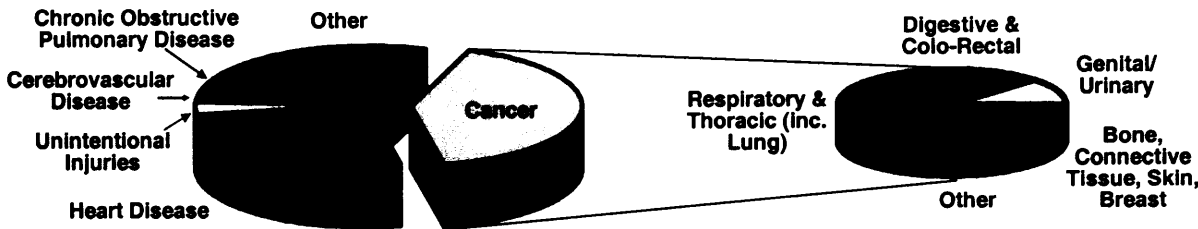


# LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, MAINE: 1994 45 - 64 YEARS OLD

Number 14

## Five Leading Causes of Death: 1994

<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Deaths</u>
Cancer	725
Heart Disease	449
Unintentional Injuries	62
Cerebrovascular Disease	54
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	53
All Other Causes	411
<b>Total Deaths</b>	



- ➔ In 1994, 1,754 Maine residents 45-64 years old died, resulting in a state-wide death rate of 691 deaths per 100,000 population of the same age;
- ➔ Cancer was the leading cause of death for this age group claiming 725 lives and resulting in a death rate of 286 deaths/100,000 population, a rate *significantly higher statistically* than the national death rate of 259.<sup>1,2</sup>
- ➔ Cancers of the "respiratory and thoracic organs" were the leading cause of cancer death for this age group; 95% of those deaths (226 of 238 deaths) were attributed to cancers of the trachea, bronchus, or lung. Although, as a group, cancers of the "bone, connective tissue, skin, and breast" were the 4th leading cause of cancer death, female cancer of the breast, as a specific site, was the 2nd leading cause of cancer death; 63 women, aged 45 - 64, died of breast cancer in 1994.
- ➔ Heart disease, the 2nd leading cause of death overall, led to the death of 336 men and 113 women in 1994; this resulted in a statewide death rate of 177/100,000 population for this age group, a rate comparable to the national rate of 191/100,000.<sup>1,2</sup>

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

Footnotes 1, 2: Full citations will be provided upon request.

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