

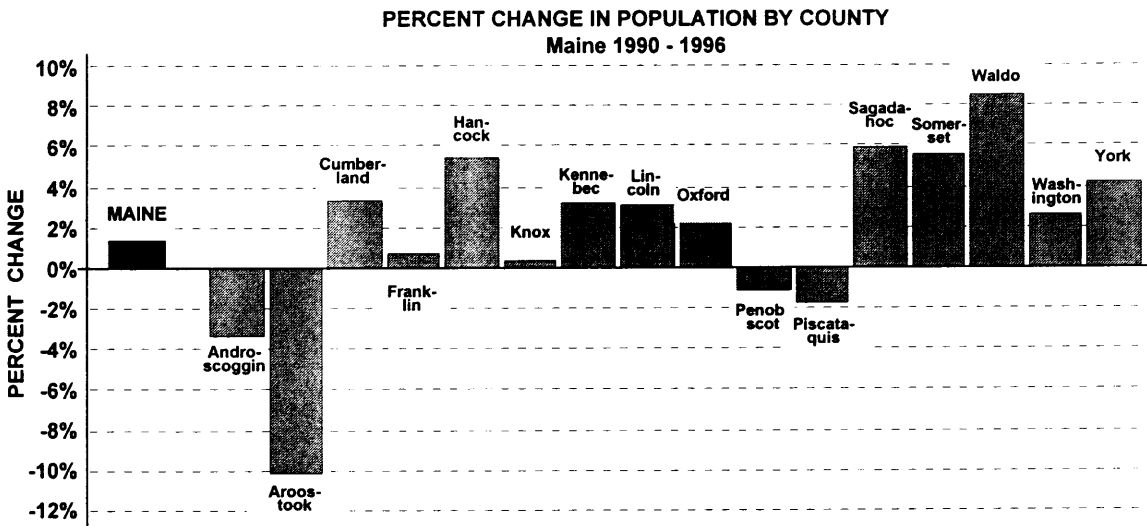
POPULATION ESTIMATES FOR MAINE

July 1, 1996

➔ Maine's estimated population for July 1, 1996 was 1,243,316; this was a statewide increase of 1,934 residents over the 1995 statewide estimates, a 1½% increase.

POPULATION IN RANK ORDER OF COUNTY: 1996	
Cumberland	251,087
York	171,482
Penobscot	144,989
Kennebec	116,214
Androscoggin	101,754
Aroostook	78,113
Oxford	53,797
Somerset	52,507
Hancock	49,500
Knox	37,487
Washington	36,224
Waldo	35,822
Sagadahoc	35,508
Lincoln	31,303
Franklin	29,200
Piscataquis	18,329

➔ Although 7 of Maine's 16 counties experienced population losses between 1995 and 1996 - Androscoggin, Aroostook, Franklin, Kennebec, Lincoln, Penobscot, and Piscataquis counties - only 4 have shown a net loss since the 1990 census.



➔ A drop of nearly 2,000 residents in Androscoggin county represented both the greatest numeric population decrease as well as the largest proportional decrease (2%) for any Maine county between 1995 and 1996. During the same period, Cumberland county experienced the greatest population increase numerically, more than 2,500 residents (a 1% increase), but Sagadahoc county experienced the largest proportional increase of 4.5% (approximately 1,500 residents).

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