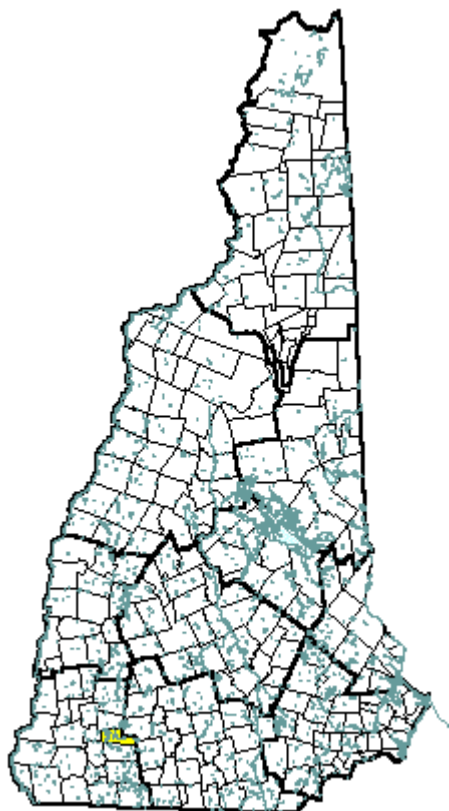


Harrisville, NH



Community Contact	Town of Harrisville Board of Selectmen 705 Chesham Road Harrisville, NH 03450
Telephone	(603) 827-3431 or 827-5546
Fax	(603) 827-2917
E-mail	not available
Web Site	www.keenenh.com/harrisville
Municipal Office Hours	Administrative Assistant: Monday through Thursday, 8 am - 3 pm, and Friday, 8 am - 12 noon; Town Clerk: Tuesday, 2 pm - 7 pm, Wednesday, 3 pm - 6:30 pm, and Thursday, 8 am - 11:30 am; Tax Collector: Wednesday, 10 am - 12 noon, Thursday, 6 pm - 8 pm, and Saturday, 10 am - 2 pm
County	Cheshire
Labor Market Area	Keene NH Micro-NECTA
Tourism Region	Monadnock
Planning Commission	Southwest Region
Regional Development	Monadnock Economic Development Corp.
Election Districts	
US Congress	District 2
Executive Council	District 2
State Senate	District 7
State Representative	Cheshire County District 6

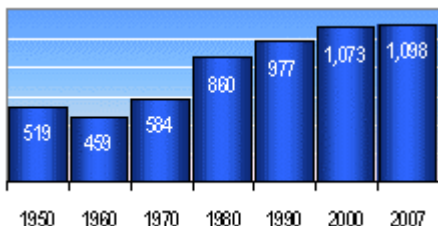
Incorporated: 1870

Origin: First settled in 1760, the town was formed from parts of Hancock, Dublin, Roxbury, Nelson, and Marlborough. The town was first known as Twitchellville, after Abel Twitchell. His daughter Deborah married Bethuel Harris, who with his sons built and operated Harris Mills, one of the first woolen mills in New England. After the business was sold, the name was changed to Cheshire Mills. The town was incorporated in 1871 as Harrisville, at the suggestion of Milan Harris, one of Bethuel's sons and a member of the state senate from 1863-1865. The Harrisville Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Villages and Place Names: Chesham, Eastview Station

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 870 residents in 1880

Population Trends: Population change for Harrisville totaled 554 over 50 years, from 519 in 1950 to 1,073 in 2000. The largest decennial percent change was a 47 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the second highest a 27 percent increase between 1960 and 1970. The 2007 Census estimate for Harrisville was 1,098 residents, which ranked 179th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Cheshire County

Population Density and Land Area (NH Office of Energy & Planning): 58.4 persons per square mile of land area. Harrisville contains 18.7 square miles of land area and 1.5 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2004	\$621,653
Budget: School Appropriations, 2005	\$1,869,713
Zoning Ordinance	1959/05
Master Plan	2000
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions

Elected:	Selectmen; Library
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Zoning

Public Library **Harrisville Public****EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Police Department	Full & part-time
Fire Department	Part-time & volunteer
Town Fire Insurance Rating	9/10
Emergency Medical Service	Volunteer
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance Staffed Beds
Monadnock Community, Peterborough	11 miles 25
Cheshire Medical Center, Keene	14 miles 169

