

# GENERAL MORTALITY

Maine Residents: 2000 (preliminary data)

➔ There were 12,337 deaths to Maine residents during 2000, about 100 more than the previous year. This resulted in an age-adjusted death rate of 8.6 deaths/1,000 population - a rate comparable to the national rate (8.5 deaths/1,000).

Deaths from All Causes by Rank and Age-Adjusted Death Rate Maine, New England, U.S.: 2000		
STATE	2000	
	Rank	Rate
United States		8.5
MAINE	1	8.6
Vermont	2	8.2
New Hampshire	3	8.2
Rhode Island	4	8.2
Massachusetts	5	8.2
Connecticut	6	7.8

➔ Maine's death rate was 20th highest in the country, but it was the highest among the New England states. In fact, Maine's death rate was significantly greater than the New England states as a whole.

➔ Over the past 10 years, the death rate for Maine dropped by about 5%. This was consistent with the national trend. The differences in rates over the 10 years, in both Maine and in the U.S., are significant.

➔ Four of the 5 leading causes of death were the same in Maine as they were in the nation. Unintentional injuries was the 5th leading cause in the U.S. (it was 6th in Maine) while Alzheimer's Disease was the 5th leading cause in Maine (it was 8th in the U.S.). In fact, Maine's death rate due to Alzheimer's, 31.7/100,000 population, was significantly higher than the national rate (18.8 deaths) or the rate in any other New England state.

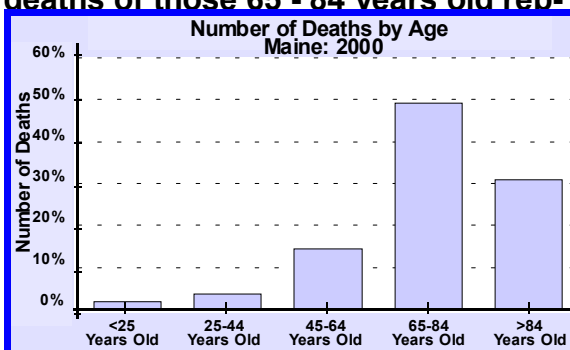
➔ The 5 leading causes of death in Maine in 2000 - heart disease, cancer, cerebrovascular disease, chronic lower respiratory disease, and Alzheimer's disease - accounted for nearly 70% of all deaths.

Leading Causes of Death: Maine and United States, 2000				
Cause of Death	Maine		United States	
	Rank	Death Rate	Rank	Death Rate
Heart Disease	1	2.7	1	2.7
Cancer	2	2.4	2	2.1
Cerebrovascular Disease	3	.6	3	.6
CLRD*	4	.6	4	.5
Alzheimer's Disease	5	.4	8	.2

\* Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease, ICD-10 codes J40-J47

➔ Heart disease and cancer claimed about 6,500 lives in 2000. These deaths accounted for half of all Maine's deaths in 2000.

➔ Resident deaths in age groups younger than age 65 represented 20% of all Maine deaths in 2000. Resident deaths of those 65 - 84 years old represented 49% of all deaths. The proportion of deaths to Maine's very elderly, those 85 years old and older, was 31% - a proportion 5% greater than 10 years earlier in 1991. The proportion of deaths in this oldest group was significantly greater than what was experienced nationally (29%).



Notes: All rates are for underlying cause of death, and are age-adjusted to the US 2000 standard population; these are rates that have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations. All national data (national data are for whites only) were obtained from CDC Wonder. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

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