in...

Indicator	Current	Prior	% increase
Hospital visits per 1,000***	145.6 (2007)	131.6 (2006)	11%
Controlled substance prescriptions per person	1.34 (2008)	1.28 (2007)	5%

New Gloucester has...

High levels of	Low levels of
Births	Housing built before 1950
Hospital visits***	Eligibility for free or reduced school lunches****
	Emergency department 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 Freeport, Gray, and Pownal.

****Part of School Administrative District 15, which also includes Gray.

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

NEW GLOUCESTER Indicators LOWER than the State			
HEALTH ACCESS	Value	State value	% lower
Emergency department visits per 1,000 (2007)***	137.6	191.2	28%
Disabled (2000)	15.1%	20.0%	25%
Home and nurse visits per 1,000 (2007)***	22.4	25.9	14%

FAMILY HEALTH	Value	State value	% higher
Annual births per 1,000 women 15 to 44 (2002-06)	68.0	52.0	31%

FAMILY HEALTH	Value	State value	% lower
Eligibility for free or reduced school lunches (2009-10)****	29.3%	43.0%	32%

ORAL HEALTH
New Gloucester does not fluoridate its public drinking water.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	Value	State value	% lower
Housing built before 1950 (2000)	17.3%	35.8%	52%

SUBSTANCE USE	Value	State value	% lower
Controlled substance prescriptions per person (2008)	1.34	1.76	24%

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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