UTILITIES

Electric Supplier	PSNH
Natural Gas Supplier	None
Water Supplier	Private wells
Sanitation	Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	No
Solid Waste Disposal	none
Curbside Trash Pickup	none
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	No
Recycling Program	Mandatory
Telephone Company	Fairpoint
Cellular Telephone Access	Yes
Cable Television Access	Yes
Public Access Television Station	No
High Speed Internet Service: Business	Yes
Residential	Yes

PROPERTY TAXES (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)

2007 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$13.51
2007 Equalization Ratio	81.6
2007 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	\$11.02
2007 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	96.3%
Commercial Land and Buildings	2.8%
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	0.9%

HOUSING SUPPLY (NH Office of Energy and Planning)

2007 Total Housing Units	743
2007 Single-Family Units	670
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	5
2007 Multi-Family Units	47
Residential Permits, Net Change of Units	0
2007 Manufactured Housing Units	26

DEMOGRAPHICS

(US Census Bureau)

Total Population	Community	County
2007	1,098	77,725
2000	1,073	73,993
1990	977	70,223
1980	860	62,116
1970	584	52,364

Census 2000 Demographics

Population by Gender			
Male	516	Female	559

Population by Age Group

Under age 5	55
Age 5 to 19	230
Age 20 to 34	105
Age 35 to 54	421
Age 55 to 64	103
Age 65 and over	161
Median Age	43 years

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over

High school graduate or higher	88.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	40.6%

ANNUAL INCOME, 1999

(US Census Bureau)

Per capita income	\$25,397
Median 4-person family income	\$55,083
Median household income	\$48,625
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers	
Male	\$34,625
Female	\$27,171
Families below the poverty level	4.3%

LABOR FORCE

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average	1997	2007
Civilian labor force	535	656
Employed	528	636
Unemployed	7	20
Unemployment rate	1.3%	3.0%

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES

(NHES - ELMI)

Annual Average Covered Employment	1997	2007
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	n	n
Average Weekly Wage	n	n
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	146	100
Average Weekly Wage	\$493	\$427
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	22	23
Average Weekly Wage	\$209	\$292
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	167	123
Average Weekly Wage	\$456	\$402

n = indicates that data does not meet disclosure standards

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Harrisville operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Keene** District: **SAU 29**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Cheshire Center of Applied Science, Keene; Fall Mountain High School, Langdon** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	55			

NH Licensed Child Care Facilities, 2008: Total Facilities: 1 Total Capacity: **46**

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Franklin Pierce University; Antioch New England**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Harrisville Designs, Inc.	Textile mill products	30	1971
Lifesavings Resources, Inc.	Water rescue, survival training	2	1998
Royal Mail	Irish Imports		

TRANSPORTATION *(distances estimated from city/town hall)*

Road Access US Routes
 State Routes **137**
 Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91 (VT), Exit 3**
 Distance **25 miles**

Railroad **No**
 Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation
Dillant-Hopkins, Keene Runway **6,201 ft. asphalt**
 Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service
Manchester-Boston Regional Distance **50 miles**
 Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **8**

Driving distance to select cities:
 Manchester, NH **48 miles**
 Portland, Maine **145 miles**
 Boston, Mass. **85 miles**
 New York City, NY **229 miles**
 Montreal, Quebec **253 miles**

COMMUTING TO WORK *(US Census Bureau)*

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van	81.6%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.2%
Public transportation	0.5%
Walked	3.3%
Other means	0.3%
Worked at home	6.0%

Mean Travel Time to Work **25.3 minutes**

Percent of Working Residents:

Working in community of residence	15%
Commuting to another NH community	80%
Commuting out-of-state	5%

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X Municipal Parks
 YMCA/YWCA
 Boys Club/Girls Club
 Golf Courses
 Swimming: Indoor Facility
 Swimming: Outdoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
 Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
 Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
 Bowling Facilities
 Museums
 Cinemas
 Performing Arts Facilities
 Tourist Attractions
 Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

X Youth Sports: Baseball
 Youth Sports: Soccer
 Youth Sports: Football
 Youth Sports: Basketball
 Youth Sports: Hockey
 Campgrounds

X Fishing/Hunting
X Boating/Marinas
X Snowmobile Trails
 Bicycle Trails
 Cross Country Skiing

X Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
 Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Pat's Peak**

Other: