

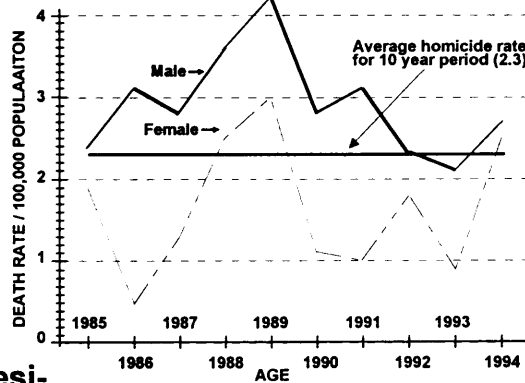
HOMICIDES

Maine, 1985 - 1994

➔ Violence was proclaimed a national public health emergency in 1992 by the Surgeon General of the United States. In 1992, the death rate due to homicide was 6.0/100,000 nationally; in Maine it was 2.0. This difference is statistically significant. In 1994, the Maine rate was 2.6.

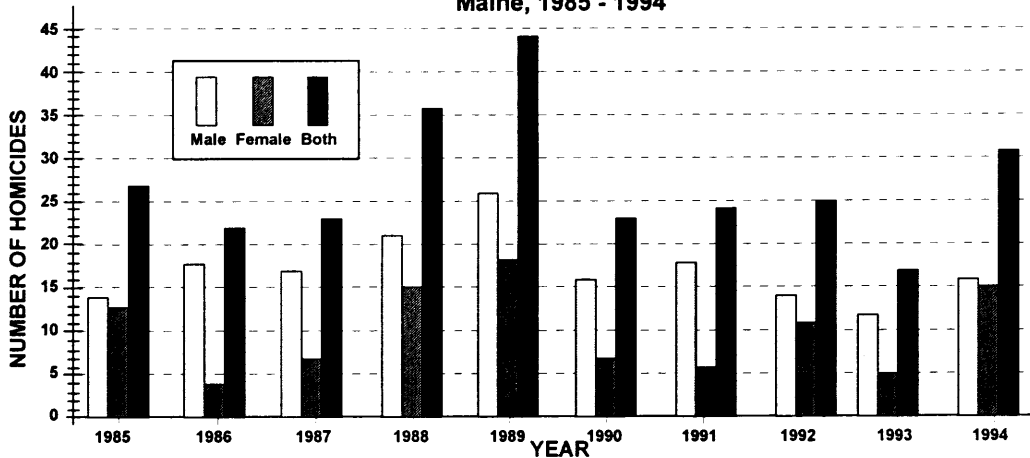
➔ Over the 10 year period, 1985 - 1994, the death rate due to homicide in Maine went from 2.2 deaths per 100,000 residents to 2.6. Although there have been fluctuations in both the annual numbers and the annual rates of homicides in Maine during that time, the *average* rate of homicide for the period was 2.3/100,000 population.

DEATH RATE DUE TO HOMICIDE by Sex and Year
Maine, 1985 - 1994



➔ Between 1985 and 1994, 272 Maine residents died as the result of homicide; 63% of these victims were male.

NUMBER OF DEATHS DUE TO HOMICIDE BY SEX AND YEAR
Maine, 1985 - 1994



➔ Half of all homicide victims in Maine during the period 1985 - 1994, were between 20 and 39 years old; the highest homicide death rate, 4.7/100,000, was for young men 20 - 29 years old. Nineteen children, younger than age 10, died as the result of homicide during this period; they represented 7% of Maine's homicide victims.

NOTE: All rates are for underlying cause of death, for whites only and are age adjusted to the US 1940 standard population; these are rates that have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

Footnotes - FN1: The Journal of the American Medical Association, 267. FN2: National Center for Health Statistics. The most current national data, 1983-1992, were used. Full citations will be provided upon request.

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