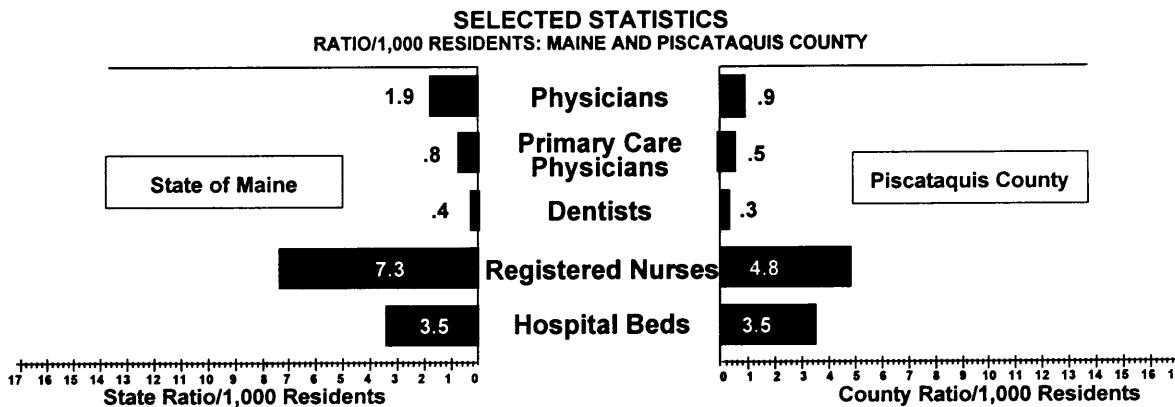


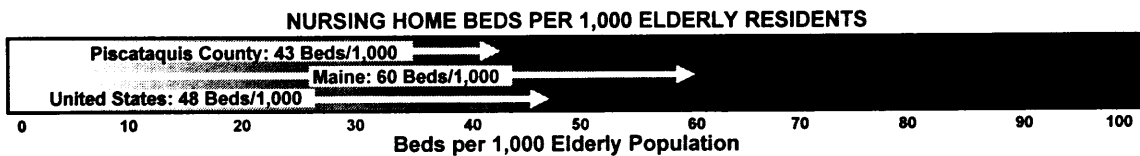
PISCATAQUIS COUNTY: 1992

Health Care Resources

- ➔ **Physicians:** 16 physicians (MD and DO) indicated that they were practicing in Piscataquis county. 62% of these physicians (10) reported practicing in a primary care* specialty; the national figure is 47%; this difference is significant.
- ➔ **Registered Nurses:** There were 90 registered nurses practicing their profession in Piscataquis county resulting in a nurse to physician ratio of 5.6 nurses for every doctor; this compares to the national ratio of 3 nurses for every doctor.
- ➔ **Dentists:** 6 dentists reported working in Piscataquis county. The resulting ratio of .3 dentists for every 1,000 residents compares to the state ratio of .4 dentists for every 1,000 residents and the national ratio of .6/1,000. The county ratio is significantly less than the national
- ➔ **Hospitals:** There were 2 hospitals in Piscataquis county with a total of 66 general use hospital beds. This yielded a county ratio of 3.5 general use hospital beds per 1,000 residents, significantly less than the nationwide ratio of 4.0/1,000.



- ➔ **Nursing Homes:** There was 1 long term care facility with 138 nursing home beds in 1992; this represented a county ratio of 43 nursing home beds per 1,000 elderly population; this is significantly less than the nationwide ratio of 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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