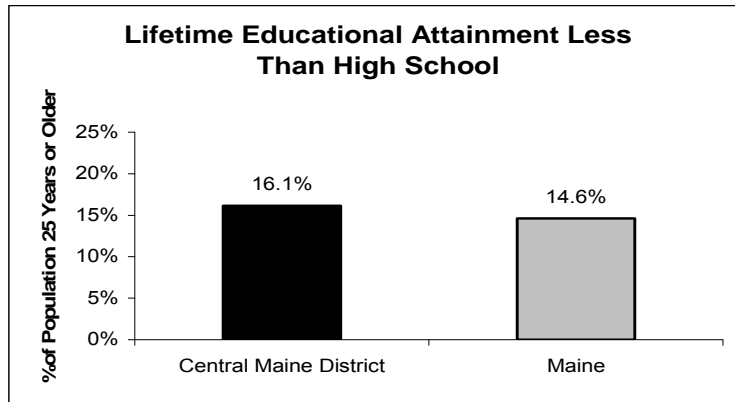


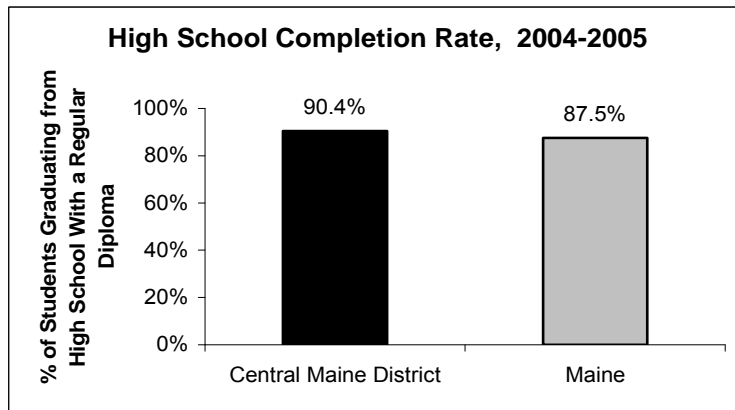
Socio-Economic Status

Socio-economic status (SES), as measured by factors such as income and educational attainment, is highly related to health status. Numerous health disparities are linked to inequalities in SES.

Mechanisms by which SES contributes to health status include barriers to access of quality health care and prevention, environmental and behavioral factors, and generally high levels of stress. Data on educational attainment and income status, as presented below, are obtained through the Maine Department of Education and the U.S. Census.



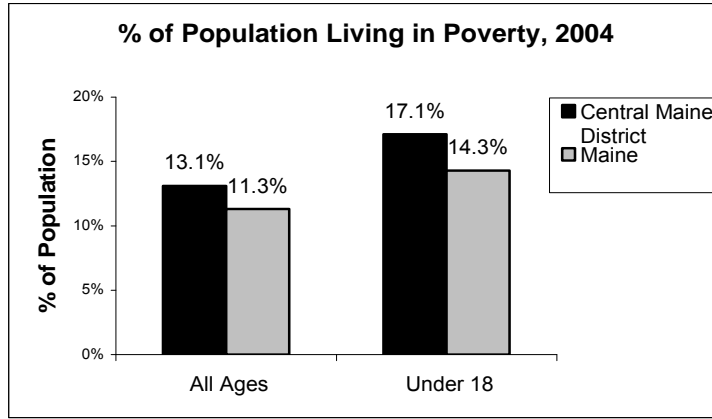
Source: 2000 Census; % of population 25 and older with < high school education



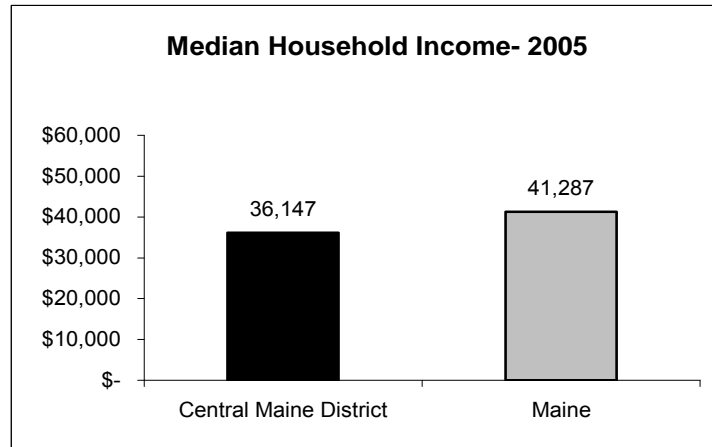
	Central Maine District Number	Central Maine District Percent (± Margin of Error)	Maine State Percent (± Margin of Error)
Lifetime Educational Attainment Less Than High School ¹	18,418	16.1 (±0.3)	14.6 (±0.1)
High School Completion ²	1,855	90.4 (±4.2)	87.5 (±1.5)

