

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, MAINE: 1994 ALL AGES

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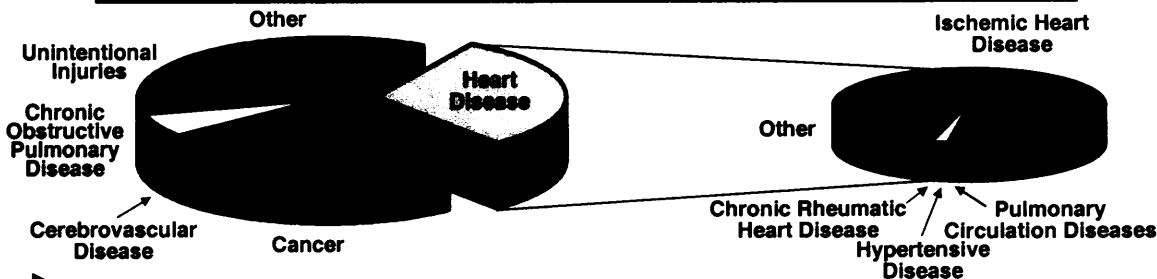
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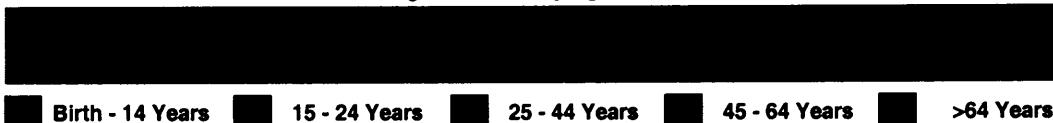
Five Leading Causes of Death: 1994 Maine Residents, All Ages

Cause of Death	Deaths
Heart Disease	3,560
Cancer	2,947
Cerebrovascular Disease	759
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	628
Unintentional Injuries	407
All Other Causes	3,295
Total Deaths	



- ➔ In 1994, 11,596 Maine residents died. This resulted in a statewide death rate of 474 deaths per 100,000 population. This was comparable to the national rate of 480. Heart disease was the leading cause of death, consistent with what was observed nationally.^{1,2}
- ➔ More than ¾ of the deaths which occurred in Maine in 1994 occurred to residents 65 years old and older.

Percentage of Deaths by Age, Maine: 1994



- ➔ Because the vast majority of deaths occurred to elderly residents, leading causes of death for all ages were heavily weighted by those deaths; while the leading cause of death to all Maine residents was heart disease (85% of these deaths were of residents >64 years), the leading cause for those younger than 50 was injuries (intentional and unintentional), the 8th leading cause for residents 65 years and older.

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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