

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY: 1992

## Health Care Resources

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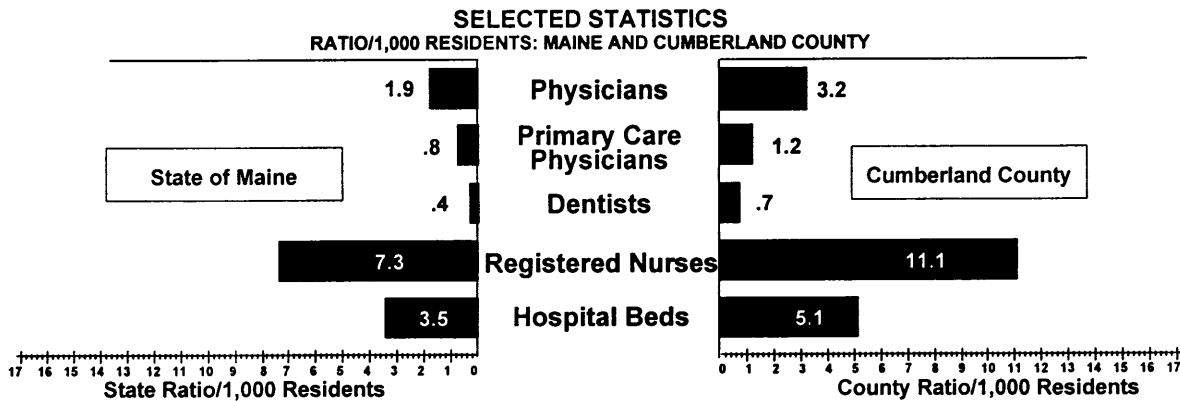
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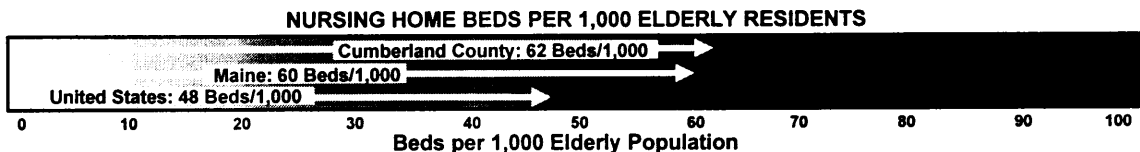
# FACT SHEET

Series 2

- ➔ **Physicians:** 771 physicians (MD and DO) indicated that they were practicing in Cumberland county. 37% of these physicians (288) reported practicing in a primary care\* specialty, this is significantly lower than the national figure of 47%.
- ➔ **Registered Nurses:** There were 2,714 registered nurses practicing their profession in Cumberland county resulting in a nurse to physician ratio of 3.5 nurses for every doctor; the national ratio is 3 nurses per doctor. This difference is statistically significant.
- ➔ **Dentists:** 172 dentists reported working in Cumberland county. The resulting ratio of .7 dentists for every 1,000 residents compares to the state ratio of .4/1,000, the national ratio is .6/1,000.
- ➔ **Hospitals:** There were 9 hospitals in Cumberland county with a total of 1,243 general use hospital beds and 106 acute psychiatric beds. This yielded a county ratio of 5.1 general use hospital beds per 1,000 residents; the highest in the state. Nationwide the ratio was 4.0/1,000.



- ➔ **Nursing Homes:** There were 23 long term care facilities with 2,011 nursing home beds in 1992; this represented a county ratio of 62 nursing home beds per 1,000 elderly population (the state average is 60). This is significantly greater than the nationwide ratio of 48 beds per 1,000 elderly.



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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