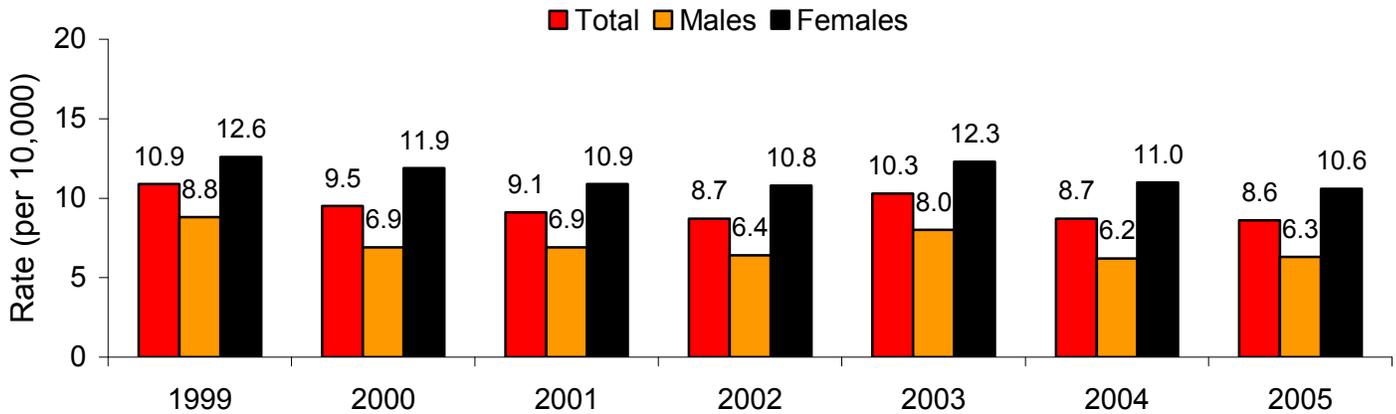


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AGE-ADJUSTED ASTHMA HOSPITALIZATION RATE BY GENDER MAINE, 1999 – 2005



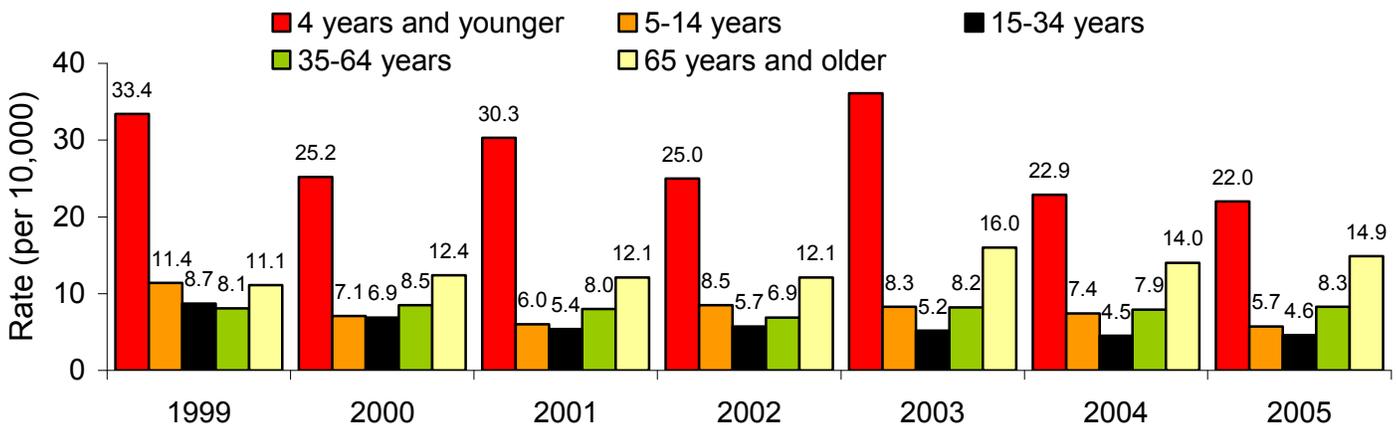
Data source: Maine Health Data Organization

There was a significant, though unstable, decrease in hospitalization rates from 1999 to 2005.

As of 2005, Maine had not reached the Healthy Maine 2010 goal of 6.5 hospitalizations per 10,000 population.

Females had significantly higher asthma hospitalization rates than males.

AGE-SPECIFIC ASTHMA HOSPITALIZATION RATE MAINE, 1999 – 2005



Data source: Maine Health Data Organization

In Maine, the highest hospitalization rates are in the youngest age group (4 years and younger).

Significant decreases were observed in the asthma hospitalization rate among each of the three age groups younger than 35 years from 1999 to 2005.

Over the same time period, a significant increase in the asthma hospitalization rate occurred among adults 65 years and older.