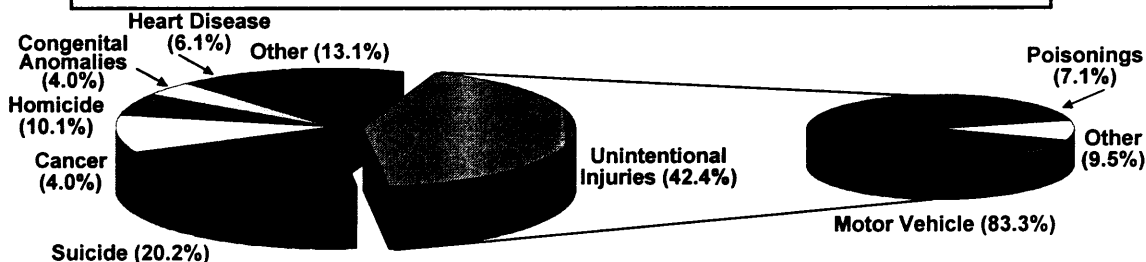


# LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, MAINE: 1997 15 - 24 YEARS OLD

Five Leading Causes of Death: 1997  
Maine Residents, 15 - 24 Years Old

Cause of Death	Deaths
Unintentional Injuries	42
Suicide	20
Homicide and Legal Intervention	10
Heart Disease	6
Cancer	4
Congenital Anomalies	4
All Other Causes	13
<b>Total Deaths</b>	<b>99</b>



- ➔ In 1997, 99 Maine residents, 15 to 24 years old died - 73 males and 26 females. This resulted in a statewide death rate of 60 deaths per 100,000 population of the same age. This was significantly lower than the national rate of 77.5.
- ➔ Unintentional injuries were the leading cause of death for this age group. Nearly three times as many males (31) died from unintentional injuries as females (11).
- ➔ All but 7 unintentional injury deaths resulted from motor vehicle accidents - all 7 deaths were males.
- ➔ Suicide was the 2nd leading cause of death for Maine residents 15 to 24 years old; the deaths of 16 young men and 4 young women were attributed to suicide. Fourteen of these deaths, 70%, were to young adults 15-19 years old. Thirteen of these deaths, 65%, were firearm related.
- ➔ Homicide and legal intervention represented the 3rd leading cause of death to these young adults. Males accounted for 9 of these 10 deaths.

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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