

# Harrisville, NH



## Community Contact

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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  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Cheshire**  
**Keene, NH Micropolitan NECTA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts  
 US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
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**District 10**  
**Cheshire County Districts 9, 14**

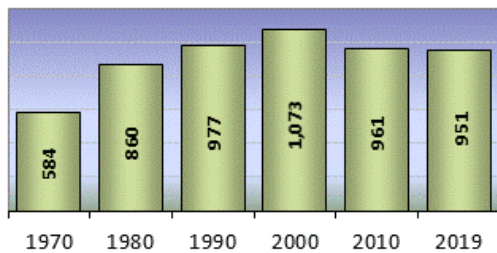
**Incorporated:** 1870

**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.



Cheshire County

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>	
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2019	<b>\$1,296,602</b>
Budget: School Appropriations, 2018-2019	<b>\$2,125,813</b>
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1959/20</b>
Master Plan	<b>2000</b>
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	

Boards and Commissions  
 Elected: **Selectmen**  
 Appointed: **Planning; Conservation; Zoning; Historic District**

Public Library **Harrisville Public**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>		
Police Department	<b>Full &amp; part-time</b>	
Fire Department	<b>Volunteer</b>	
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>	
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds
<b>Monadnock Community, Peterborough</b>	<b>11 miles</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>14 miles</b>	<b>98</b>

<b>UTILITIES</b>		
Electric Supplier	<b>Eversource Energy</b>	
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>	
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>	
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>	
Solid Waste Disposal		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>Private</b>	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>Yes</b>	
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>	
Telephone Company	<b>Consolidated Communications</b>	
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Limited</b>	
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>	
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Limited</b>
	Residential	<b>Limited</b>

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b> (NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2019 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$17.40</b>
2019 Equalization Ratio	<b>94.3</b>
2019 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$16.38</b>
2019 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type	
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.8%</b>
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>3.0%</b>
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>1.2%</b>

<b>HOUSING</b> (ACS 2015-2019)	
Total Housing Units	<b>751</b>
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>676</b>
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:	
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>21</b>
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>0</b>
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>54</b>

<b>POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)</b>		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population	Community	County	
2019	<b>951</b>	<b>76,085</b>	
2010	<b>961</b>	<b>77,117</b>	
2000	<b>1,073</b>	<b>73,993</b>	
1990	<b>977</b>	<b>70,223</b>	
1980	<b>860</b>	<b>62,116</b>	
1970	<b>584</b>	<b>52,364</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b> AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2015-2019			
Population by Gender			
Male	<b>467</b>	Female	<b>460</b>
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			<b>26</b>
Age 5 to 19			<b>89</b>
Age 20 to 34			<b>81</b>
Age 35 to 54			<b>223</b>
Age 55 to 64			<b>224</b>
Age 65 and over			<b>284</b>
Median Age			<b>57.7 years</b>
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			<b>93.8%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher			<b>46.6%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2015-2019)	
Per capita income			<b>\$53,323</b>
Median family income			<b>\$92,813</b>
Median household income			<b>\$76,806</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			<b>\$63,167</b>
Female			<b>\$54,063</b>
Individuals below the poverty level			<b>5.8%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average	2009	2019
Civilian labor force	<b>646</b>	<b>598</b>
Employed	<b>620</b>	<b>588</b>
Unemployed	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b> (NHES – ELMII)		
Annual Average Covered Employment	2009	2019
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>33</b>	<b>47</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 567</b>	<b>\$ 617</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>72</b>	<b>89</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 504</b>	<b>\$ 470</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>105</b>	<b>136</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 524</b>	<b>\$ 521</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 329</b>	<b>\$ 779</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>127</b>	<b>153</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 490</b>	<b>\$ 549</b>

**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 Career Center (Keene); Fall Mountain RHS - CTE** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	K 1-6			
Total Enrollment	60			

Nearest Community College: **Nashua**

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

2020 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **46**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Harrisville Designs, Inc.	Textile mill products	30	1971
Aldworth Manor	Weddings & events venue		
Cobb Hill Estate	Weddings & events venue		
Harrisville General Store	Convenience store		
Homeland Landscaping	Landscaping & property maintenance		
Pear Tree Studio's	Art classes		
Royal Mail	Irish Imports		
Shaker Style Furnishings	Home décor and gifts		
SRH Farms	Farming & catering		

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

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

Road Access	US Routes	
	State Routes	<b>137</b>
Nearest Interstate, Exit	<b>I-91 (VT), Exit 3</b>	
Distance		<b>25 miles</b>
Railroad		<b>No</b>
Public Transportation		<b>No</b>
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation		
<b>Dillant-Hopkins, Swanzey</b>	Runway	<b>6,201 ft. asphalt</b>
Lighted?	Yes	Navigation Aids? <b>Yes</b>
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service		
<b>Manchester-Boston Regional</b>	Distance	<b>50 miles</b>
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		<b>4</b>
Driving distance to select cities:		
Manchester, NH		<b>49 miles</b>
Portland, Maine		<b>143 miles</b>
Boston, Mass.		<b>84 miles</b>
New York City, NY		<b>232 miles</b>
Montreal, Quebec		<b>254 miles</b>

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (ACS 2015-2019)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	<b>72.7%</b>
Carpooled, car/truck/van	<b>11.0%</b>
Public transportation	<b>0.0%</b>
Walked	<b>0.0%</b>
Other means	<b>16.4%</b>
Worked at home	<b>5.8%</b>
Mean Travel Time to Work	<b>31.5 minutes</b>
<b>Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2015-2019</b>	
Working in community of residence	<b>28.1</b>
Commuting to another NH community	<b>66.1</b>
Commuting out-of-state	<b>5.8</b>

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

<b>X</b>	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
<b>X</b>	Campgrounds
<b>X</b>	Fishing/Hunting
<b>X</b>	Boating/Marinas
<b>X</b>	Snowmobile Trails
<b>X</b>	Bicycle Trails
<b>X</b>	Cross Country Skiing
<b>X</b>	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): <b>Pat's Peak</b>
	Other: <b>Lakes; Hiking Trails</b>