

PENOBSCOT COUNTY: 1992

Health Status Indicators

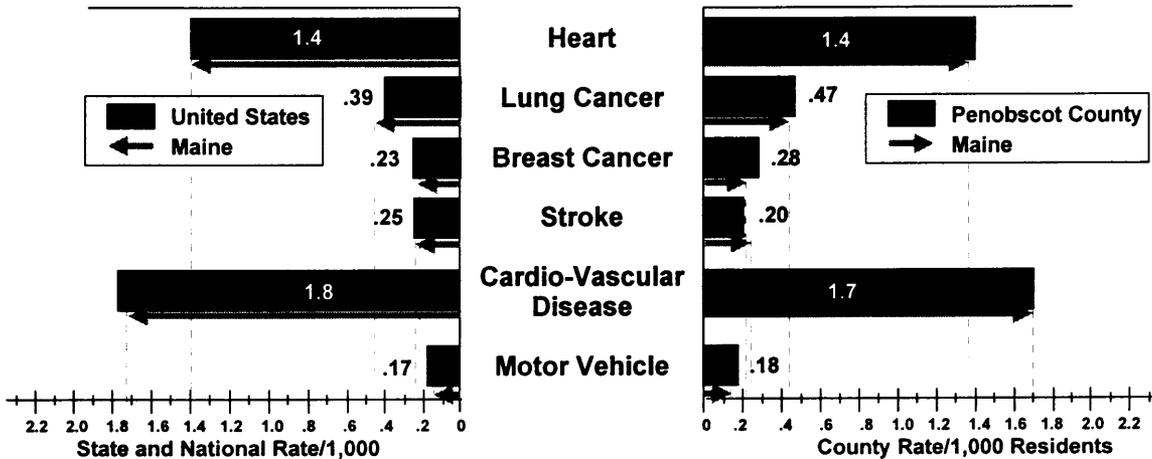
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- ➔ **Population:** In 1992, the population of Penobscot county was 146,388, making it Maine's 3rd most populous county.
- ➔ **Population Aged 65 and Older:** In 1992, 17,830 county residents were 65 years old or older, about 12% of the county population. This compares to the state average of 14%; nationally it was 12.7%.



- ➔ **Births:** There were 1,717 births to residents of Penobscot county; this yielded a county birth rate of 11.7 births for every 1,000 residents, significantly less than the national rate of 14.9/1,000.
- ➔ **Adolescent births (10-17 years old):** 3.7% of all live births in this county were to adolescent mothers; the national figure is 3.8%.
- ➔ **Low birth weight babies:** In Penobscot county, 5.1% 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 1,199 deaths to county residents in 1992. The age-adjusted death rate*, 5.0, 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 PENOBSCOT COUNTY: 1991



- ➔ **Infant Deaths**:** The county infant death rate was 7.1 deaths per 1,000 live births; significantly lower than the national rate of 7.3 deaths.

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

* 1991 age-adjusted death rates are for underlying cause of death, U.S. rates are for whites only; rates 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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