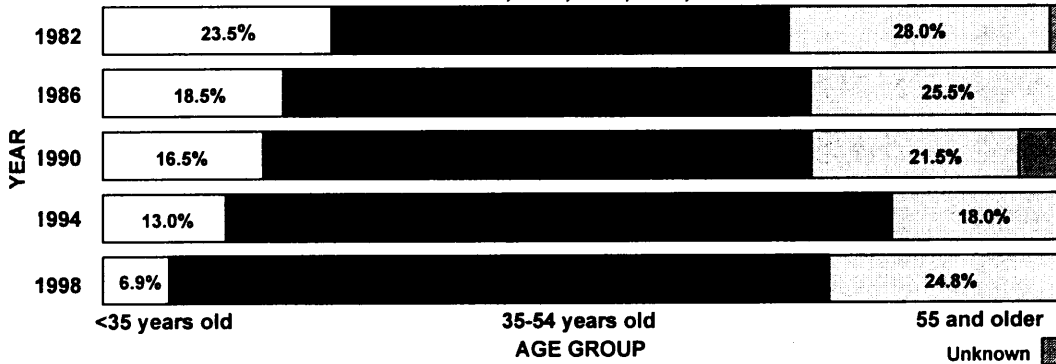


MAINE DENTISTS - 1998

(preliminary data)

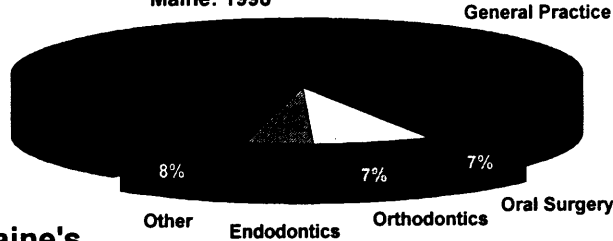
- ➔ In 1998, there were 584 dentists actively practicing in Maine; this resulted in a dentist to population ratio of 1 dentist for each 2,127 residents. This was significantly* different from the US ratio of 1 dentist for each 1,743 residents ¹.
- ➔ In 1998, the number of dentists reporting that they were actively practicing dentistry in Maine increased by just 11 since 1994. This small increase is consistent with the fact that in 1998, the proportion of dentists who reported that they were 35 years of age or younger (6.9%) diminished by nearly half since 1994 (13.0%), and was less than a third of the size that it was in 1982. (23.5%)
- ➔ The age distribution of Maine dentists has changed markedly in the past few years. In 1994, 50% of all active dentists were 45 years old and older; by 1998, the proportion of Maine dentists in this age group had increased to 64%.

PERCENT OF DENTISTS BY YEAR AND AGE GROUP
Maine 1982, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998



- ➔ Maine dentists reported working an average of 38 hours per week in 1998. The majority of those hours, 36 hours, were spent providing direct patient care.

PERCENT OF DENTISTS BY SPECIALTY
Maine: 1998



- ➔ Nearly three quarters of all active dentists in Maine who reported a primary specialty (394) said that they were general practitioners.

- ➔ Approximately 60% (342) of Maine's dentists accepted Medicaid payment for the services they provided in 1998. Of that group, nearly 60% (199) limited the percent of Medicaid patients that they would accept in their practice.

* Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.
Footnote 1: National data are for 1996, the most current available data. Dentist data were obtained from the American Dental Assoc.; population data were obtained from the Bureau of the Census. Full citations are available upon request.

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