Harrisville, NH

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Municipal Office Hours  
Admin Assistant: Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 3 pm, Friday, 9 am - 12 noon;  
Town Clerk: Tuesday, 2 pm - 7 pm, Thursday, 8 am - 1 pm;  
TCollector: Tuesday, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm, Thursday, 9 am - 11 am, or by appointment

County: Cheshire  
Labor Market Area: Keene, NH Micropolitan 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 10  
State Representative: Cheshire County Districts 9, 14

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 367 over 49 years, from 584 in 1970 to 951 in 2019. The largest decennial percent change was a 47 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the second highest a 14 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2019 Census estimate for Harrisville was 951 residents, which ranked 188th among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2019 (US Census Bureau): 50.8 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

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<th>Service</th>
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<td>Type of Government</td>
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<td>Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019</td>
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<td>$2,125,813</td>
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<td>Zoning Ordinance</td>
<td>1959/20</td>
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<td>Master Plan</td>
<td>2000</td>
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<td>Capital Improvement Plan</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Industrial Plans Reviewed By</td>
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#### Boards and Commissions
- Elected: Selectmen
- Appointed: Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Historic District

#### Public Library
- Cheshire Medical Center, Keene
- Monadnock Community, Peterborough

### Emergency Services

#### Police Department
- Full & part-time

#### Fire Department
- Volunteer

#### Emergency Medical Service
- Volunteer

#### Nearest Hospital(s)
- Monadnock Community, Peterborough: 11 miles, 25 Staffed Beds
- Cheshire Medical Center, Keene: 14 miles, 98 Staffed Beds

### Utilities

#### Electric Supplier
- Eversource Energy

#### Natural Gas Supplier
- None

#### Water Supplier
- Private wells

#### Sanitation
- Private septic

#### Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant
- No

#### Solid Waste Disposal
- Curbside Trash Pickup: Private
- Pay-As-You-Throw Program: Yes
- Recycling Program: Mandatory

#### Telephone Company
- Consolidated Communications

#### Cellular Telephone Access
- Limited

#### Cable Television Access
- Yes

#### Public Access Television Station
- No

#### High Speed Internet Service:
- Business: Limited
- Residential: Limited

### Property Taxes

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
<th>Equalization Ratio</th>
<th>Full Value Tax Rate (per $1000 of value)</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>$17.40</td>
<td>94.3</td>
<td>$16.38</td>
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#### Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type
- Residential Land and Buildings: 95.8%
- Commercial Land and Buildings: 3.0%
- Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other: 1.2%

### Housing

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<th>Type</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total Housing Units</td>
<td>751</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached</td>
<td>676</td>
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<td>Two to Four Units in Structure</td>
<td>21</td>
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<td>Five or More Units in Structure</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units</td>
<td>54</td>
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### Population (1-Year Estimates/Decennial)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Community</th>
<th>County</th>
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<tr>
<td>2019</td>
<td>951</td>
<td>76,085</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>961</td>
<td>77,117</td>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>1,073</td>
<td>73,993</td>
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<td>1990</td>
<td>977</td>
<td>70,223</td>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>860</td>
<td>62,116</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>584</td>
<td>52,364</td>
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### Demographics

#### American Community Survey (ACS) 2015-2019
- Population by Gender
  - Male: 467
  - Female: 460
- Population by Age Group
  - Under age 5: 26
  - Age 5 to 19: 89
  - Age 20 to 34: 81
  - Age 35 to 54: 223
  - Age 55 to 64: 224
  - Age 65 and over: 284
- Median Age: 57.7 years
- High school graduate or higher: 93.8%
- Bachelor’s degree or higher: 46.6%

#### Income, Inflation Adjusted $
(ACS 2015-2019)
- Per capita income: $53,323
- Median family income: $92,813
- Median household income: $76,806
- Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers
  - Male: $63,167
  - Female: $54,063
- Individuals below the poverty level: 5.8%

### Labor Force

#### NHES – ELMI
- Annual Average: 2009
- Civilian labor force: 646
- Employed: 620
- Unemployed: 26
- Unemployment rate: 4.0%

### Employment & Wages

#### NHES – ELMI
- Annual Average Covered Employment: 2009
- Goods Producing Industries
  - Average Employment: 33
  - Average Weekly Wage: $567
  - Service Providing Industries
    - Average Employment: 72
    - Average Weekly Wage: $504
  - Total Private Industry
    - Average Employment: 105
    - Average Weekly Wage: $524
- Government (Federal, State, and Local)
  - Average Employment: 22
  - Average Weekly Wage: $329
- Total, Private Industry plus Government
  - Average Employment: 127
  - Average Weekly Wage: $490

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Economic & Labor Market Information Bureau, NH Employment Security, January 2021. Community Response Received 8/03/2020
**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: Harrisville operates grades K-6; grades 7-12 are tuitioned to Keene

Career Technology Center(s): Cheshire Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE

Nearest Community College: Nashua

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

**LARGEST BUSINESSES**

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<th>BUSINESS NAME</th>
<th>PRODUCT/SERVICE</th>
<th>EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>ESTABLISHED</th>
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<td>Harrisville Designs, Inc.</td>
<td>Textile mill products</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>1971</td>
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<td>Aldworth Manor</td>
<td>Weddings &amp; events venue</td>
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<td>Cobb Hill Estate</td>
<td>Weddings &amp; events venue</td>
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<tr>
<td>Harrisville General Store</td>
<td>Convenience store</td>
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<td>Homeland Landscaping</td>
<td>Landscaping &amp; propety maintenance</td>
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<td>Pear Tree Studio’s</td>
<td>Art classes</td>
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<td>Royal Mail</td>
<td>Irish Imports</td>
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<td>Shaker Style Furnishings</td>
<td>Home décor and gifts</td>
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<td>SRH Farms</td>
<td>Farming &amp; catering</td>
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**EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES (includes Charter Schools)**

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<tr>
<th>Number of Schools</th>
<th>Grade Levels</th>
<th>Total Enrollment</th>
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<td>1</td>
<td>K 1-6</td>
<td>60</td>
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**TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)**

- Road Access: US Routes
- Nearest Interstate, Exit: I-91 (VT), Exit 3
- Railroad: No
- Public Transportation: No

**NEAREST AIRPORT WITH SCHEDULED SERVICE**

- Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey
  - Runway: 6,201 ft. asphalt
  - Lighted?: Yes
  - Navigation Aids?: Yes

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

- 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)
- Youth Sports: Baseball
- Youth Sports: Soccer
- Youth Sports: Football
- Youth Sports: Basketball
- Youth Sports: Hockey
- Campgrounds
- Fishing/Hunting
- Boating/Marinas
- Snowmobile Trails
- Bicycle Trails
- Cross Country Skiing
- Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
- Overnight or Day Camps

**COMMITTING TO WORK**

- Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019
  - Working in community of residence: 28.1
  - Commuting to another NH community: 66.1
  - Commuting out-of-state: 5.8

- Mean Travel Time to Work: 31.5 minutes

- Workers 16 years and over
  - Drove alone, car/truck/van: 72.7%
  - Carpooled, car/truck/van: 11.0%
  - Public transportation: 0.0%
  - Walked: 0.0%
  - Other means: 16.4%
  - Worked at home: 5.8%