

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY: 1992

## Health Status Indicators

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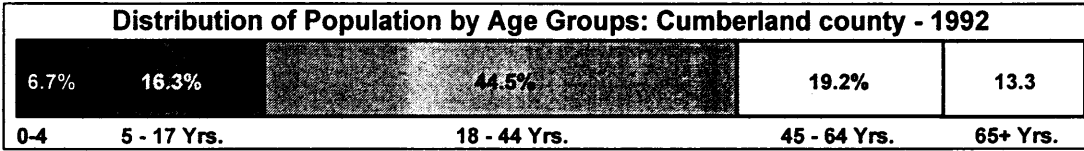
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# FACT SHEET

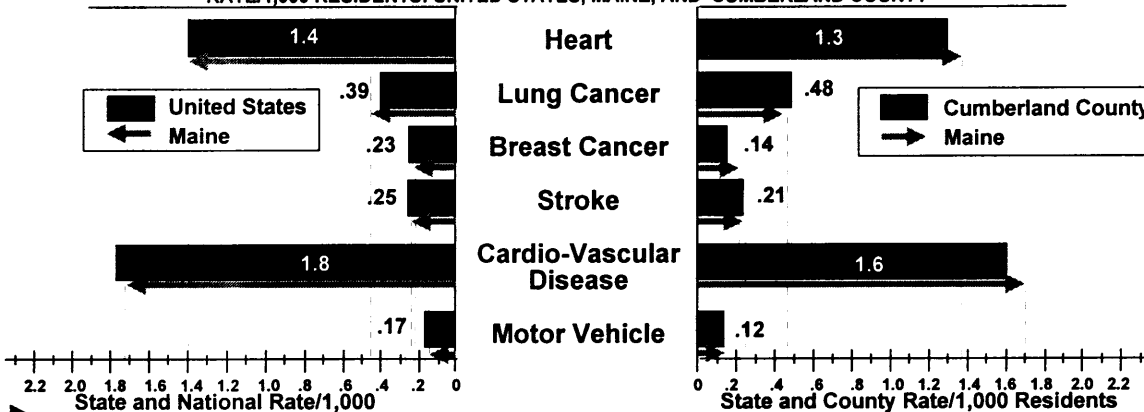
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- ➔ **Population:** In 1992, the population of Cumberland county was 244,378, making it Maine's most populous county.
- ➔ **Population Aged 65 and Older:** In 1992, 32,567 county residents were 65 years old or older, about 13% of the county population (the state average is 14%). Nationally, residents 65 years old and older comprise 12.7% of the country's population.



- ➔ **Births:** There were 3,294 births to residents of Cumberland county; this yielded a county birth rate of 13.5 births for every 1,000 residents.
- ➔ **Adolescent births (10-17 years old):** 2.5% of all live births in this county were to adolescent mothers; the national figure is 3.8%.
- ➔ **Low birth weight babies:** In Cumberland county, 6.0% of all live births resulted in babies weighing less than 2500 grams (5 1/2 pounds). This compares to the national figure of 5.8%.
- ➔ **Deaths:** There were 2,129 deaths to county residents in 1992. The age-adjusted death rate\*, 4.6, compares to the national rate of 4.9.

AGE-ADJUSTED DEATH RATES\* BY SELECTED CAUSES OF DEATH  
RATE/1,000 RESIDENTS: UNITED STATES, MAINE, AND CUMBERLAND COUNTY



- ➔ **Age-adjusted Death Rates:** Age-adjusted rates for deaths due to heart disease, breast cancer and cardio-vascular disease are significantly lower than the national rates; the death rate from lung cancer deaths is significantly higher than nationally.
- ➔ **Infant Deaths\*\*:** The county infant death rate was 5.8 deaths per 1,000 live births; this compares favorably to the national rate of 7.3 deaths (this difference is statistically significant).

NOTES: See NOTES on the accompanying Fact Sheet: Cumberland County - Health Care Resources

\* 1991 age-adjusted death rates are for underlying cause of death, for whites only and are age adjusted to the US 1940 standard population; these are rates that have been standardized to eliminate differences due solely to variations in the age composition of the populations.

\*\*Infant deaths were calculated using the average of the infant death rate for the three year period, 1990-1992.

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