Source: 2004-2005 Maine Department of Education

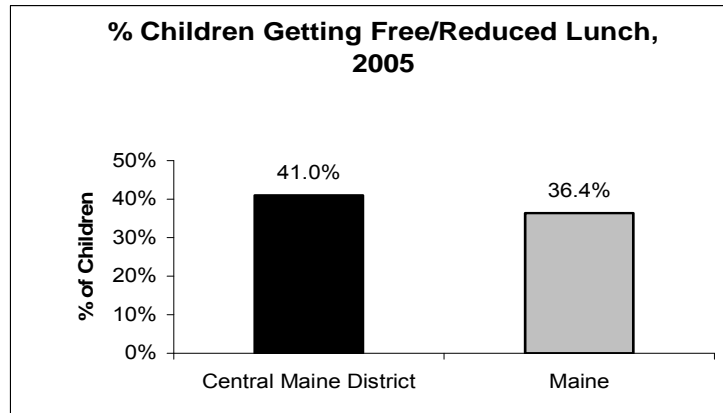
1. Source: 2000 Census; Less than high school education among those 25 years and older,
2. Source: Maine Department of Education; 2004-2005; percent of students graduating from high school with a regular diploma; based on county location of school



Source: 2004 Poverty Estimates; U.S. Census Small Areas Estimates Branch



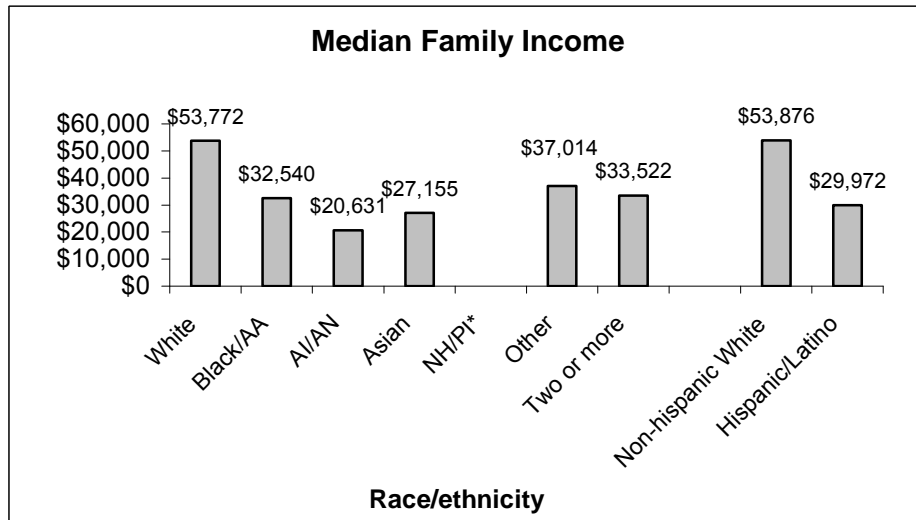
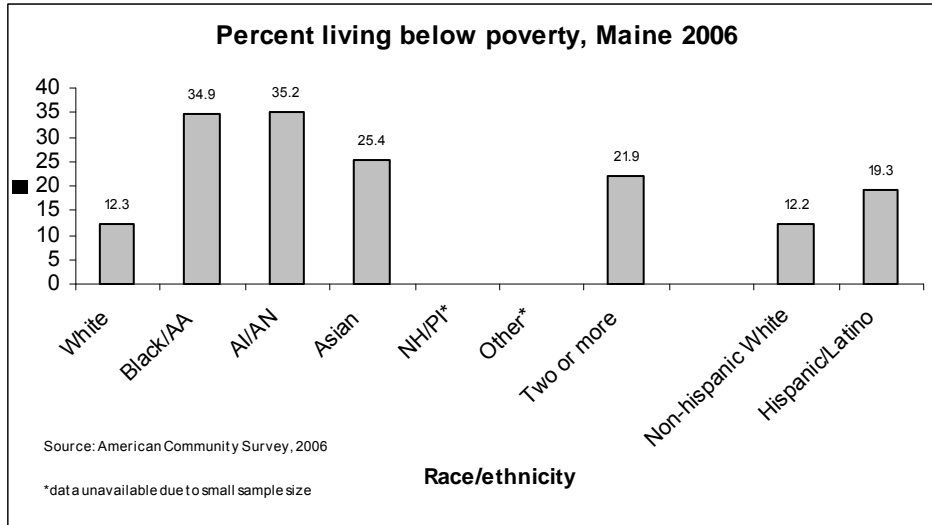
Source: 2004 Median Income Estimates; U.S. Census Small Areas Estimates Branch



Source: Maine Department of Education: 2005 data

	Central Maine District Number	Central Maine District Percent (± Margin of Error)	Maine State Percent (± Margin of Error)
Poverty, All Ages ¹	22,497	13.1 (±0.2)	11.3 (±0.1)
Poverty, Under 18 ¹	6,165	17.1 (±0.3)	14.3 (±0.1)
Median Household Income ¹	\$36,147	N/A	\$41,287
Children On Free/Reduced Lunch Program ²	11,613	41.0 (±0.8)	36.4 (±0.3)

1. Source: 2004 Poverty Estimates; U.S. Census Small Areas Estimates Branch
2. Source: Maine Department of Education: 2005 data



Source: American Community Survey, 2006
*Data unavailable due to small sample size