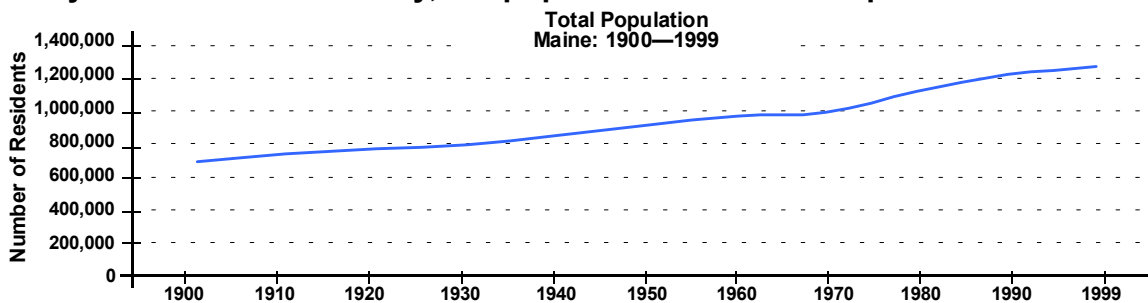
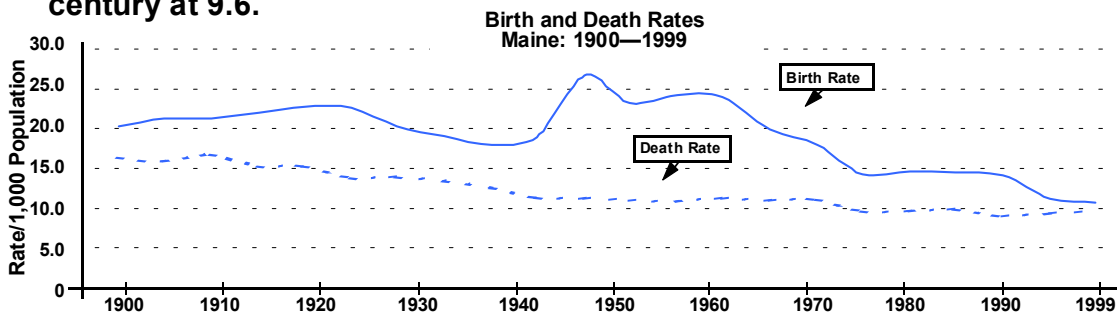


# VITAL EVENTS MAINE: 1900 - 1999

- ➔ At the start of the 20th century, Maine's population was just under 695,000. The resident count passed 1 million in 1971. In 1999, Maine's population, 1,269,783, was somewhat less than double what it was 100 years earlier. Nationally, the population more than tripled in that time.



- ➔ In 1900, there were 14,095 live births in Maine. Over the course of the century, the greatest number of births occurred in 1947 with 23,908 births, and the lowest in 1999 when there were 13,608. The birth rate followed the same general pattern starting the century at 20.3 births/1,000 population, peaking at 26.7 births in 1947, and ending the century at a significantly lower rate, 10.7 births.
- ➔ In contrast to the fluctuations of Maine's birth rate, the death rate in Maine has had a slow but steady downward trend over the 100 year period, starting the century at 16.4 deaths/1,000 population and ending the century at 9.6.



- ➔ There were 11,155 marriages and 6,416 divorces and annulments in Maine in 1999 - a ratio of 4 divorces for every 7 marriages. At the start of the century, there was 1 divorce for every 7 marriages\*.
- ➔ Seventy-nine women died from maternal causes in 1900 (deaths from problems of pregnancy or delivery) resulting in more than 5 maternal deaths for every 1,000 births; no women died from this cause in 1999.
- ➔ In 1900, 267 infants died for every 1,000 live births. By 1999, this rate had decreased to fewer than 5 infant deaths for every 1,000 live births.

Note: Differences in rates are statistically significant, i.e., they could not be accounted for by chance alone.

\*These are events occurring in Maine and may include some non-residents.

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