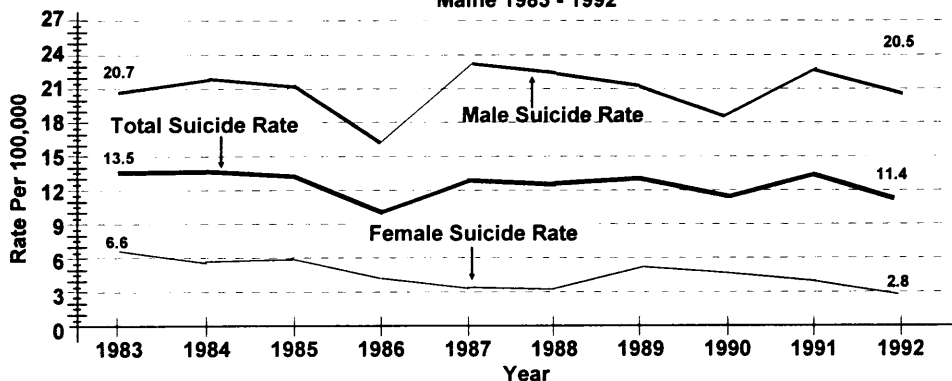


SUICIDES IN MAINE

Maine Residents: 1983 - 1992

- ➔ From 1983 to 1992, 1,598 Maine residents committed suicide. This resulted in a suicide death rate of 12.5 deaths for every 100,000 residents for that ten year period - 160 Maine residents each year.
- ➔ Males had a significantly higher death rate from suicide than females over this 10 year period; the male rate was 20.9 deaths per 100,000 population, while the female rate was 4.5.
- ➔ The overall trend during this period was a reduction of more than half in the female suicide death rate, from 6.6 to 2.8 deaths per 100,000 population; the male rate remained about the same (20.7 and 20.5).

Death Rate Due to Suicide by Sex and Year
Maine 1983 - 1992



- ➔ For the 10 year period, Oxford county had the highest death rate due to suicide of all Maine's counties, 17.1 deaths per 100,000 population; the lowest county suicide death rate, 8.9, was in Aroostook county. Neither county rate was significantly higher than
- ➔ In 1992, suicide was the 9th leading cause of death in Maine, the same as it is nationally.
- ➔ The death rate from suicide in Maine in 1992, 11.4/100,000 residents, was comparable to the national rate of 11.1.
- ➔ The most common means of committing suicide during the period 1983-1992 was through the use of firearms (60%) followed by poisonings (19%). Use of firearms accounted for 66% of male suicides (861 men) and 35% of female suicides (106). Poisonings accounted for 14% of male suicides (187), but was the most common method for females at 40% (121).

Note: All rates are for underlying cause and are age-adjusted to the U.S. 1940 standard population; these are rates that have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations. All rates are for all races; age-adjusted rates for the U.S. white population only were not available. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance

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