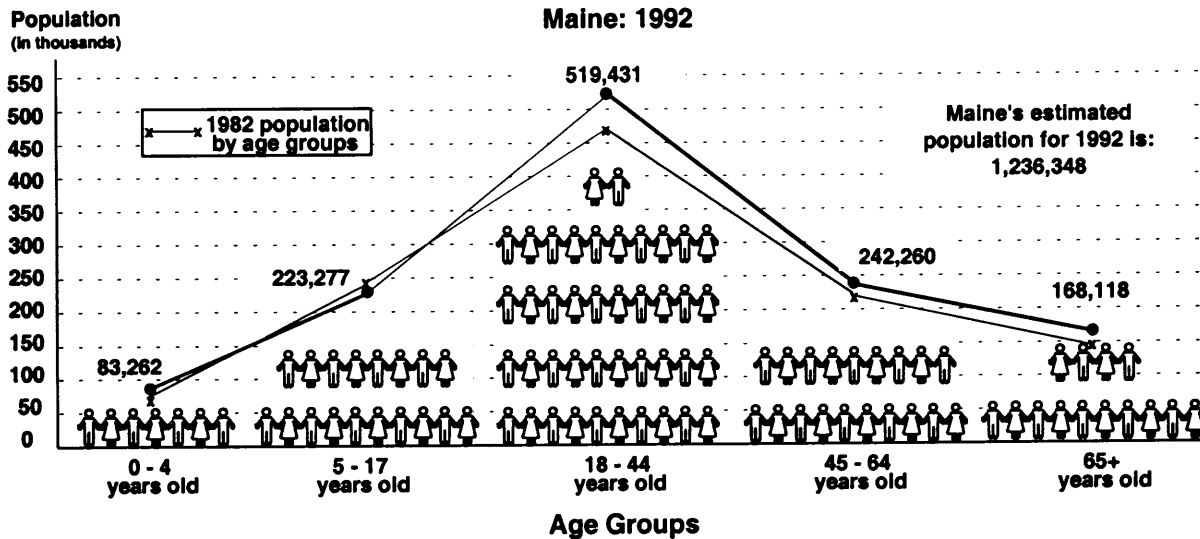


CHANGES IN POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

Maine: 1982 and 1992

- ➔ Over the past ten years, Maine's population has grown by more than 87,000 individuals for an overall increase of almost 8%. It has grown from an estimated 1,148,947 in 1982 to an estimated 1,236,348 in 1992.
- ➔ During this period, all age groups experienced increases except for school-aged children (5 - 17 year olds); this group experienced a population decrease of nearly 4%. Also, in 1982, this group represented 20% of Maine's population; in 1992, this proportion fell to 18% .

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP
Maine: 1992



- ➔ Between 1982 and 1992, there was a small numeric increase of very young children, 0 - 4 years old (1,700). Despite the increase in the actual number of children in this age group, the combined 0 - 4 and 5 - 17 year old age groups represented a smaller proportion of Maine's total population in 1992. In 1982, these two groups represented more than 27% of the state's population; in 1992, it was less than 25%, for a total decrease of 2.5% over the decade.
- ➔ In contrast, each of the three older age groups have grown both numerically and proportionally since 1982. The 18 - 44 year old age group has increased by 51,000 individuals (a proportional increase of 1%), the 45 - 64 year old group by 22,000 (an increase of .5%), and the 65 year old and older group by 21,400 (an increase of 1%).

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