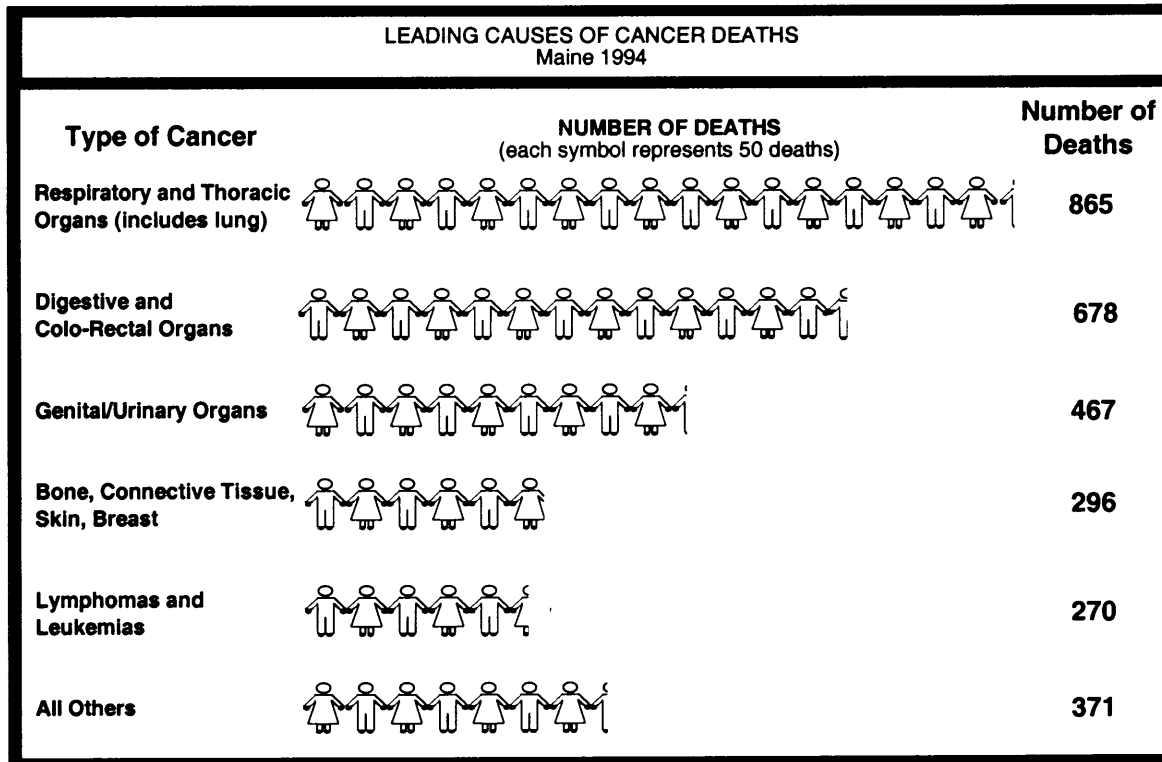


DEATHS DUE TO CANCER

Maine Residents: 1994

- ➔ In 1994, nearly 2,950 Maine residents died from cancer; this resulted in a death rate of 141 per 100,000 population. The 1992 national rate was 130¹. The difference between the Maine rate and the U.S. rate is ***statistically significant****.
- ➔ Death rates from 2 of the 3 leading causes of cancer death in 1994 in Maine - respiratory cancer and genital/urinary cancer- were both ***significantly higher**** than the comparable U.S. rates. Rates for other leading causes of cancer death were comparable with the national rates.



- ➔ The 1994 death rates from cancer were ***significantly higher**** for Maine males than females (this was consistent with national data) and generally higher for males than females within detailed age groups; however, women aged 25-34 and 35-44, had much higher mortality (number of deaths) due to cancer than their male counterparts. The majority of those female cancer deaths were due to breast cancer (29%) and to genital/urinary cancer (23%).

NOTES: 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.

Footnote 1: A full citation is available upon request.

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