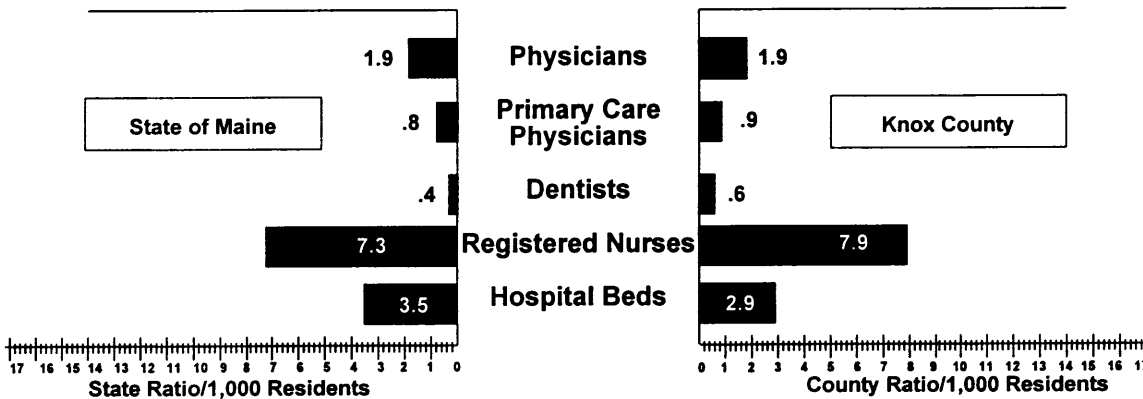


# KNOX COUNTY: 1992

## Health Care Resources

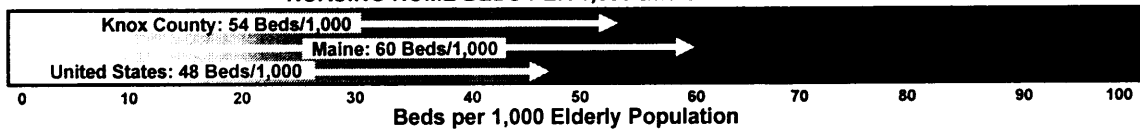
- ➔ **Physicians:** 70 physicians (MD and DO) indicated that they were practicing in Knox county. 47% of these physicians (33) reported practicing in a primary care\* specialty, the same as the national
- ➔ **Registered Nurses:** There were 289 registered nurses practicing their profession in Knox county resulting in a nurse to physician ratio of 4.1 nurses for every doctor; the national ratio is 3 nurses per doctor.
- ➔ **Dentists:** 21 dentists reported working in Knox county. The resulting ratio of .6 dentists for every 1,000 residents compares to the state ratio of .4/1,000 and is the same as the national ratio.
- ➔ **Hospitals:** There was 1 hospital in Knox county with a total of 106 general use hospital beds. This yielded a county ratio of 2.9 general use hospital beds per 1,000 residents; statewide the ratio was 3.5 per 1,000 population, nationwide it was 4.0/1,000. The difference between the county ratio and the national ratio is significant.

SELECTED STATISTICS  
RATIO/1,000 RESIDENTS: MAINE AND KNOX COUNTY



- ➔ **Nursing Homes:** There were 4 long term care facilities with 345 nursing home beds in 1992; this represented a county ratio of 54 nursing home beds per 1,000 elderly population; nationwide this ratio is 48 beds per 1,000 elderly population. This difference is significant.

NURSING HOME BEDS PER 1,000 ELDERLY RESIDENTS



**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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