

AROOSTOOK COUNTY: 1992

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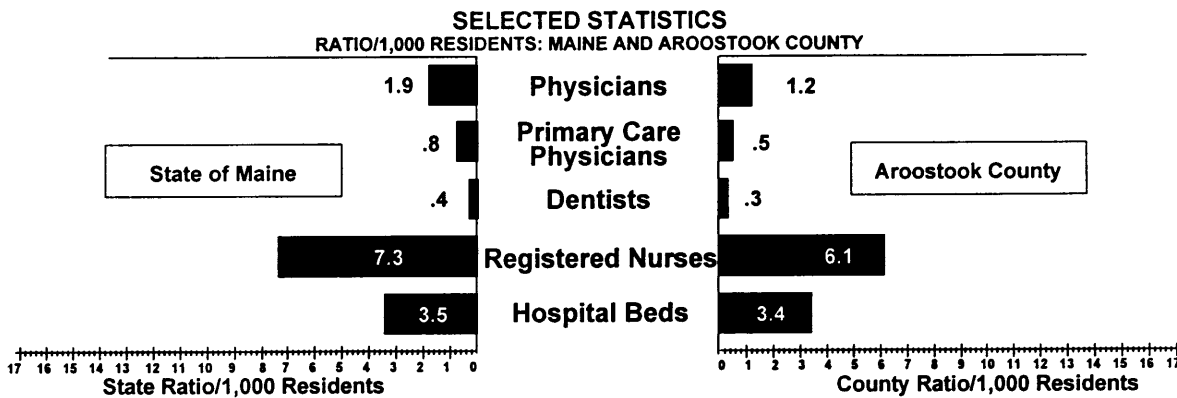
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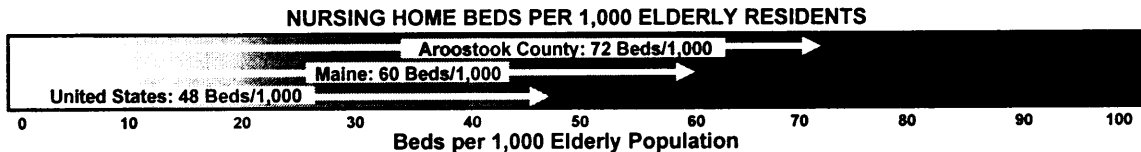
FACT SHEET

Series 2

- ➔ **Physicians:** 107 physicians (MD and DO) indicated that they were practicing in Aroostook county. 40% of these physicians (43) reported practicing in a primary care* specialty; this is significantly lower than the national figure of 47%.
- ➔ **Registered Nurses:** There were 531 registered nurses practicing their profession in Aroostook county resulting in a nurse to physician ratio of 5 nurses for every doctor, more than half again as much as the national ratio of 3 nurses per doctor. This difference is statistically significant.
- ➔ **Dentists:** 28 dentists reported working in Aroostook county. The resulting ratio of .3 dentists for every 1,000 residents compares to the state ratio of .4/1,000, and the national ratio of .6/1,000.
- ➔ **Hospitals:** There were 4 hospitals in Aroostook county (one with two sites) with a total of 296 general use hospital beds. This yielded a county ratio of 3.4 beds per 1,000 residents; statewide this ratio was 3.5 per 1,000 population; nationwide it was 4.0/1,000.



- ➔ **Nursing Homes :** There were 10 long term care facilities with 809 nursing home beds in 1992; this represented a county rate of 72 nursing home beds per 1,000 elderly population; this is significantly greater than the nationwide ratio of 48 beds per 1,000 elderly.



NOTES: Data on health care resources must be considered in conjunction with health status indicators, such as those on the accompanying Health Status Indicators FACT SHEET. In all instances, the most recent available data were used; this was not always 1992 information. Complete citations are available for data sources upon request. All county rates were compared to national rates when possible; unless noted, differences in rates were not statistically significant, i.e., they could be accounted for by chance alone.

* Primary Care specialties are: family or general practice, pediatrics, obstetrics, gynecology, and internal

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