

DEATHS DUE TO INTENTIONAL INJURIES

Maine Residents: 1987 - 1996

➔ During the 10 year period, 1987 - 1996, intentional injuries claimed the lives of 1,920 Maine residents; 1,649 as the result of suicide and 271 as the result of homicide.

➔ Suicide was the second leading cause of injury deaths in Maine (following motor vehicle traffic accidents) with males accounting for more than 83% of suicides.

➔ The suicide death rate in Maine for the 10 years, 12.6 deaths/100,000, was comparable to the U.S. rate of 12.1.

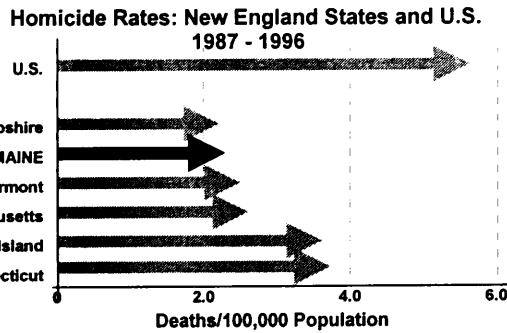
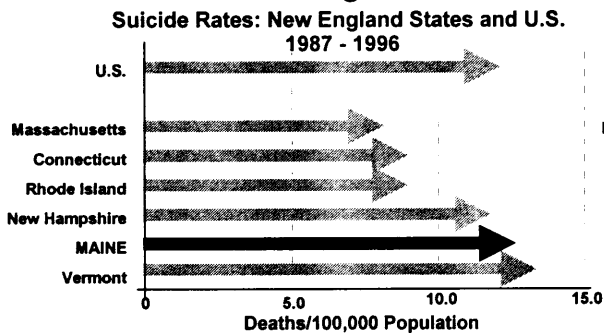
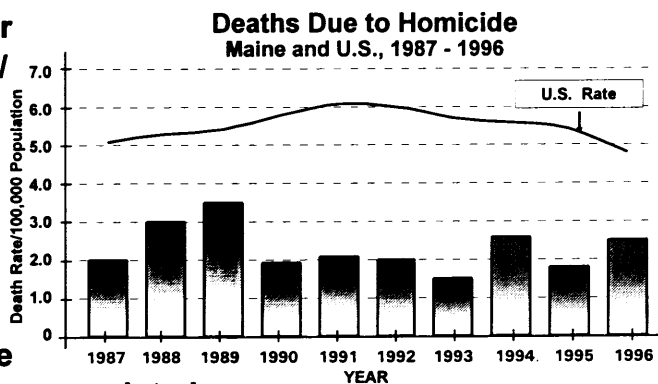
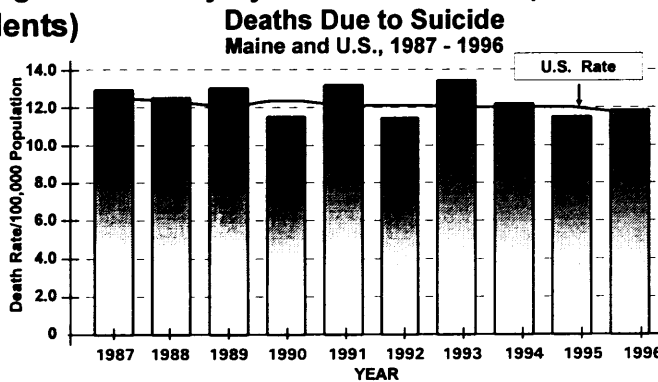
➔ Homicide was the 5th leading cause of injury deaths in Maine with males accounting for 60% of all homicides from 1987-1996.

➔ The homicide rate in Maine for the 10 year period, 2.4 deaths/100,000, was *significantly lower* than the U.S. rate, 5.6.

➔ During the 10 years, 167 Maine residents, younger than 20 years old, died from intentional injuries - 125 suicides and 42 homicides. More than 60% of these deaths were gun related.

➔ Eighty one percent of suicide deaths to females younger than 20 were gun related compared to 38% for females 20 years old or older.

➔ Maine had the second lowest homicide rate in the New England states, but the second highest suicide rate.



Notes: Deaths due to intentional injuries which were the result of legal intervention and operations of war (8 deaths) were excluded from this analysis. All rates are for underlying cause of death, 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. All national data (national data are for whites only) and 10 year rates were obtained from CDC Wonder. Unless noted, differences in rates are not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

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