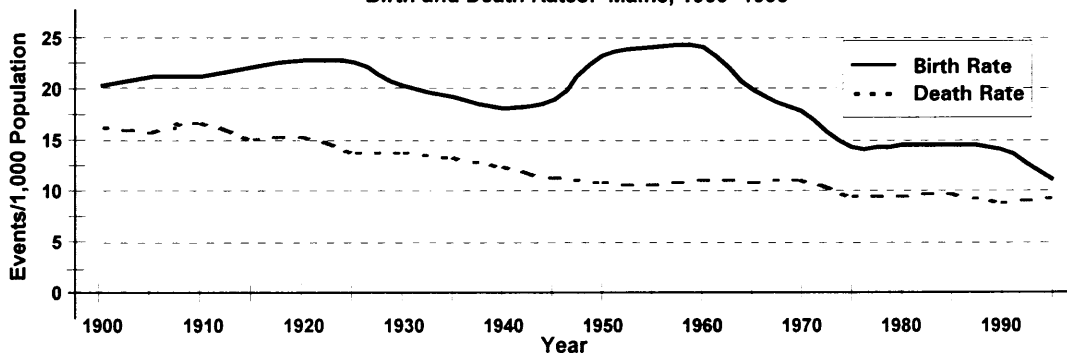


VITAL EVENTS IN MAINE: 1900 - 1995

Data are from the Maine Vital Statistics System

- ➔ Since 1900, the population of Maine has nearly doubled; it has steadily increased over the century from 694,466 residents to 1,241,382 in 1995.
- ➔ Births have fluctuated over the period from 14,095 in 1900 to a high of 23,908 in 1947 to a century low of 13,875 in 1995. The birth rate has generally followed the same trend starting the century at 20 births/1,000 population and reaching a low of 11/1,000 in 1995.
- ➔ There has been a slow but consistent downward trend in the death rate over the first 95 years of the 20th century. Although there were 320 more deaths in 1995 than in 1900, because the population of the state nearly doubled in the same time, the end result was that the death rate fell by 7 deaths per 1,000 population - from 16½ deaths per 1,000 population in 1900 to 9½ in 1995.

Birth and Death Rates: Maine, 1900 -1995



- ➔ In 1900 there were 5,482 marriages and 801 divorces; a ratio of almost 7 marriages for each divorce. By 1995, that ratio had narrowed to less than 2 marriages for each divorce; 10,104 marriages and 5,893 divorces.
- ➔ At the beginning of the 20th century, 267 of every 1,000 births ended in an infant death (death of a baby younger than 1 year old). As the century comes to a close, that rate has been reduced to approximately 6 infant deaths for every 1,000 births.
- ➔ The neonatal death rate (deaths to infants in the first 27 days of life) also improved during the 1900s; the rate decreased from 30 neonatal deaths per 1,000 live births in 1910 (the first year this statistic was published) to slightly more than 4 in 1995.
- ➔ In 1900, 79 women died from maternal causes (problems of pregnancy or delivery); this resulted in a maternal death rate of 56 deaths for every 10,000 live births. In 1995, 1 woman died from these causes resulting in a maternal death rate of .7 deaths/10,000 live births. (This was the first maternal death in Maine since 1979.)

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