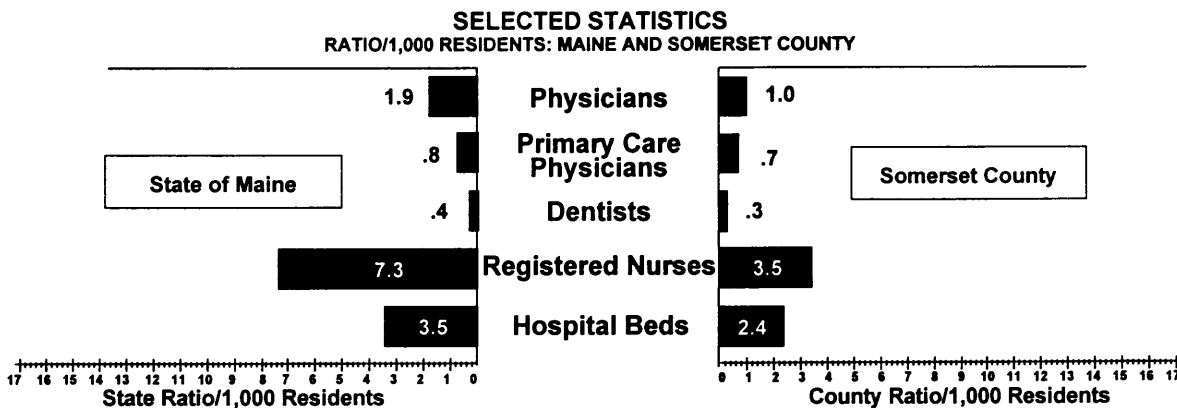


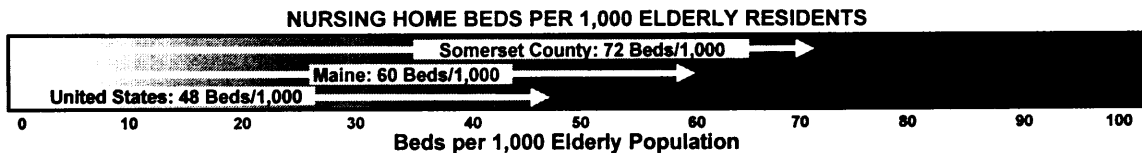
# SOMERSET COUNTY: 1992

## Health Care Resources

- ➔ **Physicians:** 50 physicians (MD and DO) indicated that they were practicing in Somerset county; 66% of these physicians (33) reported practicing in a primary care\* specialty; this is significantly greater than the national figure of 47%.
- ➔ **Registered Nurses:** There were 175 registered nurses practicing their profession in Somerset county resulting in a nurse to physician ratio of 3.5 nurses for every doctor; this compares to the national ratio of 3 nurses per doctor.
- ➔ **Dentists:** 14 dentists reported working in Somerset county. The resulting ratio of .3 dentists is significantly less than the national ratio of .6/1,000. The state ratio is .4 dentists for every 1,000 residents.
- ➔ **Hospitals:** There were 2 hospitals in Somerset county with a total of 120 general use hospital beds. This yielded a county ratio of 2.4 beds per 1,000 residents; this was significantly less than the national ratio of 4.0/1,000. Statewide the ratio was 3.5 per 1,000.



- ➔ **Nursing Homes:** There were 9 long term care facilities with 469 nursing home beds in 1992; this represented a county ratio of 72 nursing home beds per 1,000 elderly population, 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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