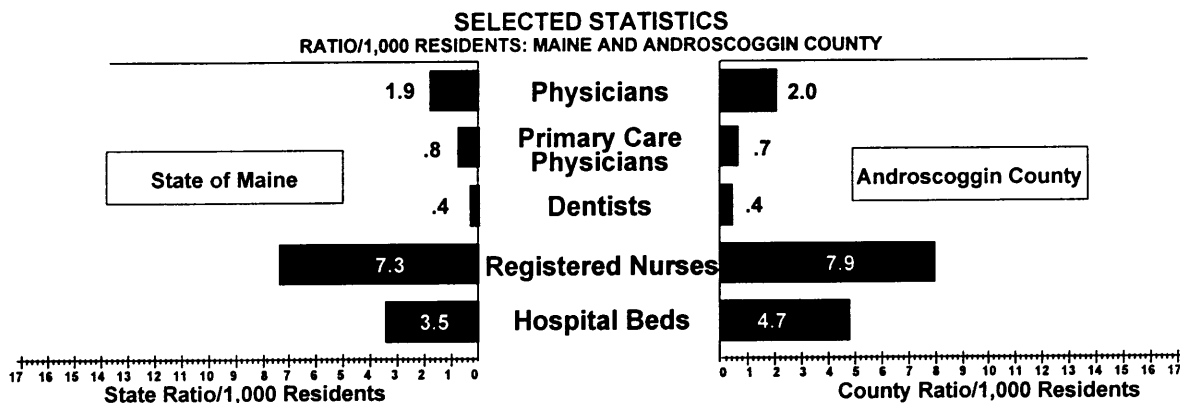


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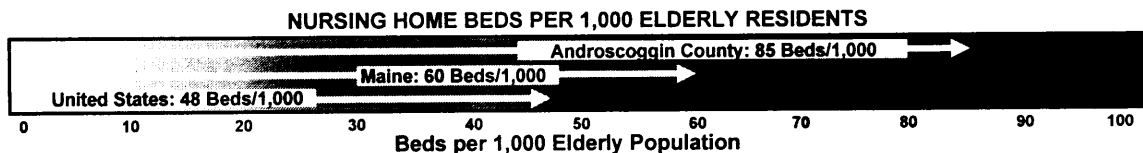
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- ➔ **Physicians:** 205 physicians (MD and DO) indicated that they were practicing in Androscoggin county. 35% of these physicians (72) reported practicing in a primary care* specialty; this is significantly lower than the national figure of 47%.
- ➔ **Registered Nurses:** There were 821 registered nurses practicing their profession in Androscoggin county resulting in a nurse to physician ratio of 4 nurses for every doctor, somewhat greater than the national ratio of 3 nurses per doctor. This difference is statistically significant.
- ➔ **Dentists:** 41 dentists reported working in Androscoggin county. The resulting ratio of .4 dentists for every 1,000 residents is the same as the state ratio; the national ratio is .6/1,000.
- ➔ **Hospitals:** There were 2 hospitals in Androscoggin county with a total of 483 general use hospital beds. This yielded a county ratio of 4.7 beds per 1,000 residents, the second highest in Maine; statewide this ratio was 3.5 per 1,000 population, nationwide it was 4.0/1,000.



- ➔ **Nursing Homes:** There were 14 long term care facilities with 1,201 nursing home beds in 1992; this represented a county ratio of 85 nursing home beds per 1,000 elderly population, the highest in Maine, and a significantly greater ratio than nationwide (48 beds per 1,000 elderly).



NOTES: Data on health care resources must be considered in conjunction with health status indicators, such as those on the accompanying Health Status Indicators FACT SHEET. In all instances, the most recent available data were used; this was not always 1992 information. Complete citations are available for data sources upon request. All county rates were compared to national rates when possible; unless noted, differences in rates were not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

* Primary Care specialties are: family or general practice, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and internal

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