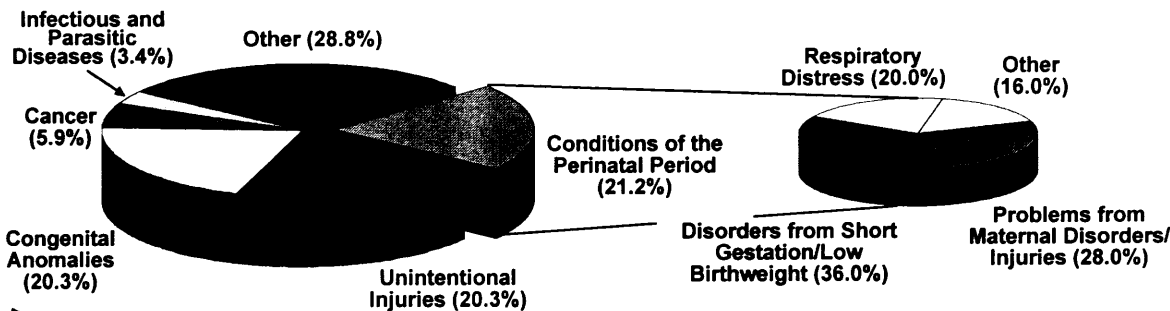


LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, MAINE: 1997 BIRTH - 14 YEARS OLD

Five Leading Causes of Death: 1997 Maine Residents, Birth - 14 Years Old

Cause of Death	Deaths
Conditions of the Perinatal Period	25
Unintentional Injuries	24
Congenital Anomalies	24
Cancer	7
Infectious and Parasitic Diseases	4
All Other Causes	34
Total Deaths	118



- ➔ In 1997, 118 Maine residents younger than 15 years old died. This resulted in a statewide death rate of 49 deaths per 100,000 children. This was significantly lower than the national rate of 61½.
- ➔ Since 1992, the death rate to children younger than 15 has decreased by 11% in Maine; nationally, it has decreased by about 16%.
- ➔ Almost 60% of the deaths to Maine's youth occurred to those younger than 1 year old. The majority of these deaths (49) were the result of perinatal conditions (including birth trauma) and congenital anomalies.
- ➔ Of the 48 deaths to children between 1 and 14 years old, 46% (22) were the result of unintentional injuries; approximately half of these injury deaths (12) were due to drownings and fires.
- ➔ All deaths due to cancers occurred to children between 1 and 14 years old, accounting for 15% of the deaths in that age group.
- ➔ In 1997, 5 Maine residents younger than 15 years old died as the result of intentional injuries (homicide and suicide).

Notes: All rates are for underlying cause of death. 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.

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